Thank You, President Trump!

As we go to press, the presidential election is still being contested with evidence of massive fraud in multiple states. If President Trump is unsuccessful in his legal challenges to the



election results, his term as the 45th President of the United States will end on January 20.

It has been an immense blessing and privilege to have had Donald Trump serve as President of our country. Missouri Right to Life thanks President Trump for keeping his promise to be the most pro-life president in history. His accomplishments in just four years include:

- Appointment of Pro-Life Judges including three Supreme Court justices, fifty-three U.S. Courts of Appeals judges, and 162 District Court judges
- Stopped U.S. Funding for Abortion Overseas
- Defunded the Pro-Abortion UNFPA
- Required Insurance Companies to Disclose if Plans Cover Abortion
- Established New Rules on HHS Mandate
- Strong Pro-Life Appointments to Key Positions
- Established Office for Conscience Protection at HHS
- Allowed States to Defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid Funding
- Cut Tax Funding of Planned Parenthood by up to \$60 Million
- Stopped Taxpayer-Funded Research with Aborted Babies' Body Parts
- Clarified that Abortion is not a Civil Right
- First President to Speak in Person at the March for Life
- Signed Executive Order Protecting Infants Born Alive

Millions of babies worldwide will live because of the actions of President Donald Trump. We pray that he will be given four more years to continue keeping the promise he made to protect and defend innocent human life.

Thank you, President Trump!

Huge Successes for MRL PACs

Thanks to a huge pro-life turnout, President Trump and VP Pence received 57% of the vote in Missouri, and they had big coattails. Close to 90% of the 144 candidates endorsed by the MRL Federal and State PACs won their races, including all pro-life state office holders: Gov. Parson, Lt. Gov. Kehoe, Atty. General Schmitt, Secretary of State Ashcroft, and Treasurer Fitzpatrick.

Pro-life champions Congresswoman Ann Wagner in Congressional District 2 and Missouri Senator Andrew Koenig in SD 15 were targeted by pro-abortion forces, and their opponents were heavily funded by out-of-state deep pockets. With the help and countless hours of work of many PAC volunteers, both of these candidates were successful in their re-election.

Another key victory for all Missourians was Amendment 3 which restored the bi-partisan re-districting process.

Pro-life legislators continue to hold super-majorities in the Missouri House and Senate. The numbers in the House are 114 Republicans to 49 Democrats. The Senate has 24 Republicans to 10 Democrats.

U.S. Senate January runoff races in Georgia have national implications

Excerpt from Karen Cross NRLC Political Director

It is clear that the Senate will be a crucial firewall for the pro-life movement to block the pro-abortion agenda that would be pushed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats and promoted by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

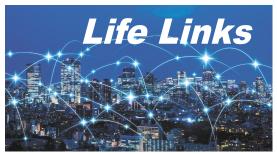
As it stands, Republicans will hold 50 seats to the Democrat's 48. These numbers underscore the critical importance of the two Georgia Senate runoff elections.

Pro-life Republican senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler are fighting to hold their seats in the runoff to be held on January 5, 2021. They face pro-abortion challengers in Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, respectively.

These Senate races have national implications. They will determine whether pro-life Senator Mitch McConnell remains Senate Majority Leader and in a position to block the House Democrat's radical pro-abortion agenda of abortion without limits and taxpayer funding of abortion.

The U.S. Senate may be our last line of defense against the extreme pro-abortion agenda of the Democrats. Please pray for the return of David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler to the U.S. Senate to maintain pro-life control.

The lives of countless unborn children depend on our victories in these races!



http://www.nrlc.org/news/

Pro-life Women Triumphed in Congressional Races in 2020!

One thing is clear -- pro-life women triumphed in 2020!

At least 17 new pro-life women are headed to the U.S. House and one new pro-life woman will join the U.S. Senate. (Ed. note: on Nov. 30, Iowa Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks became the 18th as the winner in 2nd Congressional District, replacing a retiring Democrat who supports abortion.)

Pro-life female incumbents were also heavily under fire from the abortion industry in 2020 and fended off challenges, including Congresswoman **Ann Wagner** in Missouri.

Joining several pro-life women in the U.S. Senate will be Cynthia Lummis from Wyoming. Prior to her successful Senate run, Lummis served in the House and had an outstanding pro-life voting record. Senator Joni Ernst in Iowa and Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith in Mississippi both defeated pro-abortion Democrat challengers in their races.

