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NEWSLETTER

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BEING PRO-LIFE IN CONNECTICUT IN A POST-ROE WORLD!

After 49 years of praying, working and hoping for the day when the worst U.S. Supreme Court decision in our nation's history would be overturned, after an unprecedented leak, it finally happened in our lifetimes on June 24, 2022 when the U. S. Supreme Court released its Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturning parts of Roe v. Wade by sending the abortion issue back to the states.

Though the Mississippi law was upheld by a vote of 6-3, the vote to partially overturn Roe v Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood was by a single vote, 5-4, with Chief Justice Roberts switching sides.

Note carefully, the Court did not outlaw abortion. The issue is now up to the states.

States, including Connecticut, are now free to ban abortion completely, or to allow abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy, which is the current law in Connecticut.

Most importantly, the Court did not overturn, nor even address, the most important legal finding in Roe – whether or not the unborn child is a Constitutional “person,” with a guaranteed right to life.

While parental notification, defunding abortion, etc. are important issues which should be pursued during the 2023 session of the Connecticut General Assembly, the most important issue concerns the personhood of the unborn.

The personhood movement is strong and growing, with groups such as the national Personhood Alliance now having 28 state affiliates. We must get the U.S. Supreme Court to recognize the Constitutional personhood of every pre-born human being.

If the Court does not act, a Constitutional amendment needs to be proposed and ratified.

There are two ways to propose a Constitutional amendment - through Congress, or by calling a Constitutional Convention.

Congress could propose an amendment by two-thirds votes in both houses. The amendment would then need to be ratified by the legislatures, or conventions, in 38 states.

If Congress fails to act, Congress can be bypassed by working through the states to call for a Constitutional Convention. Two-thirds, or 34, states are needed to call for convening a Constitutional Convention. In the late 1970's and early 1980's about 30 states issued calls for a Constitutional Convention concerning a pro-life amendment. If those Convention calls are still valid, only four more states are needed to call for a convention to propose an amendment.

We must begin, here in Connecticut, to educate the public and our legislators about the scientific fact that the life of each and every human being begins at fertilization, or cloning, and that every human being, at every stage of its biological development, is a person, with a right to life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 2022 FALL CAMPAIGN

**BRIDGEPORT DANBURY NEW HAVEN NEW LONDON
NORWICH STAMFORD WATERBURY WEST HARTFORD**

8 LOCATIONS IN CONNECTICUT – THE MOST EVER!

And hundreds of other cities throughout the world!

Prayer, fasting, and continuous vigil at Connecticut abortuaries.

Wednesday, September 28 to Sunday, November 6

40 Days for Life – Since 2007, previous campaigns:

- In over 1,000 cities in 64 countries throughout the world!
- 22,013 babies saved from abortion — and those are just the ones we know about!
- 242 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry!
- 120 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 person or 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 local parish, church, hall, temple or synagogue, or by witnessing at one of Connecticut’s abortion clinics in the following locations:

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 2022 FALL CAMPAIGNS IN CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT

Planned Parenthood, 4697 Main Street – on the public sidewalk entrance to Commerce Park. For information, contact Barbara Grabowski at bgrabows@aol.com

DANBURY

Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street, Danbury. Contact don.r.mallozzi@gmail.com or 203-417-1976 for more information

NEW HAVEN

Planned Parenthood, 345 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Contact Allie at prolifewhahaven@gmail.com

NEW LONDON

Planned Parenthood, 45 Franklin Street, New London. For more information, contact Mathew DeVillers at matthew.o.devillers@gmail.com to schedule the hours your group will be covering.

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

STAMFORD

35 6th Street, Stamford; For more information contact Monika Twal at stamford40daysforlife@gmail.com

WEST HARTFORD

Like last year, this year's Hartford area *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil will be held at Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Contact coordinator Teresa Wells at 203-314-9816 or twells@prolifeministry.org. There are several volunteers assisting with scheduling for the 40 days so you may hear from a fellow pro-lifer to confirm your hours or to provide specific instructions.

