

## Missouri Right to Life Federal Political Action Committee Endorses President Donald J. Trump for Re-Election



Missouri Right to Life Federal Political Action Committee proudly endorses Donald J. Trump for the 2020 Presidential race. Trump is on the right side of our freedoms for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. For pro-lifers, the right to life is where it all begins!

Trump's Presidential record on life includes:

**Defunding Planned Parenthood:** President Trump supports directing funding away from Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. In 2017, President Trump signed a resolution that will once again allow states to defund certain abortion facilities in their federally funded family planning programs. 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.

**Supreme Court:** President Trump has appointed U.S. Supreme Court justices consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

**Mexico City Policy:** President Trump restored the Mexico City Policy preventing tax funds from being given to organizations that perform abortions or lobby to change abortion laws around the world. He later expanded the policy to prevent \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry.

**Protecting Unborn Children:** President Trump supports the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This act would prohibit abortions on unborn children capable of feeling pain.

**Ethical Research:** The Trump Administration has taken additional steps to ensure that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will not be funding its own research that uses tissue from elective abortions and will continue to pursue development of ethical alternatives.

To date, all Presidential nominees for the Democrat Party are extreme pro-abortion supporters.

Because of President Donald Trump's work to fight for innocent human lives on every issue, Missouri Right to Life Federal Political Action Committee is proud to give a single endorsement to him for President for the 2020 Presidential Race.

## Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee Endorses Mike Parson for Governor

Missouri Right to Life State PAC proudly endorses Gov. Mike Parson for the 2020 Missouri Gubernatorial race.

Governor Parson has staunchly defended the right to life -- from conception to natural death. He is a valiant supporter of the Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act and was instrumental in its passage in the 2019 general session of the legislature.

President Trump has given Governor Mike Parson his complete and total endorsement for Governor in 2020. President Trump said, "I am pleased to endorse Governor Mike Parson of Missouri. He is very popular, strong, and knows what he is doing -- he gets it!"

During his announcement speech for the 2020 race, Gov. Parson emphasized his pro-life beliefs. He spoke of his newest grandchild, saying, "Holding my granddaughter in my arms, my first thought is how blessed I am as a husband, as a father, and as a grandfather. ... An experience like that makes you appreciate even more that all life is precious and that's why we will fight hard to protect the unborn. Everyone ... everyone should have the right to life!"

Because of Governor Parsons support for all innocent human life, Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee is pleased to give a single endorsement to him for a full term as Governor of Missouri in the 2020 Gubernatorial race.



Susan Klein, Missouri Right to Life Executive Director, and Governor Mike Parson at the announcement of his run in the 2020 Missouri Gubernatorial race.

As part of “Caring for women with kindness, courtesy, justice, love & respect,” Carhart remarks that “Many patients request a remembrance of their baby to take home with them.”

We're frequently told that Carhart is one of a mere handful of abortionists willing to take the lives of babies late into the third trimester. Thank goodness they are few and far between.

He told a stunned [Hilary] Andersson: “The baby has no input in this as far as I’m concerned.”

She asked: "And you don't have a problem with killing a baby?"



## Illinois Police Find Thousands Of Aborted Baby Remains At Abortionist's Home

CBS 2 reports, "More than 2,200 medically preserved fetal remains were found

Kermit Gosnell would be proud.



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*You are the sunshine in our day!*

*From the Executive Director ~*

## Teamwork ..... the 2020 Vision

**M**any of you have fought the fight to protect innocent little lives for years. You have helped women choose life and helped them with their needs as they have struggled through difficult situations. You have helped to educate people in your local communities about pro-life issues. You have worked fair booths, prayed on sidewalks, organized walks for life, and donated your time and energy on many levels for garage sales, banquets, golf tournaments, and pro-life movie events.



Susan Klein

Your good work is saving babies and protecting women!

Our work in the legislature brought us the most pro-life bill in the United States and in Missouri history. While the court battles are ongoing to defend the portions of HB 126 challenged by the abortion industry and to close the last abortion clinic in Missouri, the good work of our pro-life legislators and pro-life statewide officials is saving babies and protecting women!

