

Connecticut Right to Life Corporation

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In Memoriam - Eileen Bianchini, CRLC Board Chair

Eileen J. Bianchini, 77, Chairperson of the CRLC Board of Directors for over a decade, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020.



In addition to her pro-life work with CRLC, Eileen was founder of the Gospel of Life Society at St. Mary Church, Norwalk.

Though cheerful and outgoing, years ago Eileen foresaw the foreboding trend towards euthanasia and assisted suicide and passionately led CRLC in opposing these issues in the State Legislature. In recent years, when these issues became personal as Eileen endured severe breathing issues that left her barely able to speak, she fought on as a defender of life.

Born in the Bronx, NY on September 18, 1942, Eileen is survived by her son Davide of Norwalk, a brother, and by many extended family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 11, at St. Mary Church in Norwalk. Eileen was buried at St. John Cemetery, Norwalk.

Eileen, may you rest in eternal life in the peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amy Coney Barrett Nominee for U.S. Supreme Court

Following the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, President Donald Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett to be an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Barrett is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, was a professor there, and has served the last three years as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Barrett is the mother of 7 children, two of whom were adopted from Haiti and one of whom was born with Down Syndrome. Of the approximately 600 cases that have come before her on the 7th Circuit, two of which had application to abortion, and she voted for the pro-life side in each case.

Barrett was a clerk for Justice Scalia and says that she follows his approach to law as an originalist and textualist. That is, she follows the law as it was written according to what the words meant when it was written. She does not try to legislate from the bench. Though she accepts stare decisis, that is, following the precedent of previous cases, in certain circumstances, she would overturn a wrongly decided case. She has written that she believes that Roe v. Wade was wrongly decided.

Though Connecticut's U.S. Senators Blumenthal (202-224-2823) and Murphy (203-224-4041) will vote against her, please call them anyway to let them know you strongly support Barrett.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 2020 FALL CAMPAIGN

Wednesday, September 23 to Sunday, November 1

BRIDGEPORT HARTFORD NEW HAVEN NORWICH

and 584 other cities throughout the world!

40 Days for Life - Previous campaigns:

- 61 countries and 855 cities around the world!
- 17,226 babies saved from abortion — and those are just the ones we know about!
- 206 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry!
- 107 abortion facilities closed for good following local *40 Days for Life* campaigns!

Pray to discern your personal role in this ***40 Days for Life*** prayer vigil! There are three ways to get involved in the fall campaign - as an individual, as a church or parish community, or through an organization, such as Connecticut Right to Life, a Knights of Columbus council, a school, etc. Each group is asked to “Adopt-a-Day.” More information at www.40daysforlife.com.

On the chosen day, you can witness for life in either of two ways for one or more hours – by praying and fasting at your parish church, or by witnessing at one of Connecticut’s abortion clinics in the following locations:

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 2020 FALL CAMPAIGNS IN CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT

Planned Parenthood, 4697 Main Street – on the public sidewalk entrance to Commerce Park. For information, contact Lenore at snowdenopalak@icloud.com or call 203-556-6339

HARTFORD

40 Days prayer vigil at Hartford Ob-Gyn Center, Jefferson and Main Street. Pray on the Jefferson Street sidewalk behind Hartford Hospital. Anne Boers at 203-745-7300 or anneboers@prolifeministry.org.

NEW HAVEN

Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 349 Whitney Avenue. Call Tim Virkler at 203-727-8414 or email timandlanae@att.net

NORWICH

40 Days vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 12 Case St., Norwich. For more information, contact Rev. Brian Maxwell at 860-875-5770 or email him at: 40daysnorwich@gmail.com

Defend Life Prayer Group – Danbury

Seven Sorrows Rosary Novena - 9/25 – 11/27 - Pray, fast and witness during this nine-week novena for an end to the scourge of abortion. To register, contact Marie Sangali at maresang@yahoo.com or call 845-279-7607 or Peg at mis_peg@outlook.com. Prayer group meets in front of PP, 44 Main Street, Danbury, Tuesday at 12:45 PM, Wednesday at 11 AM and Saturday at 10 AM

2020 National Life Chain Sunday(s)

Due to Covid-19, this year, nationally, Life Chains are scheduled on two dates, on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, November 1. However, local groups may choose any date that works. An outdoor activity, participants stand several feet apart, thus, it's naturally socially distanced.

Sunday, October 4 - Danbury – 44 Main Street (between Wooster and South Sts.) 2:30-3:30 PM - contact Deidre Condon 203-438-6123. Participants pray the rosary together along Main St. For your comfort, bring water, stroller, umbrella, folding chair, etc. **Come - Be a Link in Our Chain!**

Holding a pro-life sign in a LIFE CHAIN along a public road is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of community and solidarity that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the beginning of each individual's life until death. For more information, go to www.nationallifechain.org

Steve Mosher – St. Theresa Church, Trumbull

On Monday, October 5, Steve Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute, who opposes China's population control policies, will be speaking about China, The Catholic Church and the urgent need for vigilance concerning religious freedom. Steve will be speaking at St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull at 7 PM. Please call 203-261-3676 to register for this event. All Bridgeport Diocese Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Please bring a mask.

