



Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

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Endless Love

Carol Tobias, National Right to Life President

As the right-to-life movement enters the 40th year of legalized abortion on demand in our country, it's appropriate to look at the current state of affairs. Fifty-five million children have been killed by abortion. It's difficult to comprehend that number. Almost 18% of our entire population, that number is equal to the population of the entire middle portion of the country. It's almost the population of New York and California.

How different our country would be today if those 20- and 30-somethings were working, maybe creating jobs for others, getting married and raising children of their own. Grandchildren are missing, having been erased from the family tree. Women are hurting, knowing they cannot reverse the decision that took from them a part of their own life.

Our loss of respect for the innocent human life of that, oh so little, unborn child has created a mind set that no human life is special. If some elderly person is taking up necessary space in a hospital or nursing home, let's determine that food and water are medical treatment and consider them to be unnecessary. Is a disabled person taking up too many medical resources and not giving enough back to the state? Deny him or her treatment. . . .

As pro-lifers, how do we respond? As I look at who we are and what we do, I think that can be summed up in one word -- LOVE.

The right-to-life movement is the movement of love. Most of us have attended a wedding where those famous words from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, are read:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

While those words are wonderful for a couple looking to spend the rest of their lives together, how much more appropriate are they for those who seek to help and protect others simply because those others exist.

We work to save people we will never meet. Whether those persons are unborn babies saved from abortion, or elderly and disabled persons saved from euthanasia, they may never know that our efforts and our intervention made it possible for them to live. What a beautiful expression of love.

That love is also endless in that we will never give up. We sometimes have setbacks, . . . but we keep on because love doesn't give up, it doesn't end.

Everything we do, we do because of and with love. We work to better inform our friends and neighbors, our community and our states about the precious gift of human life; that each and every human life has value, and is deserving of dignity and respect. We will talk about the fact that 22 days after fertilization, an unborn child's heart begins to beat -- with her own blood, not her mother's. By five weeks, eyes, legs, and hands are developing. By six weeks, brain waves can be detected and fingers are forming. At 20 weeks, that unborn child can feel pain.

We work with young people to help them understand that *all* human beings, no matter how small or how (im)perfect, have the right to live.

Pro-lifers work with pregnant women who aren't looking with excitement and joy at the new life growing inside them. This child is coming at an inopportune time in her life. We offer support, encouragement, and practical help as she works through the situation.

We work with legislators to pass legislation that will protect unborn children to the extent possibly allowed under current Supreme Court rulings. We work with them to save those vulnerable to death by the withholding of medical care, and even the withholding of food and water. We oppose the rationing of lifesaving medical care. It would be easier to watch TV, take a walk in the park, or visit with friends, but organizing support for protective legislation is important. Again -- trying to save fellow human beings we will likely never meet.

And yes, we will continue to work in the political arena to elect candidates who will work with us to protect innocent human life.

The late Bob Casey, former governor of Pennsylvania, said, "In the long term, our cultural unease with abortion, this refusal to drop the subject, is our most hopeful sign of health. Other countries, sadly, have more or less learned to live with it; they don't see it as anything to get worked up about. But not here. This thing -- this horrible thing, so contrary to our ideals, our inclusiveness, our kindness, our love for one another -- has been grafted onto American society. But it is not a functioning organ . . . It won't take. It won't heal. The body rejects it."

You are the reason America is still uneasy about abortion. You have kept abortion at the top of the "social issues" list. There are estimates that at least one million people are alive today, who otherwise would have been aborted, because of your work.

The right-to-life movement loves, not in word or talk, but in deed and in truth. May God bless us all as we continue this work of love.

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Carol Tobias will be your special guest at the June 15th Statewide Meeting & Luncheon. Be sure to come meet her!

Thought You'd Like To Know . . .



Missouri Company Wins Another Battle Against HHS Abortion Mandate

The Obama administration's notorious abortion pill mandate – which forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties – is taking on water fast, as the reality sinks in with judges across the country that the measure is a massive legal assault on religious freedom.

