



MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

YOU DID IT!

Missouri Abortion Numbers Drop Drastically in 2019 Due to New Legislative Safety Measures

The preliminary numbers for 2019 abortions (Jan 1 – Nov 15) occurring in Missouri are 1,354, a 54% reduction from the 2018 figure of 2,910.

The overwhelmingly pro-life Missouri legislature over the years and specifically the last three years, has worked tirelessly to protect unborn children and vulnerable women from the dangers of abortion.

The recent reduction in abortion numbers for 2019 is a result of these legislative efforts, specifically SB 5 passed in 2017. SB 5 expanded regulations on abortion in multiple statutes. These common sense health and safety regulations are protecting women and causing abortions to drop.

The following elements of SB 5 have been key in reducing the abortion numbers:

- Abortion facilities must now have emergency plans on file with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) at all times.
- Complication reports from chemical abortions must be filed with DHSS.
- Annual, unannounced on-site inspection of abortion facilities must be done by DHSS.

In addition to these protective regulations, Senate Bill 5 also expands the ability of the Department of Health and Senior Services to enact new regulations when the abortion industry is breaking the law and putting women at risk.

What would cause these new protective laws and regulations to severely reduce the numbers of abortions? We can only attribute this to increased safety regulations in the clinics and refusal to do difficult or risky abortion procedures here in Missouri.

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Missouri Right to Life "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. ~ Rally at 12 Noon

Missouri State Capitol ~ 1st Floor Rotunda



*You're coming to
Pro-Life Action
Day, right?*

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

We need you to ACT!

- Come to Jefferson City for Pro-Life Action Day to lobby your legislators and encourage them to pass pro-life legislation.
- Join the Noon Rally to receive encouragement from our guest speakers.

Special Guest Speaker

The Honorable John Ashcroft Pro-Life Champion

Missouri State Auditor ~ 1973 - 1975

Missouri Attorney General ~ 1977 - 1985

Missouri Governor ~ 1985 - 1993

United States Senator from Missouri ~ 1995 - 2001

United States Attorney General ~ 2001 - 2005



You will be inspired by John Ashcroft's enthusiasm for Life and his work through the years to protect our first unalienable right!

Transportation is available from many areas of the state.

Contact the Missouri Right to Life State Office, 573.635.5110, or visit www.missourilife.org for information. Contact MRL-Eastern Region for transportation in the St. Louis metropolitan area, 314.434.4900 or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com

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Life Links

of hope for many injured families,” Mother Line tells me. “Our smallness will also say that we are made for very great things: to love and to be loved.” She particularly asks for prayers that able-bodied “young American girls” might consider life among her flock.

A Christmas confession: I’m a sucker for those Facebook videos showing some basketball team letting the boy with Down syndrome shoot until he sinks a basket, or photos of a high-school senior with Down beaming because her classmates have elected her prom queen. Even the most jaded—maybe especially the most jaded—recognizes, and perhaps even envies, the special joy reserved for the pure of heart.

Then you pull back and look at the faces of those cheering these things on—the fans at the basketball game, the other couples at the prom. Is their happiness any less? Not to mention the inner rejoicing of a tired mom who has just watched a crowd of people look at her child and see what she sees: a beautiful and unique human being who is a source of delight.

This is the everyday witness of the Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb. In the world outside their walls, innocence can be dismissed as childish ignorance or dangerous naiveté. Inside, the nuns choose to cherish and exalt innocence—and the unconditional love and trust that comes with it—as an example of how we are meant to live with one another.

In Morris West’s novel *“The Clowns of God,”* Christ returns to earth, where people have trouble recognizing him. At one point he goes to a school for children with Down syndrome, and picks up a little girl.

“I know what you are thinking,” he says. “You need a sign. What better one could I give but to make this little one whole and new? I could do it, but I will not. . . . I gave this mite a gift I denied to all of you—eternal innocence. To you she looks imperfect— but to me she is flawless.”

He goes on: “She is necessary to you. She will evoke the kindness that will keep you human. Her infirmity will prompt you to gratitude for your own good fortune. . . . This little one is my sign to you. Treasure her!”