2020 Elections – President/Congress/State Legislature

Tuesday, November 3 is Election Day when you can vote for president, for your representative in Congress, and for your state senator and state representative.

President Trump has consistently supported pro-life policies and earlier this year became the first president to speak at the March for Life in person. Joe Biden opposes the Mexico City policy, which bans funding of abortions abroad, and was vice president to President Barack Obama, who opposed virtually all pro-life initiatives.

Contact the candidates in your district and ask them about their positions on key pro-life issues, such as when the life of each individual begins, if parental notification should be required if a minor is considering an abortion, if taxes should pay for abortions, if they support pregnancy care centers, and whether they support or oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia.

2021 SESSION OF THE CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This past year we prepared to defend pro-life pregnancy care centers from attacks by NARAL and PP and to oppose physician assisted suicide. However, with COVID-19 shutting down the legislature, neither of these issues made any progress.

Following elections this November, veteran and new legislators will take their seats in January. The same issues may be introduced once again. Invite new legislators to tour your local pregnancy care center. Last year the Connecticut State Medical Society changed its position on assisted suicide from “opposed” to “neutral.” Ask your doctors if they are members of the Medical Society and, if so, ask them to OPPOSE assisted suicide!

2021 March for Life – Washington, D.C. **Theme: “Together Strong: Life Unites”**

The week following the Presidential Inauguration, the 2021 March for Life activities will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 28 and 29, to mark the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s infamous Roe v. Wade abortion decision. The March for Life is the largest annual pro-life gathering in the world.



The March for Life Convention, which features a multitude of the nation’s pro-life leaders, exhibit booths and much more, will be held at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel on Thursday the 28th. On Friday the 29th, the March for Life Rally will be held from Noon to 1 PM on the National Mall. After the Rally, the March for Life will begin at the Mall and end at the Supreme Court.

Following the March, at 6 PM, the annual Rose Dinner will be held at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel. Registration opens on November 15. The event has sold out the last two years.

For more information, particularly concerning COVID-19 updates regarding the March for Life and related events in Washington, D.C., go to www.marchforlife.org . Help make March for Life 2021 in Washington, D.C. the largest ever!

PRAYER VIGILS/SIDEWALK COUNSELING

Danbury – Planned Parenthood - Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon; contact Deidre at drcon@att.net

Hartford – Hartford Gyn Center, 1 Jefferson St, Sat. 9-11 AM, contact Donny at 860-682-7394

Norwich - sidewalk counseling at Planned Parenthood, Case St. Sat. 8-11 AM – contact Claudia at 860-691-2585;

- St. Patrick’s Cathedral - 1st Saturdays Pro-life Mass – Linda at rizz44@sbcglobal.net

Stamford - Planned Parenthood, 35 6th St., on Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM

- Contact Tom tomamann01@gmail.com

ONGOING

Carolyn’s Place, Waterbury - mobile ultrasound van at the Green, Tuesdays, 10 AM – 2 PM

Gospel of Life Society, Norwalk - 3 to 4 Pro-life Masses/meetings/speakers annually at St.

Mary's Church/school, 669 West Ave. - contact gospeloflife.stmary@gmail.com
St. Gregory the Great Parish - Bristol - Thursdays, 7 PM, weekly Holy Hour for the unborn
St. Rose of Lima Church, Newtown - Pro-life Mass first Friday of each month
- Pro-life Rosary first Saturday of each month

2020 - 2021 CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS IN CONNECTICUT

October

- 2-3 (Friday/Saturday) - **Yale University - CLAY (Choose Life at Yale) – online - annual Vita et Veritas ("Life and Truth")** – Dr. Christopher Kaczor, Rabbi Maneshe Bovit, and Shaykh Hamza Yusuf will speak, respectively, on the Christian, Jewish and Moslem views of the sanctity of life - Keynote Speaker - Scott Klusendorf; for details, go to: www.vitaetveritas.com or carson.macik@yale.edu
- 4 (Sunday) - **National Life Chain Sunday** (see article for location/time/contact information)
- 15 (Sunday) - **Respect Life Mass**, St. Bridget Church, Cheshire, limited to 100 people - rsvp
- 24 (Saturday) - **ABC Women's Center - DASH for Life** – 5k walk/run, Xavier High School, Middletown, 9 AM registration, 10 AM Start, for info.: anna@abcwomenscenter.org or call 860-704-0078 ext. 1.

November

- 1 (Sunday) - **40 Days for Life** ends – Bridgeport/Hartford/New Haven/Norwich
- 3 (Tuesday) - **Election Day**

2021

January

- 20 (Wednesday) **Presidential Inauguration**, Washington, DC
- 28 (Thursday) - **March for Life Conference**, Washington, D.C.
- 29 (Friday) - **March for Life Rally, March, and Rose Dinner**, Washington, D.C.