We can be heartened by these pro-life gains in Congress. Some are predicting Nancy Pelosi will have the smallest House majority in years.

These wins fly in the face of most of the pundits and pollsters who anticipated large scale GOP losses at every level. Here at National Right to Life, we are incredibly grateful for your support and your commitment to voting pro-life in 2020.

None of this would have been possible without YOU!

www.lifesitenews.com/news/new-report-indicates-us-abortion-rate-has-fallen-24-since-2009 New report indicates US abortion rate has fallen 24% since 2009

The U.S. abortion rate has declined by 24% since 2009, according to latest CDC data.

The abortion rate for 2018 was reported at 11.3 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44, down from 14.9 abortions per 1,000 women in 2009.

The data gathered from 47 states, the

District of Columbia and New York City reported 619,591 abortions in 2018. Those in their twenties make up more than half of the numbers at 57.7%.

While the total number of abortions and the abortion rate increased by 1% from 2017, since 2016 the abortion rate has dropped 2.5%

For every 1,000 live births in 2018, 189 abortions occurred. 77.7% of abortions were performed around 9 weeks' gestation, and 92.2% by approximately 13 weeks' gestation.

The report includes data from both surgical and chemical (medical) abortions.

Dr. Michael New, a professor of social research and political science at the Catholic University of America, told LifeSiteNews that he is pleased to see "greater than 50% reduction in the U.S. abortion rate since 1980."

New said that a key behind this decrease was a higher percentage of unintended pregnancies being carried to term.

"According to data from the Guttmacher Institute, in 1981 approximately 54% of unintended pregnancies were aborted. That number fell to 42% by 2011 (the most recent year for which we have data). If more women are choosing life, that means prolife education, service, and legislative efforts have all been effective," New said.

"More pro-life laws are being passed and there is a body of research which shows that pro-life laws, including public funding limits, parental involvement laws, and properly designed informed consent laws all lower abortion rates," he continued.

New stated that other factors are at work too, because even states that have not enacted pro-life legislation are seeing abortion numbers fall.

"There has been a change in public opinion. In 1995, a Gallup poll found that only 33% of Americans identified as pro-life. The most recent Gallup survey finds that percentage has reached 46%, and has been higher in other surveys," he said.

New also pointed to the positive difference that an increase of organizations helping women with unplanned pregnancies has made.

Referencing Heartbeat International's Worldwide Directory of Pregnancy Help, New said that "between 1988 and 2015, the number of organizations dedicated to assisting pregnant women increased by 86%."

Contrary to the common conceptions that comprehensive sex education and contraception lead to less unintended preg-

nancies, and therefore fewer abortions, New referred back to the data which, he said, told a different story.

"The problem with arguments crediting sex education is that while there has been a consistent decline in the abortion rate since 1980, the unintended pregnancy rate has fluctuated," New said.

"If sex education or contraception programs were driving reductions in abortion rates, one would expect to see a consistent decline in the unintended pregnancy rate," he continued.

"Guttmacher's recent data shows the unintended pregnancy rate was actually increasing between 2001 and 2008 – an era when the U.S. abortion rate was decreasing."

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www.catholicnewsagency.com/ news/18-states-file-brief-supporting-tennessees-discrimination-abortion-ban

18 states file brief supporting Tennessee's discrimination abortion ban

An 18-state coalition filed a brief in early November supporting a Tennessee law banning abortions based on an unborn child's race, sex, or Down syndrome diagnosis.

"Protecting the most vulnerable members of society is an interest of the utmost importance for States. And it is hard to imagine a scenario where this interest comes into sharper focus than protecting unborn children from eugenics-motivated abortions," reads the brief, which was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The brief was authored by Daniel Cameron, attorney general of Kentucky. The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, **Missouri**, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia also signed onto the brief.

The coalition is voicing support for a Tennessee law passed earlier this year to ban abortions that are sought on the basis of race, sex, or a diagnosis of Down syndrome. The law also bans abortion after the point at which a fetal heartbeat can be detected - as early as six weeks into pregnancy.

On November 20, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave the state of Tennessee a big victory when a three-judge panel ruled the state could begin enforcing a ban on abortion, except to save the mother's life, when the abortionist knows that the woman is seeking the abortion because of the child's sex or race or if he knows the woman is seeking an abortion because of a diagnosis of Down syndrome.

To you and all those you love, Merry Christmas!