So it is in Le Blanc. Hours after these words appear, the Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb will welcome the birth of the Savior. Whatever there may be in the way of presents will be modest and mostly home-made. But for those hoping for a glimmer of the light that burst into the skies over

Bethlehem that first Christmas, nowhere will it shine more brilliantly than in this nondescript little convent in the center of France.
~ from *The Wall Street Journal*



<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/california-governor-demands-end-to-euthanasia...for-animals-but-not-people>

California governor demands end to euthanasia...for animals, but not people

On January 13, 2020, National Review printed the following from Wesley J. Smith:

“Misplaced priorities are California’s specialty. Here’s an example: Governor Gavin Newsom wants to end euthanasia in animal shelters. From the *Sacramento Bee* story:

Gov. Gavin Newsom wants California to stop euthanizing animals, and he’s ready to put taxpayer money toward the cause. ‘We want to be a no-kill state,’ Newsom said during a press conference where he presented his 2020–21 budget.

Specifically, Newsom’s budget calls for a \$50 million one-time general fund allocation to the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program to develop a grant program for animal shelters, with a goal of helping local communities ‘achieve the state’s policy goal that no adoptable or treatable dog or cat should be euthanized,’ according to the budget summary.

Ironically, as the governor works to save animals from death, California not only legalized assisted suicide but allows encouraging suicide to the terminally ill, and moreover, promulgated a regulation granting access to doctor-prescribed death to dying patients who are involuntarily committed in psychiatric hospitals due to mental illness.

I am certainly not against ‘no kill’ animal shelters. I just wish Newsom were as committed to promoting ‘no kill’ health care.”

https://www.wsj.com/articles/down-syndrome-and-the-gift-of-innocence-11577144899?mod=opinion_lead_pos9

Down Syndrome and the Gift of Innocence

Innocence isn’t much prized these days. Yet at Christmas it’s impossible to escape: the splendor of the music, the warm visions of hearth and home, the whole wonder of the season—all rest on the joy brought a weary world by innocence made incarnate.

Even those of us who lost our innocence long ago sometimes look back wistfully on Christmases past, when as children we believed not only in Santa but in the loving world that went with him: safe, caring, kind. For most of us, this never rises above sentiment or nostalgia. But what if someone decided innocence was worth holding onto and built a whole way of life around it?

It might look like the lives led by a small group of contemplative nuns in the French countryside just outside Le Blanc. These are the Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb, and among religious orders they enjoy a singular distinction: they exist so that “those who are in last place in the world”—women with Down syndrome—can “hold in the church the exceptional role of spouses of Christ.”

In practice this means that able-bodied sisters devote their lives to ensuring their fellow sisters with Down syndrome can live their vocations. Living with Down syndrome is not all sweetness and light, even among nuns. The difference is that these women take this innocence, leaven the difficult and imperfect parts with love, and gift it back to the world in more sublime form through both prayer and example.

The order was founded in 1985 with a community of two: Mother Line, now prioress, and Sister Véronique, who felt a vocation but could not find an order to accept her because she has Down syndrome. Today there are 10 sisters, eight with Down syndrome.

“The smiling faces of our little sisters with Down syndrome are a great message



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You make good things happen! Thank you!

From the Executive Director ~

The “State of Pro-Life Work” in Missouri and in Washington

Providing Good Programs and Regulating Abortions

We are living in a historic time where the President of the United States and the Governor of Missouri stand side by side with pro-life people in Washington and in Missouri to be a voice for the voiceless. We have leaders who are fighting to redirect public policy back to a time where common sense prevailed instead of the political agenda of the abortion industry. We are so close to overturning Roe vs. Wade and seeing the close of the last abortion clinic in Missouri. We must remain vigilant or all our work and prayers will begin to fade.



Susan Klein

Missouri Right to Life is your voice in the Capitol helping pro-life legislators pass legislation to save babies and protect women. We work to ensure that our Pregnancy Resource Centers around the state are not forced to refer for abortion and that they have the funding to help women in crisis situations. We work to make sure prayer warriors can pray on public sidewalks in front of abortion clinics without fear of a buffer zone that would push them away from being able to help women in crisis situations.

Missouri Right to Life is your voice in the Capitol helping pro-life legislators pass legislation to regulate the abortion industry. Two bills that are saving lives are SB 5 (2017) and HB 126 (2019). These two bills encompass multiple pro-life statutes that are saving babies and protecting women. SB 5 provisions prevent more abortion clinics from opening in Missouri and call for an accounting of the dangers of abortion through required complication reports filed with the Missouri Department of Health, required annual inspections, and unannounced inspections of abortion clinics. HB 126 provisions ban multiple types of abortion and show the states compelling interest in the protection of mother and child. HB 126 bans abortion when there is a heartbeat, when the baby can feel pain, or when the abortion is based solely on race, gender or Down syndrome. HB 126 could be the bill that goes to the United States Supreme Court and overturns Roe vs. Wade.

