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BEING PRO-LIFE IS NOT JUST ABOUT ABORTION

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The following letter was recently sent to all Missouri pro-life legislators by Missouri Right to Life.

With advances in science and a better understanding of human DNA, and with the added threat of health care rationing, the need for protection of innocent human beings has expanded beyond what any of us thought we would see in our lifetimes. While many may still be singularly focused on abortion, it is not the only issue on which to base ones pro-life credentials.

Missouri Right to Life is concerned with all threats to innocent human life from the very beginning forward. It is erroneous and misleading when one portrays oneself as pro-life without a willingness to protect all innocent human life at every stage of development

As pro-life legislators, your consistency on all life issues is critically important to advancing the cause of life in Missouri. This means not only working to protect the lives of unborn children, to protect and inform mothers in crisis pregnancies, and to support alternatives to abortion programs. Being pro-life also means preventing euthanasia, infanticide, rationing of health care, and working to prevent human cloning and research that destroys human life.

Since the 2006 passage of Amendment 2 creating a constitutional right to

clone and kill human embryos in Missouri, the biotech industry has sought to fund this life-destroying research by accessing taxpayer money under various economic development schemes like the 2011 Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA). Missouri Right to Life has consistently sought language in any such legislation that would provide pro-life protections.

While those who oppose our efforts claim we are anti-research, nothing could be further from the truth. We support

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research on human stem cells as long as those cells are not derived by destroying human embryos. We enthusiastically support research using adult stem cells or induced pluripotent stem cells. All successful research using stem cells has been as a result of using these non-embryonic sources.

Even the 2012 winner of the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine, Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, agrees with our position. When he saw that embryonic stem cell research destroyed a human

embryo, he realized that embryo could have been one of his daughters. As a scientist involved in stem cell research, Dr. Yamanaka was so concerned about research which destroyed human embryos that he sought another avenue for developing stem cells with the same degree of pluripotency. His efforts to find ethical alternatives led to his discovery of induced pluripotent stem cells, a method of stem cell development that creates pluripotent stem cells from adult stem cells with no destruction of human life. For this he received the Nobel Prize.

Yet the biotech industry and those who do their bidding refuse to abandon their commitment to unrestricted research regardless of the potential destruction of countless human lives and zero success from unethical sources. You will be pressured by lobbyists from this industry and members of your own caucus unwilling to accept this truth to support their anti-life agenda.

We are very blessed to have solid majorities in both houses of legislators that oppose abortion. These legislators have passed excellent legislation in past sessions regarding abortion, and we will work for additional anti-abortion legislation this year. However, abortion is not the only pro-life issue. We urge you to be strong and to stand up for life on all issues.

THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

Acceptance of euthanasia heightens patients' distrust of medical profession

Martin Cullen, an intensive care physician in Sydney (Australia), writes that the increasing acceptance of euthanasia has helped increase patients' distrust of doctors.

"I never cease to marvel how deeply some families of my patients distrust the medical profession," says Dr. Cullen. "Between me and them is a wall of suspicion. I know how used car salesmen must feel."

"No longer do families assume that their loved one will be cared for," he continued. "Families feel they need to be advocates for their sick relative. They aggressively question all of my suggestions for care. I really can't blame them. In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been legalized, non-voluntary euthanasia, aka murder, is no longer unknown."

"Nowadays when I bring bad news to families and tell them that death is imminent and that we can do no more, I expect resistance and hostility," he added. "Just a few weeks ago I was treating an elderly woman who was very sick. Her family told me that they believed that their father had been euthanized years before. They weren't going to let us doctors take their mother, too. They looked at me as if I were a murderer. It was very unsettling for me."

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Nevada Judge Refuses to Order Abortion for Mentally Challenged Woman

On November 14, a Nevada judge ruled against forcing a 32-year-old woman to have an abortion.

The woman, who has the mental capacity of a 6-year-old, became pregnant about 13 weeks ago after she wandered away from the Reno group home where she lives. According to Fox News, her family doesn't know whether she was raped or had consensual sex; the father has not been identified.

The woman and her parents, who are Catholic, chose to have the baby -- but after learning of the pregnancy in October, Washoe County Social Services asked the court to intervene in an effort to override their decision, saying a status hearing was necessary to discuss the potential effects the woman's pregnancy could have on both her and her preborn baby. The case went all the way to the Nevada Supreme Court before being kicked back to a lower court for a decision.

