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Political Action Committee Endorsements

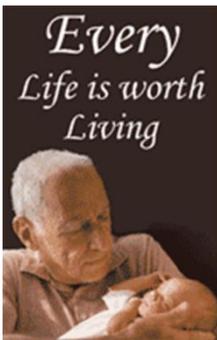
The Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee (RLM-PAC) was established as the political action arm of Right to Life of Michigan with the express directive to endorse candidates for political office who, according to RLM-PAC bylaws and criteria, would be the best and most effective voice for the unborn. Endorsements are non-partisan and based solely on RLM-PAC bylaws and criteria. Detailed information on endorsement criteria can be found at www.rtl.org.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Texas Abortion Law

At issue in the ruling were 2 provisions – that abortion clinics meet the same building standards as ambulatory surgical centers, and that abortionists have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital for situations of medical emergencies.

Abortion advocates challenged the law arguing that these clinics *should not be held to the same health standards as other outpatient ambulatory facilities*. They argued that the law's effect will be to close many abortion clinics, creating an "undue burden" on the right of women to have an abortion.

This dangerous SCOTUS ruling allows the abortion industry to challenge any safety laws by threatening to close rather than follow law. Abortion facilities that put profit before safety and refuse to meet basic health and safety standards are not facilities that anyone should want to remain open.



"Physician Prescribed Suicide" Coming to Michigan?

Legislation has been introduced in Michigan to allow "*Physician Prescribed Suicide*".

The "Death with Dignity Act" was introduced in August in the Michigan House of Representatives by Representatives Tom Cochran (D) and Sam Sing (D).

Four states nationwide have passed a Death with Dignity Act including California, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. Montana passed a Death with Dignity Act, however it requires a state Supreme Court ruling. Michigan successfully defeated legalizing "Physician Assisted Suicide" in Michigan in 1998.

This is one more reason why your vote to elect prolife representatives that will protect life is so critical.

Defend My Rights



Vote for Life

Muskegon County Right to Life

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8th
RLM-PAC Muskegon area** endorsements:

US President

Donald Trump (R)

US Congress

Bill Huizenga (R)*

Michigan House 91st District

Holly Hughes (R)*

State Board of Education (2)

Tom McMillin (R)

Nikki Snyder (R)

University of Michigan Board of Regents (2)

Carl Meyers (R)

Ron Weiser (R)

Michigan State University Board of Trustees (2)

William Deary (R)

Dan Kelly (R)

Wayne State Board of Governors

Kimberly Shmina (R)

Justice of the Supreme Court (1)

David Viviano*

Justice of the Supreme Court-Partial Term (1)

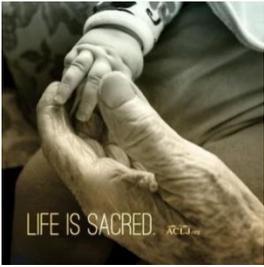
Joan Larsen*

Muskegon County Probate Court

Joseph Bush

*Incumbent

**You can also go to www.RLM.org and print your own personalized prolife ballot for any Michigan location.



“President’s Place”

Many say abortion is a moral issue, not a political issue. I'd like to explain why I think it's both.

The moral issue...science proves life begins at conception. “Thou shalt not kill” is a commandment from God. We work to change hearts and minds with prayer and education.

The political issue...a Supreme Court ruling made abortion on demand the law of the land in 1973. The only legal recourse we have is to change the unjust law this ruling created requiring prolife representation.

In June the Supreme Court ruled on the first case regarding abortion since the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. The Supreme Court struck down a prolife Texas law (details on page 1). With the current makeup of the Supreme Court, will they rule differently on the next prolife issue, or will they continue to rule in favor of abortion on demand?

On Tuesday, November 8, voters will be deciding the fate of our Supreme Court for decades. With more than one million abortions a year, the decisions voters will make could mean the difference between Roe v Wade being overturned, or further entrenched for decades at the cost of tens of millions of lives.

Why has Right to Life of Michigan chosen to endorse Donald Trump? RLM state PAC members had to answer the question: “Which candidate would more likely as President be the best for our mission of preventing abortions and overturning the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v Wade?”

The next President will fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice Scalia, and may have the opportunity to appoint three or four justices to the U.S. Supreme Court. Where do the Presidential candidates stand on nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court?

- In May 2016, Donald Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, “By the way, these judges are all pro-life.”
- Hillary Clinton has said that she would only nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision that legalized abortion on demand. “I would not appoint someone who didn't think Roe v. Wade is settled law.”

The reason “**Right to Life**” exists is to do everything legally possible to prevent unborn babies from being suctioned apart, or cut to pieces, or killed through a partial birth abortion.

