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Muskegon County Right to Life News

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Our **FOCUS ON LIFE** dinner held on October 8 was a great success! We are grateful for the important information that our Key-Note speaker, Ed Rivet, shared with us about the disturbing movement in our State government to bring back Physician Assisted Suicide to our state after voters soundly rejected this practice in 1998.

Right now, SB (Senate Bills) 678-681 are written and once our Representatives get back to work, they may soon schedule hearings on them. It is important to keep up on the movement of these bills throughout the legislative process and make sure we let our lawmakers know how we feel.

A highlight of our program was awarding the annual **Voice for Life** award to Kristine and Pawel Babiarz, (shown above with their beautiful family) Kristine and Pawel have organized our RTL float in the Fruitport Old-Fashioned Days parade for 14 years, growing their involvement by adding the distribution of New/Expectant Mothers care packages along the parade route and hosting a lovely picnic for RTL participants after the parade.

We cannot thank Kristine and Pawel enough for their dedication! We hope they continue the tradition for years to come!



2024 ELECTION NEWS



Congratulations to all our supporters who "gave their all" to educate the community on issues and support our Pro-Life candidates with their vote!

A Prolife majority has taken back the State House and Right to Life of Michigan PAC Endorsed Candidates exceeded expectations in the election results!

"The strategy of the party in power was to weaponize the abortion issue in hopes of big wins at the polls. That strategy failed. Michigan voters, and voters across the country, issued a resounding repudiation of the radical abortion-obsessed agenda of the left," said Amber Roseboom, President, Right to Life of Michigan. "Voters came out in historic numbers to elect candidates who demonstrated the courage and commitment to stand for commonsense protections for Michiganders, safeguards like parental consent and limits in taxpayer funding for elective abortion."

We look forward to working with our newly elected leaders to safeguard protections for women and children, including the unborn, in the months and years ahead.

May God continue to bless Michigan with faithful Pro-Life leaders and may God bless America!!

*Many thanks to our Generous Supporters
August Through October, 2024*

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August newsletter correction: It was brought to our attention that the wording used in the article entitled *Don't underestimate the importance of School Board Elections!* was incorrect. The newsletter statement read: "Recently the Caledonia School Board attempted to change the wording of policy that would actually allow teachers to take girls out of school to get an abortion without parental consent."

The corrected statement issued by Right to Life of Michigan would be: "Recently the Caledonia School Board attempted to change the wording of a policy that would actually allow teachers to aid girls in obtaining an abortion without her parents' knowledge." We apologize for the incorrect choice of words.

***Note—However, the parental consent law still on the books IS in danger of being overturned in Michigan. On March 26, when referring to the Reproductive Health Act, Governor Whitmer told Michigan Public Radio the removal of parental consent for abortion "was a part of the original package, and I was advocating for the whole package to get to my desk..."**

Now, with the 2024 election changes in Michigan, we have a hopeful opportunity to make sure that safeguards for parental consent remain in place.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT MUSKEGON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE AFFILIATE

We will be entering a transitional stage beginning in January 2025 with the goal of reorganizing our affiliate leadership. The last couple of years have been very challenging for our organization, given our very small leadership team and volunteer base.

Each affiliate is required to have at the very least 4 officers to run the organization: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We have been without a Vice President and Secretary for the last 2 years. This doesn't include the additional "working" board members needed to support and participate in our work by making a commitment to regular involvement in our meetings, events and activities. Our by-laws state that no one person can hold two offices, yet there are responsibilities attached to these positions that still need to be accomplished, and so the burden of these additional duties fall on the few.

We have many opportunities for volunteers depending on your interests and talents. Helpers are needed as church reps, being our "contact person" at your church to distribute information and help with our annual "LifeSavers" fundraiser. We also have roles for people who like event planning, and database upkeep. Other tasks include updating social media and website postings, as well as sending out donation thank you's. Currently however, we aren't able to function effectively without a full working board, and after much prayer and discernment, I have submitted my resignation from my office as President of Muskegon County Right to Life on December 31, 2024.

Lois Flaig—President

On the facing page, you will see the information about this upcoming meeting. Please prayerfully consider attending.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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