A Missouri-based, family-owned plumbing products manufacturer [in Peculiar, MO] near Kansas City, Sioux Chief Manufacturing Company, is the latest company to win a court order against the mandate, bringing the total number of court rulings against the mandate to 12 compared to four in its favor. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys and allied attorneys are representing Sioux Chief in a federal lawsuit filed last month.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Western Division, issued its injunction in the case, pending a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit with regard to one of two appeals in other lawsuits challenging the abortion pill mandate. The Obama administration did not oppose the injunction.

"The Obama administration should understand that it cannot force Americans to abandon their beliefs at the door of the workplace," says Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Kevin Theriot. "The Constitution simply doesn't allow the government to involve itself in religion by deciding what faith is, who the faithful are, and when and where their faith may be lived out. Confining our faith to our homes and our churches is not the job of Washington bureaucrats."

In addition to the Sioux Chief case, Alliance Defending Freedom staff and allied attorneys are litigating eight other lawsuits with equally profound implications for your future, that of your family, and that of a large cross-section of Evangelical, Protestant, and Catholic believers whose conscience and faith requires them to object to the mandate.

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Inspiring national news about pro-life Missourians

And A Child Shall Lead Them

When Jalen Clyburn asked her mom about doing an extra-curricular activity two and a half years ago, it wasn't the kind you'd normally expect. No request to join the swim team or pleading to learn piano. Jalen wanted to form her own group -- a pro-life club for other kids her age.

It all started with a Focus on the Family radio broadcast. "There was this lady named Abby Johnson who worked at a Planned Parenthood facility," Jalen recalled. "They were going to do an ultrasound abortion and she saw the ultrasound. She said, 'What have I been doing?' and then she turned pro-life."

That story affected Jalen profoundly, partly because her baby brother had been born just a few months earlier. "If mom would have had an abortion, then I never would have gotten to meet Peter," she said.

That lit a fire in 8-year-old Jalen. The following day she made posters to carry around her neighborhood. "One of them was a stork carrying a baby in a little blanket, and another had a machine where you put clay in one side and babies came out the other side. I wanted to show that babies were a miracle of God, like Adam and Eve."

But that wasn't the end of it. Next came the pro-life club for kids. "I put her off for a year and a half," said Sara Yacks, Jalen's mom. "I wondered if this was like a puppy. You know how kids are. You get the puppy and three weeks later the puppy belongs to the parents."

"Early in 2012 I had this sense from the Lord, like He was saying, 'This isn't a puppy; these are babies,'" Sara told Citizen. "God was telling me this was something he implanted in her."

So Sara relented, allowing her then 9-year-old daughter to form the club.

"My goal when I first started the club was to end all abortion," Jalen said. "I was thinking once we got bigger we could go to the Capitol and get a law [passed] to make abortion illegal in Missouri. But for now we're helping local pregnancy facilities."

Last year, Sara took Jalen to see George Heib, executive director of the Free Women's Center of Pulaski County, Mo.

"I told her she was too young to volunteer, but there were a few events she could help with," Heib noted. "Jalen came up with the idea of the Save the Babies Kids Club."

The first project was a bake sale to raise money for new shelves and clothing racks at the clinic's free boutique for expectant mothers. "Our goal was \$450, but we made \$1,200," Jalen said. "That was pretty neat because God did it for us."

Last September, she participated in the Free Women's Center Walk and Run for Life. She was the top fundraiser, collecting \$2,600.

Then, last December Jalen and her club tried something more ambitious: spurred on by her desire to help the clinic pay its liability and property insurance bill, she decided to put on a father-daughter ball just before Christmas. She contacted local media, including Spirit FM 91.7, a network of nine Christian radio stations in south-central Missouri.

"My first thought was, 'Is a little girl going to be able to pull this off?'" said "General" Jim McDermott, who co-hosts the network's Morning Show. "But after seeing the flyer, talking to her and realizing this was for such a great cause, I just wanted to see her do well."

McDermott created a promotional spot that ran for several weeks on all nine stations. He also talked about the event on the Morning Show.

Jalen and her sister Ariel posted signs, handed out flyers, created a Facebook page, and solicited donations.

About 75 dads and daughters attended on Dec. 21 -- an enormous success, despite the fact that Jalen fell short of her fundraising goal. "We received a grant for half of the insurance premium, and Jalen helped with the rest," said Heib.