Missouri Right to Life is your voice to pass these pro-life bills. And these new pro-life laws are causing abortion numbers to drop drastically in Missouri. You can see the effects of SB 5 in just a one year period with abortion numbers dropping by 54%. Passing pro-life legislation is making a difference in ending abortion in Missouri and across the United States.

You are making a difference and babies are being saved! Women are being protected! Pro-life legislation matters! And, the “State of Pro-Life Work” in Missouri is good because of you and your work with and support of Missouri Right to Life.

Gratefully,

Susan Klein

2018-2019 Planned Parenthood Annual Report: More Abortions Than Ever

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.
National Right to Life Director of
Education & Research

Planned Parenthood may have closed a few clinics, experienced a major upheaval in top management, and even seen its revenues dip ever so slightly. But that hasn't stopped the abortion giant from performing a record number of abortions and continuing to grab an ever increasing share of the U.S. abortion market.

In its published 2018-2019 Annual Report, Planned Parenthood reports performing 345,672 abortions for 2018, the most the organization has ever reported.

That figure represents 40.1% of all the abortions the Guttmacher Institute says were performed in the U.S. in 2017 (the most recent year available). This continues to cement Planned Parenthood's reputation as the country's top abortion performer and promoter.

Closing Clinics, Yet More Abortions

Planned Parenthood doesn't share exactly how many clinics it currently has, writing only they have "more than 600 health centers across the country." That is exactly the same phrasing that they used in last year's report, though we know there were nearly 900 centers as recently as 2010.

Obviously, a large number of clinics have closed (for example, two recently closed in Ohio, according to ABC News, 9/9/19). However, Planned Parenthood

has made sure to keep its abortion business humming, building giant new regional mega-clinics to pick up and possibly expand on the caseloads formerly going to the now closed centers.

The latest mega-clinic opened in Fairview Heights, Illinois in October of 2019. The stated intent here was to pick up abortion patients who could no longer visit Planned Parenthood clinics in Missouri. Though the media, egged on by Planned Parenthood's relentless hype machine, thought this was some new sort of development, it was only the latest in a long line of mega-clinics the organization has been opening all across the United States (Houston, Denver, Chicago, Queens, NY, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Portland, OR, St. Paul, MN, etc.) for at least the past decade and a half.

Other Non-Abortion Health Services Decline

Interestingly enough, while the expansion of these centers has been accompanied by an increase in the number of abortions, that's not been the case in the provision of other key Planned Parenthood services. Contraception, Planned Parenthood's signature product, continued to decline for the sixth year in a row. At 2,556,413 in 2018, birth control services are down nearly 36%

of what they were just twelve years earlier.

Every time someone challenges their mission or (especially) funding, Planned Parenthood likes to talk about all the lives they potentially save providing cancer screenings. But the number of those services has fallen every year since at least 2005.

At one time, over two million a year (2,011,637 in 2005), all Planned Parenthood's "cancer screenings and prevention" services barely totaled half a million (566,186) in 2018. This represents a whopping fall of more than 71.8% in just 14 years!

And those are just simple things such as Pap smears and manual breast exams. Despite what you may have heard, Planned Parenthood does not and has never provided mammograms.

They've Got Plenty of Money

It isn't as if Planned Parenthood lacks the money to buy a few mammogram machines. Revenues this year were down just a hair, from \$1,665,100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to \$1,638,600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

"Government Health Services Grants Reimbursements & Grants" were up \$53 million during that same period, from \$563.8 million to \$616.8 million. "Non-Government Health Services Revenue" increased

from \$365.7 million to \$369.6 million.

Private donations were very high, but appear to have lagged a bit from last year's record. After reaching \$630.8 million in 2018 with their latest "sky is falling" campaign, they fell back to "just" \$591.3 million for FY 2019.

Planned Parenthood Won't Say Wen

How much of this is a result of tumult at the top of the organization's administration is unknown. Leana Wen, a medical doctor who, with great fanfare, took over as head of Planned Parenthood in September of 2018, was ousted by the board of directors in July of 2019 after less than a year on the job.

Wen was as committed to abortion as anyone, but made the "mistake" of seeing it as part of a broader health care mission. When she made clear that she didn't see abortion as the be-all-end-all of Planned Parenthood's existence, she and Planned Parenthood parted ways over "philosophical differences." Wen wrote in the *New York Times* 7/19/19, "I believe abortion is about health care, not politics. Many of my colleagues disagreed."