~ From the President

".... if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Igenerally like to focus on the positive. But we just came out of an election where Joe Biden promised to increase abortions and make taxpayers fund them. That's all very negative. But we had great election results in Missouri where nearly 90% of Missouri Right to Life candidates were elected and Amendment 3 passed despite being outspent 10 to 1. That's all very positive. I'd like to just focus on the positive and ignore the negative. But that wouldn't be honest.

Then it hit me that this is what life is like. Every day has positives and negatives. It's all about keeping things in perspective.

This reminds me of the story of the old man sitting on his front porch when a young man pulls up and says, "Old man, what kind of town do you have here? I'm thinking about moving here." To which the old man says, "What kind of town are you coming from?" The young man says, "It was an awful place. Everyone was mean and nasty." "Well," the old man says, "I think that's just what you'll find here."

A few minutes later, another young man pulls up and says, "Old man, what kind of town do you have here? I'm thinking about moving here." To which the old man says, "What kind of town are you coming from?" The young man says, "It was a wonderful place. Everyone was kind and friendly." "Well," the old man says, "I think that's just what you'll find here."

It's all about perspective.

We're living in a time of great stress with a lurch toward socialism, a loss of religious freedom, and a renewed effort to promote abortion. It would be dangerous to ignore these things. But it's also dangerous to dwell on them.

We also live in a time of great joy watching a flaming sunset, hearing a baby laugh, feeling the gentle touch of a loved one, and being in prayer with Christ. Scripture tells us, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

These words are perfect for this time. And as we're dwelling on them, let's fight like soldiers of Christ to restore the family, religious freedom, and the sanctity of every life!

Thanks for all that you do and God bless!





SCOTUS says no to Satanic Temple which wanted Justice Barrett to recuse herself from case challenging Missouri law

By Dave Andrusko National Right to Life

You have to give the Devil (so to speak) his due. The Satanic Temple is nothing if not diligent in its efforts to overturn a Missouri law that requires a 72-hour waiting period before a woman has an abortion and that she receives "an informed-consent booklet" that "expresses Missouri's view that '[t]he life of each human being begins at conception [and that] [a]bortion will terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being."

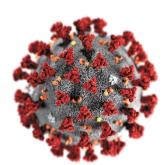
The Supreme Court has not decided if it will hear Judy Doe v. Michael L. Parson, but has decided to reject the call for Justice Amy Coney Barrett to remove herself from the case because of her Catholic convictions.

In a press release The Satanic Temple [TST] wrote that in its motion to disqualify, TST stated that "any objective observer would reasonably believe it is unlikely Justice Barrett could set aside her religious conviction, impervious to reasoned argumentation, regarding the illegitimacy of abortion and barbarity of [Roe v. Wade] to render an impartial decision on the Petition.



Missouri Right to Life Opposes Unethical Research for Vaccines

Missouri Right to Life is very concerned that in the rush to develop a vaccine for COVID-19, pharmaceutical companies are exploring options that include the use of tissue from aborted babies. An open-ended invitation to subsidize



any and all research can lead to shortcuts and abuses that do not uphold pro-life values or the best interests of citizens.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute has analyzed data from primary scientific literature and data from clinical trial

documents to obtain accurate information on the development and production of COVID-19 vaccines. This analysis is available at the Charlotte Lozier website along with articles like these from pro-life scientist David Prentice, PhD and others:

https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/

https://lozierinstitute.org/a-visual-aid-to-viral-infection-and-vaccine-production/

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Pro-life Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt countered with a fierce defense of religious liberty:



"Petitioner Judy Doe, a member of The

Satanic Temple, seeks to disqualify Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett from this case on the ground that Justice Barrett has sincere religious beliefs and, before she assumed judicial office, made public statements discussing Catholic doctrine and expressing personal opposition to abortion. ... This argument is meritless. Religious freedom is a bedrock principle of our Nation. Justice Barrett's life of faith and service will enrich her judicial service on this Court, not diminish it. Personal and religious beliefs on policy issues — however strong and sincerely felt — without more, provide no basis to disqualify a Justice. Petitioner accuses Justice Barrett of creating an appearance of impropriety by "openly and publicly embracing ... Catholic dogma." Petitioner's argument thus echoes the worst of the hostile public rhetoric and anti-religious animus opposing Justice Barrett's faith and judicial service. This Court should reject it.