"Jalen has helped us out a lot by raising awareness in the community," he added. "Last year we saved 10 babies whose moms were abortion-minded, and 30 more whose moms were abortion-vulnerable."

McDermott said children have brought in their piggy banks to support the station over the years, but "I can't think of anything at the level of this father-daughter banquet. It's unusual for someone that age to be that concerned about the unborn and be willing to do something about it. I think she's rare in that respect—a good kind of rare!"

Editor's note: This is a condensed version of an article that appeared in Citizen Magazine. For the complete story, visit <http://www.citizenlink.com/2013/03/25/when-life-gives-you-lemons/>

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Thanks for being part of our pro-life family. You're an angel!



From the Vice President

Dear Friend of Life,

Is the world upside down, or is it just me? I remember Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to you that call evil good and good evil." All the signs point to a nation that is doing just that.

Our own government is *forcing* Americans who own businesses to carry insurance benefits that cover abortions. When these business owners object on moral and religious grounds, they are told by that government to shut up. Religious institutions in this battle are being told that the government will decide who is, and who is not, religious. When churches object, they too are told to shut up.

That same government is attacking the sacred institution of marriage by shoving "gay marriage" down the throats of its people. This disintegration of marriage is taking us away from God's plan for the sexual nature of a man and a woman: to create life and to give love in the covenant of marriage. That is the foundation of society. The perversion of that foundation leads to a society with no moral compass.

Examples are everywhere. The culture glorifies Sandra Fluke for wanting the government to pay for her illicit sexual behavior. Our government has classified pregnancy as a disease that is to be prevented at all costs. Some call children expensive, preventable products of an act of sex that should carry no consequences. Some call abortion the perfect answer to those "accidents" that inevitably occur. Remember the words of our President, "I wouldn't want my daughters punished with a baby" as a result of their future sexual exploits. And Planned Parenthood takes a half a billion dollars of our taxes to "educate" children how to have oral sex. (www.takecaredownthere.org)

Sometimes my reaction to all of this moral chaos is to want to exact revenge on the people who are destroying our nation. I think of Matthew 18:6, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." Then I realize -- I must leave it in His hands.



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God bless and keep the faith!

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Latest MO/Kansas Abortion Numbers

Focus, a publication of the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, has interesting notes in their 2011 Vital statistics information. According to the report:

- Missouri resident abortions decreased by 5.9 percent in 2011 as 9,225 abortions occurred to Missouri women compared with 9,796 in 2010. This represents the lowest count since the mid 1970s.

Additionally, The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has published a preliminary report titled *Abortions in Kansas, 2012, Preliminary Report*. From this report, WIBW-TV in Topeka notes that the number of Missouri women getting abortions in Kansas dropped 3.7%.

In 2011, 3,857 Missouri women had abortions in Kansas. The one year decline from 2011 to 2012 is 143 abortions (3,857 - 3,714).



Was Jo Ann Emerson your congresswoman?

Then this is for you!

State Rep. Jason Smith endorsed by MRL PAC for 8th U. S. Congressional seat

Dave Plemmons, MRL PAC Chairman

Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee (MRL PAC) is proud to exclusively support pro-life Missouri State Representative Jason Smith (R-Salem) in the 8th Congressional district special election scheduled for June 4th. We urge pro-life southeast Missourians to support his election to the U. S. Congress.

This southeast Missouri district seat was vacated with the resignation of Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson in January. It stretches from Douglas County on the west to Jefferson County on the north and is bordered by the state lines to the east and to the south.

Representative Smith serves as the Speaker Pro-Tem of the Missouri House and has been elected by the voters of the 150th district since 2006. He has a solid commitment to the pro-life work important to Missourians and has demonstrated his desire to protect innocent human lives many times over as a lawmaker.

During the last two years, Jason Smith has cast several important votes that have secured the respect of MRL PAC due to the gravity of the issues in question. One of these was the September 23rd, 2011, Special Session vote on the MOSIRA bill (Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act), the controversial bill that would have set up a funding mechanism for embryonic stem cell research and human cloning through biotech tax incentives.