Wen somehow manages to go unmentioned in this latest report.

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Planned Parenthood installed Alexis McGill Johnson, a reliable abortion advocate, as “Acting President and CEO” and kept the abortion mills humming. No official word on when or if the acting president will be replaced.

Abortion as the Clear Theme

The organization’s latest annual report makes it plain that Planned Parenthood

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continues to be all about abortion, in more ways than one. The record number of abortions speak for themselves, as do the declining figures for genuine health care services.

In the report, PPFA trumpets their legal and political successes in opposing “abortion bans.” They celebrate “technology” allowing them to perform webcam abortions in 16 states and research on these abortions and other topics they were able to get published in national medical journals.

They talk about their work promoting “sexual and reproductive services” and “reproductive rights” around the world and among ethnic minorities in the United States, “organizing and mobilizing” on college campuses and rallying against the nomination of Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

In addition to stopping or delaying pro-life legislation they didn’t like in Florida, West Virginia, South Carolina, Kansas, Montana, Missouri, Wisconsin and North Carolina, Planned Parenthood expressed pride in being able to enable “proactive legislation to protect and expand access to safe and legal abortion” in Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Nevada, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington state.

Planned Parenthood says that its doctors, educators, and activists wake up each day with one mission: Care, No Matter What.

When it comes to the lives of tender, innocent, precious unborn children, however, this report makes is clear, once again, that Planned Parenthood “Doesn’t Care” – “No Matter What.”



THE PRESIDENTIAL RECORD ON LIFE

President Donald J. Trump 2017-present

America, when it is at its best, follows a set of rules that have worked since our Founding. One of those rules is that we, as Americans, revere life and have done so since our Founders made it the first, and most important, of our ‘unalienable’ rights.”

President Donald J. Trump

■ **Supreme Court:** President Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce the rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

■ **Mexico City Policy:** President Trump restored the “Mexico City Policy,” which prevents tax funds from being given to organizations that perform abortions or lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries. He later expanded the policy to prevent \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry.

■ **Abortion Funding:** In 2017, President Trump issued a statement affirming his strong support for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, saying he “would sign the bill.” The bill would permanently prohibit any federal program from funding elective abortion.

■ **Funding Abortion Providers:** In 2018, President Trump’s Health and Human Services Department issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. In 2017 President Trump signed a resolution into law that overturned an eleventh-hour regulation by the Obama administration that prohibited states from defunding certain abortion facilities in their federally funded family planning programs.

■ **Protecting Pro-Life Policies:** President Trump has pledged “to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage.”

■ **Appointments:** President Trump has appointed numerous pro-life advocates in his administration and cabinet including Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, and former Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.

■ **Defunding Planned Parenthood:** President Trump supports directing funding away from Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. In a September 2016 letter to pro-life leaders, he noted that “I am committed to... defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and re-allocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”

■ **International Abortion Advocacy:** The Trump Administration cut off funding for the United Nations Population Fund due to that agency’s involvement in China’s forced abortion program. Additionally, President Trump instructed the Secretary of State to apply pro-life conditions to a broad range of health-related U.S. foreign aid.

■ **Protecting the Unborn:** President Trump supports the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation extends protection to unborn children who are at least 20 weeks because by this point in development (and probably earlier), the unborn have the capacity to experience excruciating pain during typical abortion procedures.

Missouri Right to Life supports the sanctity of life in Washington, D.C. and in Jefferson City



March for Life - Washington, D.C.



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On January 24, Missouri Right to Life members and pro-lifers from across the state joined hundreds of thousands of like-minded people in Washington, D.C., to mark 47 years of abortion-on-demand. As always, the mainstream media refused to give other than token coverage.

But our President didn't ignore us. In fact, President Trump became the first president ever to speak at the March for Life.

President Trump encouraged pro-lifers, saying, "Together, we will defend this truth all across our magnificent land. We will set free the dreams of our people. And with determined hope, we look forward to all of the blessings that will come from the beauty, talent, purpose, nobility, and grace of every American child."

Then, on February 1, MRL joined pro-life Missourians gathered in Jefferson City for the Midwest March for Life. Hundreds marched to the Capitol to stand for life! Governor Mike Parson and Missouri Right to Life Executive Director Susan Klein were among the honored speakers who addressed the assemblage.

With pride, Missourians stand with those whose lives are threatened. Surely our state has earned the title "Missouri - the Show Me Life State."