Jason Guinasso, a local attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), who represented the family, said that because the woman's parents are her legal guardians, the court has no right to intervene in her health issues -- including pregnancy.

Washoe County Family Court Judge Egan Walker said he plans to hold more hearings in the upcoming weeks to determine the safest way to move forward, but refused to order the woman to have

an abortion. Though the woman's parents said the pregnancy could carry potential risks to their daughter and the baby, medical experts support their decision to continue the pregnancy.

"We are pleased (the pregnant woman) will be able to carry her baby to term and that the court recognized that childbirth is a natural process and is the generally accepted course of treatment for pregnancy," said Nevada Right to Life President Melissa Clement.

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Catholic Bishops: We Will Not Obey Immoral HHS-Abortion Mandate

Video has surfaced of Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who said the Catholic Church will not obey the pro-abortion HHS mandate the Obama administration put forward.

"The only thing we're certainly prepared to do is not give in -- not violate our consciences and not obey what we consider to be something immoral," Dolan said November 13, as LifeNews reported. "That we're committed on."

"We took a bit of a breather as we waited for election day because the results of election day could have changed the playing field. It didn't. So now I think the bishops have taken a deep breath and said we better get back to work and decide just what we are going to do," he said. Saying he remains open to the Obama administration working out an acceptable compromise, he added, "I would say no door is closed, except the door to capitulation."

On the prospects of closing Catholic hospitals if the Obama administration won't relent, he said, "How we do that and what doors would remain open to us to see if there's some way consonant with our high moral principles to be able to do it, that's something we've got to start to tackle -- and we're prepared to tackle."

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Thanks to You!

You and we together are family, united in our deep commitment to the sanctity of human life!

Thank you for all of your efforts to defend life, keep this special ministry in your prayers, respond to our pleas, and make the donations that keep the mission alive.

Missouri Right to Life wishes you a Joyful Christmas and God's many blessings in the New Year!



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Sadness, Courage, Endurance . . .

I'm struggling with many emotions after the disappointments from the recent election. I'm sure that most of you are too. I held out hope to the last minute that this country would not re-elect the most pro-abortion president in our history.

I had great optimism that the concerns over government encroachment into our fundamental religious liberties and takeover of healthcare would motivate voters to choose the candidate who shared those concerns.

While a significant majority of Missourians supported Mitt Romney, other pro-life candidates in Missouri were defeated. We are heart-broken and saddened at these missed opportunities to advance the cause of life, protect innocent unborn children, and prevent healthcare rationing.

We are so very grateful to all of the pro-life candidates who ran on the principles on which our country is founded, particularly on the unalienable right to life. For those who lost, you will be missed. For those who won, we look forward to working with you as we continue to build a culture of life in our state and in our country.

We are also thankful for the hundreds of MRL PAC volunteers across the state who worked so hard to promote pro-life candidates and to all those who so generously donated financially to the PAC. We did all we could, and you should be very proud of your efforts.

There will be plenty of time later for analyzing the results and second-guessing campaign strategies, but let's waste no time in bitterness or anger. My faith compels me -- and I pray it does you as well -- not to be discouraged, not to give up hope, to believe always in God's infinite love and mercy. Believe also in the truth that by working to protect innocent human life, we are doing the work to which God calls us.

Take heart, my friends, and join me with determination and firm resolve in the certain knowledge that God will be victorious.

May God bless all of you, bless our work, and bless the United States of America.

"Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life ..." 1 Phil 2



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Resolutely determined to keep fighting

I'm sure that most of you, as I am, are a little shell-shocked at the result of the election. I was one of those optimists who believed we could elect a pro-life president and maybe even put a pro-life majority in place in the Senate.

Things didn't turn out as we wanted, but it wasn't for lack of trying. Pro-lifers all over the country did everything possible, going above and beyond the almost-unimaginable, putting their hearts and souls into this campaign.

We will awaken each morning saddened at the future in store for our country; heart-broken at the thought of lost opportunities to save unborn children from abortion, and the elderly and disabled from rationing of medical care. Very few pro-lifers will be filled with regret, thinking they could have done more.

I have spent the last few hours asking, "Why, Lord? We want to save your children. Why did this happen?" I was reminded of that familiar verse from Proverbs 3, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."

You will have pro-lifers in your state who are discouraged and ready to give up. Encourage them and share your determination to keep fighting. We do not always understand why something happens, but we know that we are in God's hands.

We will not give up.