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Jason Smith supported the protective language that Missouri Right to Life sought for the MOSIRA bill, and when that language was narrowly defeated, Smith stayed with his principles and voted against MOSIRA's final passage.

In 2012, during another Special Session, he voted to support a bill to protect the religious freedom and conscience rights of employers faced with the Obamacare mandates for insurance coverage of abortion, contraception, and sterilization.

This bill had been vetoed by Governor Jay Nixon after the regular session, and the override vote was barely won by a pro-life bipartisan majority of 109 votes to pass the bill into law. Sadly, a vote to sustain Nixon's veto was cast by Rep. Steve Hodges (D-East Prairie) who had a good pro-life voting record beforehand. Hodges is one of Smith's opponents in the 8th District race.

Much like some of Jason Smith's Republican opponents for the 8th District nomination, who tarnished their pro-life records on the MOSIRA vote in 2011, Hodges' vote to sustain this anti-life veto has electoral implications, and MRL PAC cannot support him for Congress due to this vote.

MRL PAC wholeheartedly endorses Rep. Jason Smith in the 8th Congressional contest on June 4th, and we urge pro-life southeast Missourians to support his election.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE CELEBRATES LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Geard Nieters, Legislative Chairman

Susan Klein, Legislative Liaison

Missouri Right to Life celebrates Missouri Supreme Court ruling declaring MOSIRA unconstitutional

A significant victory came on Tuesday, March 19, with the Missouri Supreme Court's decision to hold the Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) to be unconstitutional. Although it was held to be unconstitutional on the grounds of a Hammerschmidt problem (legislation with multiple issues), Missouri Right to Life applauds the victory and the fact that innocent human lives will not be destroyed in the lab using our tax dollars.

Another victory is the reinstatement of the Pregnancy Resource Center tax credits. The broad-based benevolent tax credit bill (SB 20) has multiple tax credits to help the poor and disabled. Pregnancy Resource Center tax credits help these centers raise the funds needed to aid women in crisis pregnancies choose life for their unborn babies.

Challenges in final weeks of session

With the defeat of MOSIRA, we expect a more subversive attack by those who support human cloning and embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) in order to gain access to our tax dollars in the months and years to come. The supporters of the deceptive Amendment 2 from 2006 did not spend over \$30 million just to walk away now. Missouri Right to Life is working to defeat any access to our tax dollars to clone human beings for research or do research on innocent human embryos.

Other pro-life legislation is at different stages in the process waiting for legislative action.

While conscience protections for medical professionals, prohibiting sex-selection abortions, and protections for pharmacy owners and pregnancy resource center personnel are all very important, one of the most pressing issues is the regulation of web-cam abortions.

Web-cam abortions are those done by a video conferencing system where the abortionist is at one location and uses a closed circuit TV to talk with a woman at another location over a computer video screen and dispenses dangerous chemical abortifacients without personally interacting with the woman.

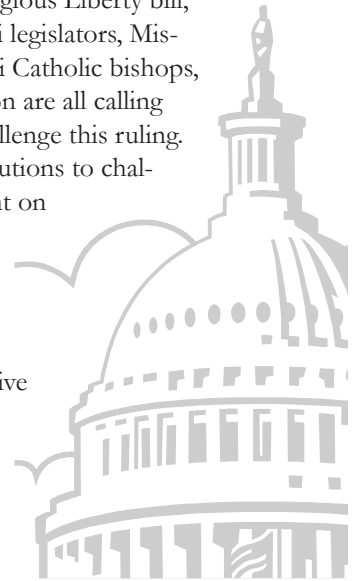
If web-cam abortions are allowed to begin in Missouri, we could see abortion numbers skyrocket. When web-cam abortions began in Iowa, they went from five to approximately seventeen abortion clinics. We do not want that to happen in Missouri. We are asking our legislators to be proactive and pass

SB 175, sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford, or HB 400, sponsored by Representative Jeanie Riddle and co-sponsored by a bipartisan majority of 115 House members, to ban web-cam abortions in Missouri. Eight other states have passed similar legislation, and Missouri should be next.

