



May 2023

Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on May 25th, 2023 at 7:00PM, at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Suite 2 (basement), across from Mercer Health Hospital in Coldwater. Please park in the back of the building. We would love to have you join us at our next meeting!

Upcoming Events:

- Mother's Day Rose Sale.....May 14th
- Reagan Day Dinner.....May 19th
- Ft. Recovery Diaper Derby.....Thursday, June 15th at 7:00PM
- Ft. Recovery Parade.....Sunday, June 18th
- Celina Parade.....Saturday, July 29th at 6:30PM
- Coldwater Parade.....Sunday, August 6th at 1:00PM
- Minster Oktoberfest Parade.....Sunday, October 1st at 2:00PM
- Ohio March for Life.....Friday, October 6th

MCRTL Rose Sale 2023: A reminder that the Mercer County Right to Life's Rose Sale is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend, May 14th, 2023. We have 21 churches participating in selling roses this year, and 224 bundles of roses have been ordered from Coldwater Flowers on the Corner. They will be sold for \$2.00 per rose, or \$5.00 for three roses. We appreciate all of the contact persons from each participating church and also appreciate the many helping hands selling the roses the weekend of Mother's Day. If your church does not participate in this fundraiser for MCRTL and you would like to do so in the future please contact one of the MCRTL officers. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms! Thank you for giving Life and lovingly nurturing God's precious little children!



Reagan Day Dinner 2023: Remember to mark your calendars for Friday, May 19th for the Reagan Day Dinner, which will begin at 6:30PM. This will be held at Romer's Catering in St. Henry. U.S. Representative Thomas Massie will be the Keynote Speaker for the evening. Important information about the current effort by pro-abortion lobbyists to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution will be presented. There will be three speakers directly presenting on the proposed amendment: Linda J. Theis, Liz Kent, and Gretchen Schellenger.

Tickets to attend this event can be purchased at: <https://politics.raisethemoney.com/en/MercerGOP>. For more information you can contact Stephanie Kremer at 419-305-2680. We hope to see you there!

2023 Parades: If you are interested in walking with the MCRTL parade float and handing out items in this year's parades, please contact Connie. Her number is 216-815-0430.

Diaper Derby: On Thursday, June 15th at 7:00PM, there will be a diaper derby in Ft. Recovery at the Ambassador Park, sponsored by MCRTL. Contestants must be under the age of 1, and can be pre-registered by texting 419-979-2828. Registration can also take place the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded to the winner. The first 10 contestants to register will receive a free 2023 pro-life onesie.



Fair Booth Helper: Please contact Audrey Subler if you would like to help out with this year's fair booth. Audrey has been amazing at heading up the MCRTL fair booth each year and we are thankful for all that she does. She would really appreciate a helper for this year's booth in hopes of having them take over in the future. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Audrey at 567-644-5622.

Ohio March for Life: Friday, October 6th we will be sending a bus to Columbus for the second Ohio March for Life. Please consider joining us for this event! We have two buses reserved. We have had a generous donation for the buses, so the cost to reserve a seat will be \$20. Information about signing up for this event will be in the June newsletter.

Proposed Ohio Amendment: Two pro-abortion groups, Protect Choice Ohio & Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom, are working on a ballot initiative to amend our state constitution and enshrine abortion into the law. As a result, we as pro-lifers need to fight back and do all we can to ensure the protection of the most vulnerable. Pro-life group, Protect Women Dayton, is committed to fighting back against the abortion industry's dangerous proposed amendment. To join them in their fight and learn more, go to: www.protectwomendayton.com

If this amendment becomes a part of our Ohio Constitution, it will (1 **Erase the basic rights of parents** (2 **Jeopardize basic health and safety protections for patients when it comes to abortions** (3 **Allow painful, late-term abortions, even after 15 weeks and right up until the moment of birth.**

May we each do our part to ensure that this amendment does not become part of our Ohio Constitution!

How I Defend My Pro-Life Position

Written By Kira Bange, 10th Grade MCRTL Essay Winner

A female student begins to approach me. She has just gotten out of class and is carrying a large backpack and holding a coffee in her hand. She is thinking about her essay that is due tomorrow, wondering what time her package will come in the mail, and when her boyfriend is coming over for dinner tonight. She hasn't thought about the topic of abortion lately, and the victim imagery poster catches her off guard.

"Is that really what abortion does?" She asks me.