WATERBURY

Planned Parenthood, 617 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury. PP in Waterbury moved only recently to this new location. This will be the first time 40 Days for Life has been held in Waterbury. Vigil hours will be 7 AM – 7 PM Monday thru Saturday. Contact Kathy Upson by text at 203-910-3868 or by email at 40daysforlifewaterbury@gmail.com or prolifewaterbury@yahoo.com

For further information about *40 Days for Life*, and, in particular, more detailed information about the campaigns at each of the locations listed above, go to www.40daysforlife.com

2022 LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

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 natural death. For more information, go to www.nationallifechain.org

Though Life Chains are scheduled across the country on Sunday, October 3, local groups may choose any date that works. An outdoor activity, participants hold signs while standing several feet apart, thus, it's a naturally socially distanced activity. For your comfort, bring water, stroller, umbrella, folding chair, etc.

Danbury - Sunday, October 2 – Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street (between Wooster and South Sts.) 2:30-3:30 PM - contact Deidre Condon 203-438-6123.

Organize a local Life Chain at your church or in your town - Be a Link in the Life Chain!

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

With Roe now partially overturned, any legislation concerning limiting abortion is possible. The outcome of the elections in November for governor and state legislators will determine what legislation is feasible in the 2023 session of the General Assembly. Republican candidate for governor Bob Stefanowski says he would be supportive of a parental notification bill while Governor Ned Lamont says he would not be.

U.S. CONGRESS

Go to www.congress.gov/members to contact Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and your representative in the U.S. House to respectfully express your strongest opposition to any bills that would legalize abortion nationally!

2022 ELECTIONS

This year Election Day is on Tuesday, November 8.

Democrat Richard Blumenthal is running for reelection against Republican Leora Levy for the U.S. Senate.

The positions of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and comptroller will also be on the ballot.

Elections will also be held for the five House seats in Congress, and for the state senators and state representatives to the Connecticut General Assembly in Hartford.

Check the candidates' positions, go to the polls on Election Day, and vote pro-life!

2023 MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 2023 March for Life activities will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20, to mark the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade abortion decision and to celebrate its being partially overturned.

The March for Life is the largest annual pro-life gathering in the world.



Learn the ins and outs of lobbying your Congressman by attending Capitol Hill 101 on Thursday January 19 (time to be announced) at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel. Onsite admission is free and will also be available virtually. Registration opens in September.

The March for Life Expo/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 19th and Friday the 20th – times to be announced.

On Friday the 20th the March for Life Pre-Rally Concert begins at 11 AM on the National Mall and the March for Life Rally will follow from Noon to 1 PM. After the Rally, the March for Life will begin from the Mall at 1 PM, ending between the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Following the March, from 6 to 9 PM, the annual Rose Dinner will be held at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel. Registration opens in September. Reserve your tickets early - the event has sold out in recent years. Speakers to be announced.

The Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel is the host hotel for the March for Life. Group reservations for five or more rooms begins in September. Individual registration opens in October.

For more information regarding the March for Life and related events in Washington, D.C., go to www.marchforlife.org . Join in celebrating the overturning of Roe v. Wade and help make March for Life 2023 in Washington, D.C. the largest ever!

PRAYER VIGILS/SIDEWALK COUNSELING

Danbury – Planned Parenthood - Saturdays, 10 – 11 AM; contact Deidre at drcon@att.net

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

Contact Tom tomamann01@gmail.com

ONGOING

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

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

Newtown - St. Rose of Lima Church - Pro-life Mass first Friday of each month

- Pro-life Rosary first Saturday of each month

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bake Sale - Gate of Heaven Parish, Windsor Locks, parish Pro-life Ministry to help support Moms and their unborn babies through local Pro-Life Centers. Bake Sale to follow every Mass at both churches, St. Mary and St. Robert, September 17-18. Contact Regina at: 860-752-0149. Donations can be sent to: St. Mary Rectory, 42 Spring St., Windsor Locks, CT 06096. Make checks payable to: Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish (PLC).