Another pressing issue is the attack on our religious liberty. Missouri efforts to affirm that liberty received a setback when Judge Audrey Fleissig, appointed by President Obama, ruled last year's SB 749, the Religious Liberty bill, to be unconstitutional. Missouri legislators, Missouri Right to Life, the Missouri Catholic bishops, and Missouri Baptist Convention are all calling on the Attorney General to challenge this ruling. Together we are looking for solutions to challenge Washington's infringement on this basic right. We are also asking Attorney General Chris Koster to fight to protect Missourians' Religious Liberties.

The 2013 Missouri Legislative Session ends on Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. Watch the weekly e-blasts for legislative updates and requested actions.

And, of course, please pray for Missouri Right to Life in the last weeks of the 2013 Legislative session!



Missouri Right to Life applauds Missouri Senate for passage of Pharmacy Protection Legislation

Missouri Right to Life applauds those in the Missouri Senate who voted for passage of SB 126 on April 4. This legislation, sponsored by Senator David Sater (R-29), simply states that licensed pharmacies cannot be required to carry or maintain inventory of any specific drug or device. This will give protection to pharmacy owners from lawsuits by those who would seek to force them to carry abortifacient drugs or devices.

Although this legislation is not specific to the abortion issue, the broad language covers pharmacy owners who would seek to stand on their religious and moral beliefs not to carry abortifacient drugs or devices.

The bill now moves to the House for consideration. Watch the weekly e-blasts for House action on this legislation.



Do you receive Missouri Right to Life's weekly email update *Missouri Lifeline*? It keeps you informed on pro-life activities and up-to-date on important legislation.

Request *Missouri Lifeline* by emailing the state office at righttolife@missourilife.org

We are there . . .

. . . at the 2013 March for Life in Washington, DC

Over 3000 Missourians joined 500,000+ to witness to the sanctity of life.



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. . . at the 2013 Pro-Life Action Day at Missouri's State Capitol

Another successful Missouri Right to Life lobby day in Jefferson City. The number of young pro-lifers in attendance gives credence to their belief, "We are the pro-life generation."



Photos: Philip Muellner



Pro-Life Across Missouri

- Welcome to Missouri Right to Life's newest chapter, **Howell County Chapter-MRL**. We're so happy to have you in our pro-life network and our pro-life family!
- Congratulations to our two **St. Charles County Chapter-MRL** representatives who participated in the Liferunners Relay! Thank you and congratulations to Mary Kutchback and to Teresa Laugeman who were our runners! Both completed their designated leg of 3.2 miles and witnessed to the beautiful sanctity of unborn children along the way with a pro-life message on their running shirts.

save \$ date

May 16, 17, 18

33rd Annual Right to Life Yard Sale - Hannibal LaGrange Univ., Mabee Sports Complex.

May 16 - Sneak Preview
4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (\$1.00)
May 17 - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
May 18 - 8 a.m. - Noon
(50% off)

Drop-off donations accepted May 13-15 from 8 - 4:30 p.m. No computers, televisions or mattresses. To volunteer, call Pat Murphy, 573-221-9920.

Friday, May 24

MRL Western Region's *Life Is Good Golf Tournament*, Eagles' Landing Golf Course, Belton MO. For information, contact the Western Region office, 816-353-4113.

Saturday, June 15

Missouri Right to Life Statewide Luncheon & Meeting
(see info on back cover)

She's counting on you!

1, 2, 3 . . .

1. **Pray for a return of respect for life!**
2. **Continue defending life!**
3. **Send your most generous gift to support the mission of Missouri Right to Life!**



Thank You!

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Life, Love, Liberty ~ 40 Years Later

Join Missouri Right to Life for a Very Special Luncheon & Meeting

June 15th, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m.

*We have been so greatly blessed by our very dedicated Chapters, Members, and Founders.
You have persevered for many years and maintained an active presence in your community.*

Or you have more recently dedicated yourself to this vital ministry.

Do you want to establish a pro-life group in your hometown and aren't sure where to begin?

*Wherever you fit into this picture, Missouri Right to Life invites you to come together with others
who understand your mission. We will visit, share, and inspire each other!*

*Our very special guest will be
Carol Tobias, National Right to Life President*

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