2020 is on the horizon and many wonder what it will bring .... the end of Roe, the closing of the last abortion clinic in Missouri, continued pro-life majorities in Missouri and Washington? While we hope and pray for these to happen, we must make plans for the work ahead to give us a fighting chance to continue our life-saving work. 2020 is a big election year, and the work of our MRL Political Action Committees (PACs) and you will determine whether we have pro-life leaders that are willing to work to save babies and protect women!

Our 2020 vision for Missouri is to continue to build a safe place for families to thrive and want to choose life for their unborn children. We want our Missouri to continue to show the nation that we "Stand for the Unborn"! This will only come through "teamwork" with you , our MRL PACs, and our pro-life public officials. So, put on your glasses, your work boots, and get ready for 2020. Our vision looking forward is to win the battles to save babies and protect women. And for that to happen, we need you!

Gratefully,

*Susan Klein*

*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12.1



## Men's abortion regret: "I've thought about it every day for 32 years."

~ Cassy Fiano-Chesser

For most people, abortion is seen strictly as a women's issue. But while women can suffer grief and trauma from abortion, men can as well — yet their voices are often left out of the conversation. How does abortion affect fathers? A BBC article sought to examine just that.

Calling it "The men who feel left out of US abortion debate," the BBC interviewed several men whose children died in abortion. For them, it was a horrible experience that changed them forever. "I was in my 30s living the good single life in Dallas," Karl Locker recounted. When he found out a girlfriend of his was pregnant, he said he felt like "one of those wolves with its leg caught in a trap." Still, he said he tried to do the right thing. "I tried everything, I offered to marry her, to take the baby myself, or to offer it up for adoption," he said. "She said she could never give her child up for adoption — it didn't make cognitive sense."

Though Locker gave her his support, driving her to the abortion facility, the knowledge of what he had done haunted him. "I didn't know how I was going to survive; I wasn't going to jump off a bridge, but I probably would have drank myself to death," he said. "I've thought about what happened every day for the last 32 years."

Chuck Raymond said his girlfriend had an abortion in the 1970s when she was 18. "Men are meant to be protectors, so there is a sense of failure — failing to protect



the mother and the unborn child, failing to be responsible," he said. "There is incredible guilt and shame about having not done that." Originally, he had felt a pregnancy would interfere with his plans to attend West Point military academy, which does not allow cadets who are married or raising children. But the trauma eventually resurfaced. "Once I was involved in training, I got caught up in everything and suppressed the event, keeping it out of my

consciousness. Years later though, I realized that a tragedy had occurred, and we had made a tragic choice," he explained, comparing it to post-traumatic stress disorder.

34-year-old Theo Purington said his girlfriend had an abortion against his wishes, leaving him "depressed."

"People don't see it, they keep men out of it," he told the BBC. "If men had to sign off on an abortion, I think you would see a 50% drop, and that's why the [abortion providers] don't want men involved. The greatest injustice in this country today is that a man cannot protect his unborn child from abortion [in the same way as] men protecting our children is part of our responsibility."

Kevin Burke, who helps organize post-abortion retreats for Rachel's Vineyard, says the silence helps prevent healing. "Because of the rhetoric out there, people can't address what is there, which is a sense of loss, and affects men and women whether you went into it pro-choice or not. But you are not given permission to speak about any of that, so you can't process it," he explained. "The abortion experience for men, especially with previous father loss, abuse and trauma, can contribute to the other issues that can lead men to express their grief, loss and rage from childhood abuse, and their abortion experiences, in destructive ways. What we have learned is they seem to interact in a kind of toxic synergy."

Men have begun speaking out more frequently about the loss and grief they feel after abortion. While abortion is always a death sentence for a preborn child, it doesn't deliver the freedom parents believe it will give them. Instead, it chains them to a lifetime of pain and regret.

*This article appeared at LiveAction.org 9/10/2019*

## Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act Could Challenge Roe v Wade

Could Missouri's new pro-life law test the 1973 SCOTUS decision?