**This is serious, folks . . .
so be sure to save
the date!**

“Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day 2013

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

(Snow Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013)

Missouri State Capitol

Jefferson City, MO

We must stand united against government edicts that violate our beliefs. We must stand united to protect our religious freedoms.

We must improve our conscience clauses in Missouri for those in the medical profession and ban tele-med abortions.

Please plan to participate!

- Come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, for “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation. In case of inclement weather, pro-life action day will be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 10.
- Registration begins 9:00 a.m., 1st Floor Rotunda,
- Lobby your legislators from 9:00 – noon.
- Then join the Noon Rally at the Capitol Rotunda.

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!

For information, contact Missouri Right to Life, 573-635-5110, or visit www.missourilife.org.
Watch our website for contacts for transportation from your area.

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STUDENT ACTION DAY 2013

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City, MO

- **Workshops at 11:00 a.m. followed by a noon rally in the Capitol Rotunda.**
- **Learn what it means to be a pro-life citizen.**
- **Learn more about the legislative process.**
- **Then, an opportunity to lobby your legislators for the passage of important pro-life legislation, including Conscience Rights Protection for those in the medical profession and a Ban on Tele-Med Abortions.**
- **See pro-life citizenship *in action* as hundreds attend Missouri Right to Life's Pro-Life Action Day!**

**For information, contact Missouri Right to Life,
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MRL asks General Assembly to consider two pro-life bills

2013 Legislative Session Begins January 9

What was one of the best things that Missouri Right to Life heard after the November election?

"I want to make a difference!"

Many of our newly elected legislators have said just that. They want to ensure that innocent human lives are given clear protection on every life issue from abortion to human research, end-of-life decisions, and preventing human cloning and health care rationing.

So . . . while we may be disappointed in the outcome of some of the elections, there is great anticipation for passage of pro-life legislation in the Missouri Legislature.

With strong bipartisan support for pro-life issues, the Missouri Legislature is stronger than it has ever been, so pro-life Missourians are expecting great things from the 2013 session!

That is what we voted for. And, that is what we pray for!

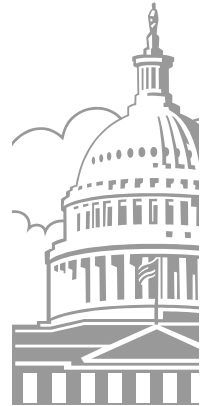
We are working on two important pieces of legislation.

First is the protection of conscience rights for pro-life medical professionals. With the pro-abortion administration in Washington mandating coverage of abortion on demand, it is imperative to put into statute clear and precise protection of conscience rights for those pro-life medical professionals who do not want to be forced to take innocent human lives.

Second is the ban on web-cam/tele-med abortions. With the increase in abortion drugs and the difficulty in finding doctors to do abortions, the abortion industry is looking for ways to increase their profits with less involvement from doctors. They do that through the internet.

Your presence at Pro-Life Action Day in February is crucial to saving innocent human lives and getting these important pieces of legislation passed. Do not be lulled into complacency by a strong pro-life majority in the Missouri House and the Senate. They will act to pass strong pro-life legislation if they know it is important to you, and they *will* know it is important to you by your presence on February 19.

Be in Jefferson City to give encouragement to your newly elected 2013 Senators and Representatives! Come and show that you, too, want to "Make a Difference."



Pro-Life Election Results In Missouri

Missouri's pro-life representation in the U. S. House of Representatives remains strong with six of eight seats held by proven pro-life representatives.

While the election kept one of the Missouri's U. S. Senate seats in anti-life hands, we are thankful that Sen. Roy Blunt is in Washington to speak for pro-life concerns.

Both houses of Missouri's General Assembly remain strongly pro-life with veto-proof majorities.

No endorsed candidates were elected to statewide office.

In a year that was disappointing in some important elections, Missouri Right to Life PAC candidates nonetheless won in 63% of their races.

It's thanks to your support that Missouri Right to Life is able to continue its life-saving work.

Please donate now by returning a gift in the enclosed envelope.

Missouri Right to Life PAC spreads billboards across the state



Through the support of many, Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee was able to get the “vote pro-life” message on the highways and byways of Missouri. It reached not only those involved in pro-life work, but everyone who rides the roads. The picture above shows one of the billboards erected in the Springfield area.

With the simple statement that “your vote is their voice,” people were reminded that elections do have consequences -- not just for the voters, but for everyone, born and unborn. The statewide billboard campaign did change minds and hearts - and helped to continue the pro-life majority in the Missouri General Assembly.

