
RIGHT TO LIFE OF SANILAC COUNTY WINTER NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year

Well, we made it to the new year of 2017. My what a year we had in 2016. With the election drama to our normal day to day struggles, we had a lot to digest in 2016. Here's to a great 2017!

We were able to experience some great successes in our state regarding the passage of many pro-life bills. Here are a few of the highlights.

- State Family Planning Funds to Planned Parenthood Ended
- Coercing Abortion Now a State Crime
- Rape Survivor Child Custody Law & Domestic Violence Funding Secured
- Fetal Organ & Tissue Selling Banned in Michigan

Other legislation made partial progress, hopefully setting the stage for action in the 2017-2018 session. You can go here: <http://rlmblog.blogspot.com/2016/12/recapping-prolife-legislative-victories.html> to get a great review of all of these victories.

Pledge to Plan

We're asking you to make a pledge, a pledge to plan for the future of your family, your community and most importantly, your legacy. Learn all about Pledge to Plan at www.pledgetoplan.org. As you read through this website and the giving guide, I hope you are inspired by the incredible work of our local non-profits and by the generosity of our community. And I hope you will join with us, along with many of your friends and neighbors, and make a pledge to plan for the future of Right to Life of Sanilac County! See the insert inside this newsletter to learn a little more about this initiative. Please let us know what you think.

Mini March for Life and Memorial Service

We invite you to join us on Sunday, **January 22nd**, to remember the loss of the more than 57 million unborn children since 1973 and help Right to Life of Sanilac County celebrate the precious gift of life. The **Mini March for Life** will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please meet us at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall at 59 N. Moore Street in Sandusky to pick up a sign. We will march to the Courthouse steps and back. Following the march we will gather at 2:30 p.m. for the **Memorial Service** inside the hall. Our guest speaker this year will be our newly elected State Representative, Shane Hernandez. Refreshments and snacks will be served. There will also be a time for fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Amy at 810-404-0860.

This is a day for all Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. It is a day we ask for prayers to end abortion. It is commemorated every year near or on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy on January 22, 1973.

Annual Benefit Dinner - NEW Location on March 23, 2017

Our Annual Right to Life of Michigan Benefit Dinner will be held on, Thursday, March 23rd. It will be held at a NEW location this year; **Countryside Free Methodist Church inside the Family Center** located at 912 W. Sanilac Road in Sandusky, MI. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., with the Dinner and Program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Our special guest speaker for the evening will be Ed Rivet. Ed has been the Legislative Director for Right to Life of Michigan for 28 years. He has worked to assist the passage of laws requiring parental consent and informed consent for abortion, protecting patients' rights and the assisted suicide ban. Ed was a driving force behind Michigan's cloning ban in 1998, the first of its kind in the nation. He is also the principal author of the 2004 Legal Birth Definition Act to ban partial-birth abortion in Michigan. Ed served on the legislatively-appointed Michigan Commission on Death & Dying in 1993 in the wake of Dr. Jack Kevorkian's lethal activities.

Ed has published numerous articles, presented at national level conferences and made countless media appearances including CNN and Good Morning America. Ed holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Michigan State University.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear words of wisdom from this truly remarkable man. Tickets are \$20 per person, with a student rate of \$10, or you can reserve a table for eight at \$160.00. We are now able to accept credit cards. Please call Amy at 810-404-0860 to make your reservations today.

High School Oratory Contest - March 4, 2017

Our 8th Annual High School Oratory Contest will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be determined in Sandusky. This contest is open to all high school students who are in 9th through 12th grade. It is open to public and home schooled teens that either reside in the county or attend a school located in Sanilac County.

Students must research, write and give a 5-7 minute speech, in front of a panel of judges, on one of these topics: Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia or Cloning/Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

We award cash prizes to the top 3 winners. First place wins \$300, second place wins \$200 and third place receives \$100. Our first place winner will be invited to give his/her speech at our annual benefit dinner on March 23rd (see info above). They will also receive 2 free tickets to the dinner. The winner will also advance on to the RLM State Oratory Contest held in May.

Please encourage any and all students to compete in this contest. They have a good chance of winning some cash to help out for college. All participants must complete an application to enter the contest. Applications are due by March 1, 2017. To get more information and an application please call Amy Roggenbuck at 810-404-0860 or send an email to RTLSanilac@gmail.com. Application forms can also be found on our website at www.RTLSC.com.

All are welcome to attend. Come listen to the teens give their speeches while you show your support for the youth in our county.

Become a Member Today

With the beginning of the New Year, we remind our members that your annual membership is up for renewal. We thank you for your past generosity and for caring for the most vulnerable of us; the weak, the elderly, the infirm and the unborn. Please pray for the success of the pro-life movement!

If you have not yet become a member, please take the time to fill out the form below and return it today with your payment. (Form is also available on our website at www.RTLSC.com).

We need you! It's never too late to join. With your membership to our affiliate, you will receive this newsletter, and the Right to Life of Michigan quarterly newsletter. If you provide an email address, you will also receive important updates and information from your local affiliate and the State office. This is possible because of your efforts, prayers and financial support.

Remember education is important! Learn all you can about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Understanding these issues and being able to defend the position of life is critical to changing the hearts and minds of many. In addition to education, the election of pro-life candidates has enabled our legislature to pass laws protecting the innocent unborn and the frail elderly. You can learn more about all of these issues at the state website at www.RTL.org.

Thank you for considering this request. God Bless you all.

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

____ Family Membership \$20.00/year

____ Individual Membership: \$15.00/year

____ Student Membership : \$10.00/year

____ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities

Please make checks payable to Right to Life of Sanilac County.

Mail this form and your payment to:

Rose Banker

151 S. Townline Road

Sandusky, MI 48471

Due to our legislative activities, membership payments and donations are not tax-deductible.

2017 Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2017 -- February 9, 2017

March 9, 2017 -- April 20, 2017 *

*changed due to Holy Week

May 11, 2017 -- June 8, 2017

July 13, 2017 -- August 10, 2017

September 14, 2017 (annual Picnic day)

October 12, 2017 -- November 9, 2017 -- December 14, 2017

We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the H.E.L.P. Thrift Store in Sandusky at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us. We are always looking for your input to help serve our community better.

Questions about meetings, please call Rose Banker at 810-648-3596.

Listen to WMIC-660 AM or WTGV - 97.7 FM for weather related announcements or cancellations.

“Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward” (Psalm 127:3)