A recent article by Clyde Hughes of UPI discussed the possibility of the numerous new state abortion restrictions across the country taking the issue back to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the article, he notes a comment by Chuck Donovan, President of the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute. Donovan said Missouri's new law, the Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act (HB126), could well be the law that challenges Roe v Wade -- could be that one that pro-life people have been awaiting.

Donovan said, "[It] is an interesting law because it's a smorgasbord of proposals, including one that outlaws abortion when the baby can feel pain at the 20 week's gestation stage. That's a provision that has about 70 percent public support."

He continued, "[The ban] dovetails into the stage of pregnancy where more babies are being treated in the womb either surgically, or around that time they can survive outside the womb. These are scientific medical facts that did not exist at the time of Roe v Wade."

Let us pray and hope, through the grace of God, that he is correct.

### **Alert ~**

**A group called "Healthcare for Missouri" has filed a petition and will be collecting signatures to expand Medicaid in Missouri. MRL's position in the legislature opposes Medicaid expansion because it will increase the number of abortions -- and be paid for with public tax dollars.**

**Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee recommends that you NOT sign this petition.**

# You Shine the Light of Life!

~ Carol Tobias, President  
National Right to Life

Does it seem to you as if the world is going a bit crazy?

Everyone talks about civility and how words matter, but it seems as if few listen. Everyone thinks someone else is responsible for the disparaging rhetoric and hostile attitudes too often evident in our public discourse.

Perhaps at this moment in history, pro-lifers can be a light to the country. We've been on the receiving end of an endless stream of disparaging remarks for decades (check your local news outlets) yet refuse to return in kind.

Why?

Why would we return kind for kind when we respect the lives of all human beings, beginning with the little ones who have no voice, and extending to their mothers?

Proof?

We open our arms and our hearts to those women who have had an abortion, even though we fervently wish their decision had been for life. They need healing, even when — especially when -- they don't know it.

We pray for those in the abortion industry, along with political leaders who support those in the business of taking the lives of preborn children. Is it an accident that Planned Parenthood, the worst offender of them all, is in self-inflicted turmoil?

I think not.

Certainly, we are angered by the cheapening of human life. It is difficult to fathom the callousness that allows some abortion proponents to suggest that killing an unborn child is no more momentous than having a tooth pulled or an appendix removed.

But we redirect that anger into productive channels — into education and political action. The governors and state legislators who are so rabidly pro-abortion that they pass laws to remove any protection from unborn children up to, and even after birth,

need to hear from us. And they do!

We publicize the truth that almost all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives, under the leadership of Nancy Pelosi, refuse to sign a discharge petition that would allow the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to be brought to the floor of the House for a vote.

Their excuses for not signing ring hollow. No matter how often they say otherwise, babies do survive abortions. Requiring nothing more than treatment equal to what any other baby of a similar gestational age receives is justice.

As Sen. Ben Sasse said, "Everyone in the Senate ought to be able to say unequivocally that killing that little baby is wrong. This doesn't take any political courage, and if you can't say that, if there is a member in this body who can't say that, there may be lots of work you can do in the world, but you shouldn't be here."

I would say to opponents, "Open your eyes and your hearts. How can you be so cold-hearted?"

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Let me close with this.

We work to educate fellow Americans about the tragedy that is each life lost to abortion and the remorse felt by many women who wish they had made a different choice — for life.

We work to elect pro-life men and women who will use their votes to speak up for the more than 926,000 powerless preborn babies who will die this year.

We work to pass laws to the extent possible, presenting opportunities for courts to begin unraveling Roe v Wade. Each bill, even those that do not pass, fractures Roe's crumbling foundation.

We work to help women facing a crisis pregnancy. So often lacking support, they rush to Planned Parenthood without ever exploring the help that is available in this difficult time. We want them to know there is a better way.