Memorials & Honorariums

*In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend,
these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.*

In memory of~

Virginia Guitteau
Butch Hunter
Stacy Hunter
Mary Steinbruegge

Given by ~

Marcia Azar
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In honor of~

Tom & Pam Manning

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Nick & Patti Manning



Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an important event by making a gift to MRL.

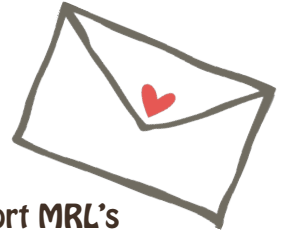


Midwest March for Life - Jefferson City



MRL Executive Director Susan Klein and MRL Board Member Louise Rouchka at Sedalia Chapter's January Memorial marking the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision.

**Have you returned
your membership
mailing yet?**



If not, please help support MRL's pro-life work by returning it as soon as possible -- or, if needed, use the envelope enclosed in this issue.

Thank you!

A Celebration of Life!



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Such a wonderful crowd for the Celebration of Life Banquet in St. Louis to benefit the legislative efforts of MRL! Sen. Roy Blunt received the Champion for Life Award presented to him by Eastern Region Chair Pam Fichter and MRL State President Steve Rupp.

And Christmas Parades Celebrate Life!



The MRL-Southwest Region's Barton County Chapter participated in the Lamar Christmas parade. Chapter members Dave Spiering and Nancy Jolly portrayed Joseph and Mary.



MRL-Randolph County Chapter joined in Moberly's "Ringing In The Holidays" Christmas parade. With that theme, they chose words from the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" to put on the float: "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, God is not dead, nor doth He sleep."

Vote in the
Presidential Primary
On Tuesday March 10
then come to Jefferson City for
“Show Me Life”
Pro-Life Action Day
~ Honored Guest ~
John Ashcroft
(more information front page)

Pro-Life Concerns With Medicaid Expansion

*Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee recommends
that you NOT sign the petition to place Medicaid expansion on the ballot.*

A proposal to place a Medicaid expansion program into the Missouri Constitution is contained in Initiative No. 2020-063. Proponents are seeking signatures from voters to put it on the ballot in the fall.

The proposal ignores the growing danger that the Hyde Amendment could be terminated in the future, leaving unborn children completely exposed to governmental funding of abortions if their mothers are covered by Medicaid. The proposal also means greatly expanding current Medicaid funding of abortions of newly-formed human beings by means of prescriptions of the so-called “morning after” pills.

For pro-life reasons, pro-lifers find Initiative 2020-063 unacceptable. Abortions are not health care, and Missouri should not expand a program that will pay for more of them.

Missouri Right to Life State PAC does not take a position on the economics of Medicaid expansion, but only on the anti-life consequences that could follow.

Pro-Life Concern #1: pro-lifers cannot presume the survival of the Hyde Amendment. It is an annual rider on a federal appropriations bill for four federal departments. It forbids the use of federal funds appropriated in the bill for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest, and (to oversimplify somewhat) the life of the mother. The bill requires a majority vote of both Houses of Congress every year and the signature of the President.

In 2019, the news media were full of stories of attacks on pro-life principles around the country. The Hyde Amendment is a target. Every Democratic candidate for President this year seeks to end the Hyde Amendment, even former Vice-President Joseph Biden, who

voted consistently for it for many years as a U. S. Senator.

Pro-life Concern #2: Medicaid requires payment for drugs that operate in some cases as abortifacients.

Federal laws compel Medicaid to pay for family planning services. One federal regulation on family planning provides for Medicaid payment of prescription drugs or devices “to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum.” The “fertilized ovum” constitutes a new human being, as leading embryologists agree. Preventing implantation is a means of causing death of that new human being -- in other words, an abortion.

Moreover, the phraseology, “implantation of the fertilized ovum,” is misleading. Implantation occurs about one week after fertilization. By the time of implantation, the new human being consists of 100+ cells that are already differentiating. Preventing implantation puts to death a week-old developing human being.

The proposed expansion of Medicaid in Initiative No. 2020-063 would greatly increase the number of women of childbearing age who are covered by Medicaid in Missouri. As a result, it will greatly increase the number of unborn babies who are at risk because of Medicaid payment for abortions if and when the Hyde Amendment is brought down by the pro-abortionists. It will also greatly increase the number of abortions resulting from use of so-called “morning after” prescription pills that must be paid for by Medicaid.

Missouri Right to Life State PAC will energetically oppose such an anti-life amendment to the Missouri Constitution.

Missouri Right to Life State PAC’s complete analysis of this Initiative Petition may be accessed at missourilifepac.org