PROJECT BELOVED - The mission of **Project Beloved** is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford where women, children and families can receive Christ-centered medical care without compromise. Towards that end, **Project Beloved** is sponsoring “*Into Life*,” which is the formation program created by the Sisters of Life, the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, and CampCampo films. This series is an adaptation of the Sisters of Life Co-Worker Training Day, hosted for lay co-workers. Participants in this course can expect to be introduced to the theological framework used by the Sisters of Life in their ministry to pregnant women, have the opportunity to pray and reflect on how a spirituality of life is manifest in their own lives, and discover what it truly means to walk with a woman through an unexpected pregnancy. If you're looking for a fall program to deepen your spirituality in the culture of life, check out this new program beginning Tuesday, September 7 and continuing for 12 weeks on Tuesday nights from 7:30 – 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall at Church of the Holy Spirit, Stamford. Cost – free – donations welcome. For more information about “*Into Life*,” contact Noelle at info@projectbeloved.co . For information about **Project Beloved**, go to www.projectbeloved.co

2022 - 2023 CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS IN CONNECTICUT

September

- 7 – *Into Life* program sponsored by **Project Beloved** begins and continues for a total of 12 Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM, parish hall, Church of the Holy Spirit, Stamford
- 17 -18 (Saturday/Sunday) parish **Pro-life Ministry Bake Sale** following Masses, Gate of Heaven Parish, Windsor Locks
- 28 (Wednesday) **40 Days for Life** begins - Bridgeport/Danbury/New Haven/New London/Norwich/Waterbury/West Harford

October

- TBA (Sunday) - **Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass**, date and place to be announced
- 2 (Sunday) **Life Chain** – at Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street (between Wooster and South Sts.) 2:30-3:30 PM - contact Deidre Condon 203-438-6123.
- 6 (Thursday) - **Family Institute of Connecticut** – 14th Annual Standing in the Gap Fundraising Banquet, 6 - 10 PM, Stamford Marriott, 243 Tresser Blvd., register at www.ctfamily.org/banquet/
- 8 (Saturday) - **ABC Women’s Center - DASH for Life** – 5k walk/run, Xavier High School, Middletown, 9 AM registration/fee \$35, 10 AM Start, call 860-704-0078 ext. 103 or email rosellyn@abcwomenscenter.org or for more information
- 14-15 (Friday/Saturday) - **Vita et Veritas (“Life and Truth”) Annual Conference at Yale University** sponsored by **CLAY (Choose Life at Yale)** – theme – “The Path Forward – The Post Roe Pro-Life Strategy,” speakers – Kristan Hawkins – Students for Life of America; Michael New, PhD.; New York Times opinion columnist Ross Douthat; Emily Beming, cofounder of Let Them Live; and Elizabeth Bruenig, columnist for

The Atlantic; NOTE: ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO YALE AND OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY; for information and to register:

<https://www.vitaetveritas.com>

15 (Saturday) – **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition – USA** and the **Family Institute of CT** – Co-sponsoring **Caring About Everyone – National Assisted Suicide Conference** – Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, 9 AM – 4 PM., limited tickets \$10, speakers include Wesley J. Smith, Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute’s Center on Human Exceptionalism, Gordon Friesen President, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, EPC Executive Director Alex Schadenberg, Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director, Family Institute of CT, and William L. Toffler, MD National Director of Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation, to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-about-everyone-epc-usa-national-assisted-suicide-conference-registration-336518183947>

21-23 (Friday/Saturday) **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, Archdiocese of Hartford**

for post-abortive women and men; in Farmington, fee: \$175 for meals, private room and retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information, contact Marie Laffin, Site Leader/Facilitator, 203-631-9030 or mlaffin@prolifeministry.org.

November

6 (Sunday) – **40 Days for Life** ends –

Bridgeport/Danbury/New Haven/New London/Norwich/Waterbury/West Hartford

6 (Sunday) **Carolyn’s Place – 30th Anniversary Dinner** – 4:30 PM, La Bella Vista, Waterbury

8 (Tuesday) - **Election Day (U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Governor, state officers, state legislators)**

2023

January

4 (Wednesday) - **2023 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly begins**

MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS, Washington, D.C.

19 (Thursday) **Capitol Hill 101 (time TBA – free – in person and virtually)**

20 (Thursday) **Expo/Conference (times TBA – free admission)**

20 (Friday) **Expo/Conference (times TBA – free admission)**

Pre-Rally Concert (11 AM)

Rally on the National Mall (Noon)

March for Life (1 PM)

Rose Dinner (6 PM – 9 PM - registration begins in September - speakers

TBA in the Fall)

**DO YOU HAVE A “CHOOSE LIFE” CONNECTICUT LICENSE PLATE
ON YOUR CAR, YET?**

**If not, go to www.TheChildrenFirst.org to order yours today!
Funds go to support Connecticut’s pro-life pregnancy care centers!**