In his conclusion, AG Schmitt cites two Supreme Court precedents:

For all these reasons, Petitioner's speculation that Justice Barrett's personal religious beliefs might create an appearance of impropriety here is baseless. In essence, Petitioner contends that any Justice with strong personal or religious views on abortion cannot participate in a case related to abortion. "The implications of this argument are staggering." [Cheney.] Every Justice undoubtedly has strong personal views on many policy issues—none is "a complete tabula rasa." [Laird.] "Even one unnecessary recusal impairs the functioning of the Court." [Cheney.] To require routine recusals of members of this Court in innumerable cases would undermine the Court's ability to function.

The Supreme Court agreed.

Editor's note: Since the writing of this article, the Supreme Court has rejected the Satanic Temple case, leaving Missouri's laws in place.



2021 and Beyond

Healthy Babies program.

With the return of solidly pro-life majorities to the Missouri House and Senate and prolife Governor Mike Parson, Missouri Right to Life is looking forward to continuing the fight to make Missouri the first abortion-free state. The pre-filing of legislation has begun for the 2021 legislative session, and pro-life legislators are already moving forward on great life-saving legislation.

MRL priority legislation for 2021 and beyond includes the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, the Ban on Dismemberment Abortions,

protecting women from mail-order abortion pills, controlling how family planning monies are distributed in Missouri and much more. MRL will also support the continuation of funding for the Alternatives to Abortion program as well as the Show-Me

With the possibility of a Biden/Harris administration in Washington, which promises to be the most pro-abortion, anti-life administration in history, Missouri must strengthen its pro-life base. Through education, legislation, and grassroots



Susan Klein **Executive Director**

social distancing restrictions at the Capitol. Stay safe and love your families as we go through the rest of 2020 and start fresh in 2021! May God bless our work and help us make Missouri the first abortion free state in the nation. Thank you for your continued prayers, pro-life work, and donations over the years!

activation, we can ensure that we send solidly pro-life representatives to Washington to fight against the certain attacks

the only staff person who tested positive, all our staff mem-

bers were quarantined for ten days. Fortunately, I've fully

recovered - as has my husband Dusty. There are certain to

be other impacts on us from the virus - especially with our

Show Me Life Action Day scheduled for March 9. Watch for

updates as we may have to do a virtual event this year due to

COVID 19 is having an impact on our work. While I'm

against any and all pro-life policies and efforts.

Merry Christmas from all of the Missouri Right to Life Board of Directors, leadership, and staff!

Pause before you purchase those Girl Scout cookies!

January is Girl Scout cookie season in most of our state. You might think that by ordering some thin mints or trefoils, you are supporting young women in healthy pursuits. But think it over before purchasing those munchies.

Because of significant, well-researched information about Girl Scouts USA activities and affiliations, Missouri Right to Life issued a policy statement in 2013 and continues our position to date:

Because Girl Scouts USA promotes, both directly and indirectly through other organizations, policies and behaviors clearly contradictory to the goals and purposes of Missouri Right to Life, Missouri Right to Life urges citizens to consider carefully whether to participate in Girl Scouts or support them in any way.

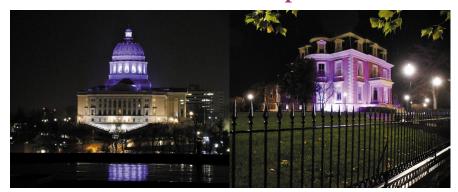
Information is available on Missouri Right to Life's website, www.missourilife.org. On the homepage, use the drop-down box "About Us," then "Policies." Girl Scouts USA box is at the bottom of the page and includes several helpful documents.

The website http://mygirlscoutcouncil.com is another helpful, well-researched source.

American Heritage Girls is a good alter**native** for families wanting a wholesome group for their young girls. Many troops are in Missouri and may be found on their website, www.americanheritagegirls.org.

Encouraging "faith, family, and fun," their vision statement notes that American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women who embrace Christian values and seek family involvement.

Governor Parson Lights Up State Capitol and Governor's Mansion in Purple to **Celebrate National Adoption Month**



On November 21, our dedicated pro-life governor posted on Twitter the following: "I've ordered the Missouri State Capitol dome & People's House to shine purple beginning last night through Sunday in recognition of #NationalAdoptionMonth.

We light the dome purple to recognize National Adoption Month and open the hearts of Missourians to these special children who dream of a life with an adoptive family."