On the issue of abortion and the sanctity of human life, the party platforms couldn't be more diametrically opposed! When we vote for a candidate, that is the party and platform we are putting into power. We strongly encourage you to look at the party platforms rather than making your decision based on the personalities of the candidates.

A Comparison of the 2016 Republican and Democratic Platforms*

KEY ISSUE: Human Life

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

“The Constitution's guarantee that no one can “be deprived of life, liberty or property” deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that “all” are “endowed by their Creator” with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.” (p.13)

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

“Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women's, men's, and young people's health and wellbeing.... We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment.” (p.37)

*This document in its entirety is available on our web site: MuskegonRtL.org/Home. Please copy and distribute freely.

If you don't have access to a computer but would like a copy of this document, call our office at 231 733-6300 and we will e-mail or mail you a copy.

It's been 43 years since Roe v Wade. **A pro-abortion President** with pro-abortion appointees could solidify this course for **the next 3 decades**.

A Pro-life President could change the face of the Supreme Court returning the issue of regulating abortion to the individual states.

Michigan already has laws to protect the life of an unborn child. If this issue returns to the state level, Michigan will return to a **culture of life!**

If politicians won't protect the most innocent among us, what makes you think they'll protect you? Please pray those elected will protect all human life, born & unborn!

Pat Vendal

President, Muskegon County Right to Life

Appeals Court Upholds California Law Forcing Pregnancy Centers to Promote Abortions

On October 14th the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a California law forcing pregnancy centers in the state to advertise abortion clinics, which violates consciences, free speech, and religious beliefs.

The law will force 150 local pregnancy help non-profits, including the 74 state-licensed free ultrasound facilities, to give each of its clients the phone number of a county social services office where a client could obtain an abortion covered by Medi-Cal.

"We must really be hurting the abortion business if they have to come after us and have us advertise for them," Marie Leatherby, Director of Sacramento Life Center, a state-licensed medical facility, said. "For 44 years, we have offered compassionate care to thousands of women with unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. Our patients and our community love us, and we keep our doors open because they believe in us and our mission.

"Now we are forced to fight this in the courts, as it goes against our first Amendment Right to freedom of speech and to live according to our conscience."

How will a U.S. Supreme Court rule with one more pro-abortion justice to replace Justice Scalia?

"FOCUS ON LIFE" Annual Benefit Dinner will be Thursday, October 27th. Last call for tickets! Please call for reservations 231 733-6300. 

In Loving Memory of ...

Harry Bukala
By David Bukala

William and Vera Carr
By Bonnie & James Slater

Audrey Davidson
By Bob & Holly Nolan

Fr. Donn Tufts
By Marguerite Fitzsimmons

Donations:

- *Jeffrey & Lucy Beasley
- *Jody (Johanna) Kuhn
- *Marilyn Richard
Oak Crest Church of God
Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of White Lake
Council #12985
- *Tom & Loretta Sieffert

*Denotes monthly contribution

Please consider *Muskegon County Right to Life* as a memorial at the time of passing of a loved one. An acknowledgment will be sent to the family or person you designate, while the amount of your gift will remain confidential. Memorial envelopes are provided by local funeral homes.

NOTE: Donations to *Muskegon County Right to Life* are not tax deductible.

Thank you for your generous support!

PLEASE RESERVE MY PLACE "FOCUS ON LIFE" 2016 Annual Benefit Dinner Thursday, October 27, 2016

Please call for reservation, or return completed reservation form with payment **by October 24** to:

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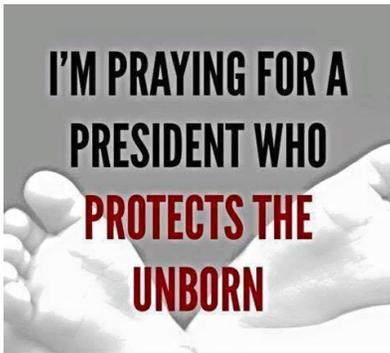
_____ \$20/Student _____ I am unable to attend but
_____ \$35/Adult would like to contribute \$_____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

For more information, please call 231 733-6300.

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2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Yes! I want to help save lives.
Please enroll me as a member of**

Muskegon County Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____

Membership Options:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Senior or Student	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Bronze	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Silver	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Gold	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Platinum	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Other	

As a member, you will receive the Muskegon County and the Michigan *Right to Life* newsletters, and you are invited to use the educational materials at the Muskegon County Right to Life office.

Please make your checks payable to:

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**In Loving Memory
or In Honor of...**

Enclosed in my gift of:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Donation Made in Memory of:

Donation Made in Honor of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> New Arrival
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please notify: _____
Address: _____

Our name is: _____
Address: _____

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