I am at the campus of the University of Florida, determined to have conversations on abortion, and hopefully, change people's minds on the subject. I am working with a pro-life organization called 'Created Equal,' on their annual Justice Ride. The goal of the Justice Ride is to have conversations with students on the topic of abortion and to ultimately change their minds about abortion. I am standing beside a large poster depicting a victim of abortion, hoping to draw attention, arouse

compassion, and spark conversation. As students walk by, I politely ask them what their thoughts on abortion are. Many students ignore me, and some students yell or curse at me.

This woman is the first to acknowledge me today. I begin to consider how I can engage her in conversation by asking her a simple question. "What do you think about this picture ma'am?" I ask her.

"These pictures are horrible. Why are you putting them on display?" She asks me. She wears a look of disgust and concern on her face.

"We are trying to expose the truth about abortion. Many people do not realize that abortion takes the life of an innocent human being." I say this politely, and intently pointing out that the baby inside its mother's womb is an innocent human being. "What are your thoughts about abortion?"

The woman pauses and looks unsure. "I think it's a woman's choice. Women should be able to choose what is best for themselves." She says.

Instead of instantly refuting her argument, I bring up another question. "Ma'am, do you believe that the unborn are human?"

She is hesitant to answer. "Yes, it is scientifically proven that the unborn are human."

"Let me ask you another question," I say. "Do you think it is wrong to kill innocent humans?"

She chuckles at my question. "Of course, it's wrong to murder."

"So you believe that the unborn are human and that it is wrong to kill innocent humans," I say, and her smile quickly begins to fade once she realizes what she has said. "Abortion takes the life of an innocent human in the womb. Don't you believe that is wrong?"

"Ok, I see your point. Maybe abortion is wrong, but what about rape? Would you force a teenager to give birth to her rapist's baby?"

"Look at this baby," I say, motioning to a poster nearby of a baby inside the womb. "Can you tell whether this baby was conceived by rape or love?"

The woman shakes her head.

"It is not the way a baby is conceived that determines their value. Rape is horrible, but having an abortion will not erase the rape. We must keep in mind that the rapist is the main offender, and deserves to be punished. The baby has done nothing wrong, so why should we punish the baby for the actions of the rapist?" I say.

"That makes a lot of sense, I've never thought about it like that." She says.

"I believe that every human is valuable, no matter what race, gender, or age. And since abortion always takes an innocent baby's life, I believe it is wrong in every circumstance." I tell her.

"Wow, I have never thought about it like that. Thanks for sharing, I'll be sure to do some more research on this topic." The woman shakes my hand and walks away.

This conversation is a sample of how a conversation with students about abortion can go. Many do not realize that their views on abortion contradict what they believe about human equality. This is also a good example of how asking questions can be more effective than refuting arguments immediately.

A conversation about abortion has six important elements that were displayed in the conversation described above. Start the conversation with a question, utilize victim imagery, ask good questions, listen to their views, respond to objections and arguments, and present the pro-life position clearly.

Starting conversations with people about abortion is a simple and effective way that I defend my pro-life position. Not everyone has the opportunity to give speeches or lead rallies, but everyone can make a difference by changing individual minds on abortion.

Proposed Amendment Flyer: Our friends from Created Equal designed the flyer below to help us understand the proposed amendment that is being pushed to be added to our Ohio Constitution. If someone asks for your signature for this amendment, Mercer County Right to Life asks that you “Decline to Sign.”

PARENTS?
 1. Includes minors - no parental consent needed.
 2. Wide open - can cover sex-change surgeries and more.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to **Reproductive Freedom** with Protections for Health and Safety

AKA: UNREGULATED ABORTION

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on:

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment;
3. continuing one's own pregnancy;
4. miscarriage care; and
5. abortion.

Fear-Mongering
 care through & after miscarriage has & always will be legal

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden*, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.

COERCION
 Anyone who coerces a girl into abortion would be protected by law

The abortionist can be that physician!

by precedent, this is not just physical health, but also emotional, financial, & much more

C. As used in this Section:

1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

D. This Section is self-executing.

Thus: if you sign, babies could be killed LEGALLY during ALL 9 MONTHS of pregnancy.

* Legal term. Laws restricting abortion are considered "burdens" by activist judges.

You can email Kaylie Dameron at cc2023kd@gmail.com to send any information you would like to be put in upcoming newsletters.

Visit our web page at <https://www.mercerlife.org> or our Facebook page to get updates between the newsletters.

Respect Life at All Stages

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