Governor Parson's actions were celebrated on LifeNews which noted, "Such displays and actions refute the false claims that pro-lifers only care about babies before they are born. Parson has shown his support for Missouri families in numerous ways. In July, he signed a state budget that included \$6.5 million to help mothers who choose life for their unborn babies. His administration also fought to keep women safe after a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in St. Louis developed a long record of health and safety violations, including botched abortions. The pro-life governor also has signed several pro-life laws to protect unborn babies from abortions."

Thank you, Governor Parson!

Giving Thanks for Life

fter a tumultuous election where our MRL PAC volunteers worked hard to bring pro-life victories to our state, Missouri Right to Life celebrated a night of thanksgiving. Pulling together a banquet became a challenge with covid restrictions, but hours of work by the dedicated banquet committee made it happen! Thus, we were able to give thanks for our many successes in a special way, be that abortion reduction, pro-life election victories in our state, the most

We began our celebration by hearing video taped messages from many pro-life statewide officials and legislators including Governor Parson, Lt. Governor Kehoe,

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pro-life legislation in the country, and most especially for life itself.



Champion for Life award recipient Jim Cole (4th from left) and family members at the Giving Thanks for Life Banquet.

One of the major highlights of the evening began with the recognition of one of the most critical members of our MRL leadership team, Jim Cole, who was awarded the well-deserved 2020 Champion for Life award. Jim has been active in Missouri Right to Life since 1984 and quickly became essential to the many successes of Missouri Right to Life.

Our Keynote speaker, Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life, expressed the appreciation of pro-lifers from across the country for all that Missouri and Missouri Right to Life

have contributed to the protection of innocent human life and the sanctity of life. She also reminded us of all that is at stake in the coming weeks and months and how much harder we will have to work in the future to maintain and add to our pro-life accomplishments.

Bridget Van Means, President of Thrive Nation, expressed her gratitude to MRL for all the pro-life legislation we have worked to pass and encouraged all pro-lifers to continue to work together.



The banquet committee that made the event happen, along with guest speaker Carol Tobias, celebrating a wonderful evening.



Guest speakers Carol Tobias (left), President of National Right to Life, and Bridget VanMeans (right), ThriVe President, thanked and encouraged MRL and members in the fight for Life.

It was a wonderful evening in which many people committed to maintain their strong support of Missouri Right to Life. We ask all to continue their support of Missouri Right to Life so we can continue these great accomplishments!

Need to sign up for Lifeline or the Pro-Life Communication Network?

Here's how to receive MRL's weekly LifeLine in your inbox or sign up for alerts on critical legislative action.

At the MRL webside, www.missourilife.org., click on the "Get Involved" drop-down box. There you will see "Join Lifeline." Just click on the link, then complete the registration.

And to join the Pro-Life Communication Network, use the same "Get Involved" link, then click on "Join the Pro-Life Communication Network" for the registration page.

Simple as that. And so important to our pro-life efforts!

You'll start receiving Missouri Right to Life's weekly e-newsletter, containing critical federal and state legislative information and other pro-life news from our state and nation. For the Communication Network, you'll receive alerts when your critical action is needed.

Pro-LifeAcrossMissouri save date

Jan. 28 - March for Life trip to Washington, D.C.

Jan 30 See back page for further information or contact the MRL State Office at

573.635.5110.

Tuesday, "Show Me Life" Pro-Life Action Day.

March 9 Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City.

This may need to be a virtual event and will be determined by state requirements.

Information will be posted on MRL's weekly Lifeline as soon as available.

Watch your Friday emails!

Feb. 17 - 40 Days for Life Spring 2021 Campaign.

March 28 The lives of 757 babies were saved and their mothers spared the misery of abortion during the fall campaign! Plan

to be on the sidewalk this spring.

Thank you for putting
Missouri Right to Life
on your Christmas list
Your gift keeps us strong
and fighting for LIFE!

Blue Springs Life Chain



What better way to spend a beautiful fall day than with friends celebrating life at the Blue Springs Life Chain! Thanks for standing for life!

the innocent lives lost to abortion.

Sedalia Chapter Memorial Service







Will you take a stand?

Friday
Abortion is the most significant
January 29, 2021
human rights abuse of our time.

Missouri Life Caravan will again be traveling to Washington D.C. for the 2021 March for Life. Information and registration is available at www.missourilifecaravan.org. This link also includes Covid 19 guidelines for the trip. The cost is \$230 per person. The trip will be from January 28-30.Deadline for registration is January 4, 2021, but the price will increase to \$245 after December 21, 2020.

Trips from other areas of the state are also planned. Contact the State Office at 573.635.5110 for information.