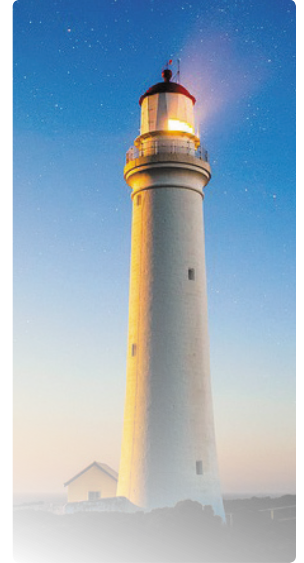
Pro-lifers are frequently and unfairly accused of not caring about the mother and child after birth. This has never been the case and surely not today with the expansion of women-helping centers around the country. These champions help young moms learn how to be better parents, how to get jobs, and how to bring order to their oft-times chaotic personal lives. Some offer classes to fathers -- including those in prison -- so they know how to be better fathers.

I know pro-lifers who take in foster children and who adopt children -- including those with special needs. I know pro-lifers who feed the hungry and open their homes to pregnant women. I know pro-life people who donate their time to help young children improve their reading ability and who visit sick children in hospitals.

Pro-lifers exhibit positive attitudes and exemplary attributes. They work to make life better for those around them. Being pro-life is a lifestyle. In short, pro-lifers epitomize the best of America.

America can and should be a shining city on a hill, a place where human life is respected and protected.

Within that city, it is pro-lifers who shine the light of life.



# Pro-Life Across Missouri

## save the date

**Sunday,  
October 13**

**St. Louis Respect Life Convention** at the St. Charles Convention Center. Information/Registration at [www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate](http://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate)

**Thursday,  
October 17**

**East Central Missouri Right to Life "Celebrate Life" Banquet** at Jesuit Hall, St. Francis Borgia Parish, Washington, MO, 6:30 p.m. Guest Speakers Pam Fichter, past President of MRL, and Fritz Alfermann, Director of Pregnancy Assistance Center of Washington, Mo. FREE EVENT. Please bring a covered dish.

**Saturday,  
November 9**

**Missouri Right to Life Annual Membership meeting and Missouri Right to Life Statewide Leadership Meeting**, 10 a.m. Pleus Hall, 1206 E McCarty, Jefferson City.

**Thursday,  
November 14,**

**Showing of the movie "Gosnell"** at Pauline Book & Media, 9804 Watson Rd, St. Louis, MO, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday,  
December 8**

**Missouri Right to Life Celebration of Life Banquet**, Orlando Event Center, Maryland Heights, MO. Cocktails 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m. Featured speaker Claire Culwell, abortion survivor. Award recipient Senator Roy Blunt. Information at [www.easternregionmrl.org/dinner-auction](http://www.easternregionmrl.org/dinner-auction)

### Memo from Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee

Special elections for several Missouri House of Representatives seats will be held on Tuesday, November 5.

These open seats are in the Barry County area (Dist. 158), the Kansas City area (Districts 22 and 36), the St. Louis area (Districts 74 and 78), and west St. Louis county (District 99).

Please go to the MRL State PAC webpage, [www.missourilife-pac.org](http://www.missourilife-pac.org), to determine who the endorsed pro-life candidates are.

## Thank you, Congresswoman Ann Wagner!

On September 10, Republicans in the U.S. House held a minority hearing on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a bill that would protect babies who survive abortions. By means of a discharge petition, Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R-MO2) and Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) have tried repeatedly to force a vote on the legislation in the U.S. House. Democrats, led by Nancy Pelosi, have blocked the Republicans 80 times in this effort.

As a result, the minority hearing was held. During the hearing, Rep. Wagner gave compelling support for the Act.



Congresswoman Wagner

"Over the course of 2019, radical legislators, and we've heard it all the way from New York to Illinois to Virginia, had moved to strip protections for babies who survive abortions," Rep. Ann Wagner said.

"I am shocked that [there] are even American politicians who want to deny babies lifesaving medical care. As a mother, as a grandmother, a legislator, and an advocate, I am grieved to find that we must defend something that I never thought Americans would have to fight for -- lifesaving care for babies that are born alive," she said.

We are proud of Congresswoman Wagner and thank her for her staunch support for the sanctity of life!