Our regions and chapters contribute such valuable support to Missouri Right to Life. For 2012, we recognize and thank the following for their donations:

Barton County Chapter-MRL
Eastern Region-MRL
East Central Area Chapter-MRL
Hannibal Chapter-MRL
Johnson County Chapter-MRL
Kirksville Chapter-MRL
Northeast Region-MRL
Pony Express Chapter-MRL
Sedalia Chapter-MRL
Shelby County Chapter-MRL
Western Region-MRL



And Missouri Right to Life is pleased to announce and welcomes the following new chapters to our pro-life family:

Greater St. Louis Area Right to Life, Chairman: Steve Rupp, steve.rupp@the-team.biz, 314-397-0847

St. Charles Right to Life, Chairman: Gerard Nieters, gerardnieters@charter.net, 314-368-8460

Warren County Right to Life, Chairman: Diane Foland, dianefoland@centurylink.net, 636-359-2098

Texas County Right to Life, Chairman: Daniel Broyles, 417-962-0543

If you live in any of these areas, contact the chairman to join the worthwhile pro-life work being done. They'd love to have you!

If you are interested in starting a Missouri Right to Life chapter, contact the state office at 573-635-5110.

Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



Missouri Right to Life-Western Region's annual Life Banquet in October drew a large crowd of pro-lifers who enjoyed good fellowship, entertainment by Burnt Ends, and featured speaker filmmaker Jack Cahill whose 2009 film “Thine Eyes” provides a stirring insight into the pro-life movement through the passion, sincerity, and simple eloquence and visual appearances of the young people participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. (Pictures by Phil Muellner)



Above - 40 Days for Life/Columbia sidewalk counselors met for training with Msgr. Phillip Reilly, founder of Helpers of God's Most Precious Infants. Msgr. Reilly has been praying outside of Brooklyn NY abortion clinics for over 40 years. Abortion has been legal in New York since before Roe v. Wade. He shared his philosophy and his techniques to "save souls". What an honor and a blessing! The abortion clinic that he has prayed in front of for 22 years, the oldest abortion clinic in Brooklyn, just recently closed.

Did you know . . .

During the Fall 2012 40 Days for Life campaign, 821 babies were saved from abortion! In addition, six abortion workers quit their jobs ... and one Planned Parenthood abortion center closed its doors forever five days after the campaign ended!

The dates for the upcoming 40 Days for Life campaign are February 13 – March 24.

Have you been to pray at a 40 Days for Life vigil yet? You may ask, "What do I do?" or "What sign should I bring?" The answer is simple; the only sign you really need to bring is yourself, for you represent God's love. Check 40daysforlife.com for information on vigils in your area.

Look what **YOU** did in 2012!

- Put up pro-life billboards across Missouri.
- Supplied literature and displays for countless pro-life events across the state.
- Took over 3,500 Missourians to the Washington DC March for Life.
- Held Pro-Life Action Day in Jefferson City with thousands in attendance.
- Gave thousands of hand-outs with pro-life information to voters.
- Elected a strong pro-life majority in the Missouri House and the Missouri Senate.
- Maintained two MRL websites with pro-life information and updates.
- Kept the doors open, serving the pro-life community, at the MRL State office and two region offices.
- Ensured MRL's constant presence on pro-life issues at the State Capitol.
- And so much more!

You make good things happen!
A huge, huge "Thanks!" to you!



40th Annual National March for Life

Join Missouri pro-lifers and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capital marking the anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the U. S.

St. Louis Missouri Life Caravan - Jan. 24 - 26 Departs from several locations in St. Louis city and county, Jefferson county, and St. Charles county. Reservation deadline Dec. 29. For information, contact MRL-Eastern Region 314-434-4900 or email LifeCaravan@missourilife.org

Missouri Chooses Life Trip - Jan. 23 - 27 (NOTE: this is a longer pilgrimage trip) Departs from Washington MO and South St. Louis. Reservation deadline Dec. 15. For information, contact Marisol Pfaff 314-481-8408 or cell 314-608-7029

March for Life Pilgrimage - sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Jan. 23 - 26 Departs St. Joseph and Blue Springs (NOTE: the deadline for registering for this trip is/was Dec. 12. For information on possible space available, contact Michelle at strauss@diocesekcsj.org or Bill at francis@diocesekcsj.org)

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*A little child,
a shining star,
a stable rude,
the door ajar.
Yet in that place
so crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all
the world was born.*

Christmas blessings to you!