## Memorials & Honorariums

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

### *In honor of ~*

A new grandson  
Jane Huff  
Don & Kathy Westhoff

### *Given by ~*

Richard & Peggy Hronick  
Donna Zahn  
Leonard & Betty Westhoff

### *In memory of ~*

Raymond A Newsham  
Salvatore Riggio M.D.

### *Given by ~*

John & Pamela Warner  
Doug & Jo Brockhaus  
Jeanne Foster  
Abraham Horowitz  
Donald & Rita Deves  
Mary Ernstmann  
Mary Braddock  
MRL-Western Region  
Alexandra Colbert  
Bernard Brown

### *In memory of ~*

Lisa Fister  
Bernard Geerling

### *Given by ~*

John Heitkamp  
Joe & Sue Geerling  
Pat Metrejon  
Mary Ellis  
Joan Gray  
Timothy & Jill Rupp  
Janice Gerdes  
Jeanette Wansing  
The Kohne Family

Gene Schmittgens  
Stella Sollars

Mary Ann  
(surname not given)

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



## Western Region's Annual Fall Banquet



Featured speaker Rev. Walter Hoyer II inspired those attending MRL-Western Region's Annual Stand Up For Life Fall Banquet. Rev. Hoyer told his story of how, as a pro-life leader, he went to jail because he stood outside an abortion clinic, on a public sidewalk, with a sign saying, "God loves you and your baby. Let us help you."

Ask one of the many pro-lifers who was there to fill you in. It's a fascinating and inspiring story.

*Thankful  
Blessed  
Hopeful*

**Counting on you!**

**Please support  
the life-affirming mission  
of Missouri Right to Life.**



## MRL-Sedalia Chapter preps for the Missouri State Fair



It takes hours and hours of work to be ready for the Missouri Right to Life booth at the Missouri State Fair. And every time -- year after year -- volunteers with the Sedalia Chapter answer the call! They spend several days preparing packets to be given to those who visit

the booth, countless hours setting up the booth, and then they staff the booth every year to share the beauty of the pro-life story. They were there again this year from August 8 - 18 during the Fair dates. Hope that you were able to visit them. If not, make plans to be there next year!

**Thanks to all of you valiant LIFE warriors for your faithfulness in answering this call!**



What a beautiful day for a golf tournament! And (l-r) Joan Kaemmer, Marge Merjavy and Sandy Thompson added their talents to the MRL Ed Fund "Fore Life" Golf Tournament in St. Charles County.



The MRL-East Central Area Chapter had a great turnout for Life for the Washington Town & Country Fair Parade. Their sign's message is perfect, "Pro-Woman, Child, Life."



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Missouri Right to Life  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Saturday, November 9 10 a.m.  
Pleus Hall 1206 E McCarty St.  
Jefferson City MO



## Fall Campaign September 25 - November 3

The largest-ever 40 Days for Life campaign kicked off on September 25.

This is the first campaign since the release of Unplanned, where there was a 30% increase in participation.

It also comes at a time when the wave of infanticide has reached an all-time high. This is not the time in history to sit on the sidelines.

If you want to end the travesty, you must pray. Be on the sidewalk asking Our Lord to hear our plea and heal our land!

Locations in and around Missouri:

St. Louis - 4251 Forest Park Ave. St. Louis, MO

Columbia - 711 N. Providence Rd. Columbia, MO

Belleville - 4529 North Illinois Street Swansea, IL

Granite City - 1602 21st St. Granite City, IL

Overland Park - 4840 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS



**Don't forget to be a  
Voice for the Voiceless!  
Join the Pro-Life  
Communication Network!**

To enhance our lobbying efforts, Missouri Right to Life has initiated the Pro-Life Communication Network to update you on state and national legislative efforts, public policy situations, and action alerts.

With your agreement, we send you a text or email informing you of a need to contact your U.S. or state elected officials.

This network, with the touch of one button, will give you the ability to send a pro-life message or request.

### Please join the Pro-Life Communication Network!

- Go to: <https://www.votervoice.net/MOLIFE/home> and enter your email address and zip code for email alerts.
- To receive text messages, please text MOLIFE to 50457.