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**POLITICAL
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10 Reasons to Decline to Sign

On March 8, 2023, abortion supporter Anna Fitz-James filed 11 pro-abortion initiative petitions with the Missouri Secretary of State. Represented by the ACLU, Fitz-James' goal is to place on the ballot in November 2024, a right to abortion for all 9 months of pregnancy. On August 30, 2023 Jamie Corley filed 6 more pro-abortion initiatives to do the same and she is represented by the Attorney that defends Planned Parenthood and their abortion business.

Pro-abortion supporters need to collect 170,000+ signatures from Missouri citizens in 6 of the 8 congressional districts. The signatures of Missouri citizens must be turned in to the MO Secretary of State by May 5, 2024 for verification.

If you want to protect innocent unborn babies and their moms in Missouri and protect our Missouri Constitution and our way of life, we need you to educate your family, friends, and church families to "Decline to Sign" these deceptive pro-abortion initiative petitions. Any one of these initiatives, if passed, would enshrine abortion with no regulations in our Missouri Constitution.

1 Parental Consent laws will be eliminated

If a "right" to abortion is enshrined in our Missouri Constitution, it would allow abortions to be performed on pregnant minors without notice to or consent from the minor's parents.

2 Partial-birth / Late-term abortions on demand

If our Missouri Constitution is amended with a "right" to abortion, abortion will be allowed from conception to live birth, including partial-birth / late-term abortions.

3 Abortion -- all 9 months

If this amendment passes, abortions will be allowed for "physical or mental health" reasons all 9 months - from conception to live birth.

4 Health & Safety standards eliminated

Missouri law requires health and safety standards for abortion clinics. These would be eliminated if this amendment passes, and would allow anyone to perform abortions without a healthcare license.

5 Missouri's 52 pro-life laws will be eliminated

Our Missouri Constitution is our state's supreme (highest) law and governing document. Our pro-life laws will be eliminated by enshrining a "right" to abortion in our Missouri Constitution.

6 Women lose ability to sue for malpractice

A woman's ability to seek criminal prosecution/civil penalty of any person who performs/assists/provides support to induce/seek/obtain an abortion will be eliminated.

7 PRCs forced to refer for

Pregnancy Resource Centers will be forced to refer for abortion.

8 Ultrasounds eliminated

Abortion clinics will no longer be required to offer or show a mother her baby's ultrasound image.

9 Significant \$\$\$ loss to Missouri

Missouri will suffer a significant loss to state and local revenue (the MO AG estimates increased litigation costs alone of up to \$21m).

10 Taxpayer-funded abortion

If abortion is enshrined as a "right" in our Missouri Constitution, your legislator will be unable to refuse to appropriate funds to abortion providers.

Contact us for more information about how you can be a pro-life voice!

Paid for by Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee, Patricia Skain, Treasurer, 573-635-4926, missourilifepac.org

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Missouri Right to Life “Keep Missouri Pro-Life!” Action Day

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Missouri State Capitol ~ Jefferson City
1st Floor Rotunda

We need you to ACT!

- Come to Jefferson City to voice your opposition to the effort to enshrine a “right” to abortion in our Missouri Constitution.
- Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation and then join the noon rally!

Transportation will be available from many areas of the state. Contact the Missouri Right to Life State Office, 573-635-5110, for specific transportation options.

Visit www.missourilife.org or call the state office for more Keep Missouri Pro-Life Action Day information.



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US bishops again declare abortion 'preeminent priority' for Catholic voters

The U.S. Catholic bishops decided on Nov. 15 at their general assembly that “the threat of abortion” will remain the “pre-eminent priority” for their political guidance to Catholic voters in the year leading up to the 2024 presidential election.

In voting to approve language that echoes their 2019 introductory letter to a document known as “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the bishops chose to continue prioritizing their outspoken anti-abortion advocacy over what they describe as “other grave threats to life,” such as climate change, gun violence, racism and health care inequities.

Asked by reporters if the new letter downplayed the catastrophic threats of climate change, which Pope Francis emphasized in his new apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*, Baltimore Archbishop William Lori said abortion was a more imminent threat to vulnerable human life.

“It does not make [ecological concerns] less serious, but this does affect how we have weighed out things,” said Lori, vice president of the bishops’ conference, who led a task force of bishops’ conference committees in drafting a new introductory letter and bulletin inserts to accompany “Faithful Citizenship.”

An earlier draft of the introductory letter, obtained by NCR, said abortion would remain “a preeminent priority” because of the vulnerability of “the innocent child in the womb.” On Nov. 15, the bishops approved an amendment to add language saying abortion “directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone.”

Arlington, Virginia, Bishop Michael Burbidge, the chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, proposed that amendment with his committee’s support.

Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia Bishop Mark Brennan and Kansas City,

Kansas, Archbishop Joseph Naumann had proposed their own amendments to underscore abortion’s preeminence for the U.S. hierarchy. Naumann’s amendment proposed adding that the bishops sought the “prevention of the inevitable emotional and spiritual scarring of post-abortion parents.” Those amendments did not pass.



[https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/Belgian-Doctor-Euthanizes-Patient-with-a-Pillow - by Wesley J. Smith](https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/Belgian-Doctor-Euthanizes-Patient-with-a-Pillow-by-Wesley-J-Smith)

Euthanasia is not the practice of medicine. It just puts a “medical” patina on homicide.

Proof of point: When a doctor tried to lethally inject a patient at her request and she didn’t die, he smothered her with a pillow. From the *Daily Telegraph New Zealand* story:

A terminally ill Belgian woman was ‘euthanized’ by suffocation with a pillow by a doctor after lethal drugs she requested to be administered to her to voluntarily end her life proved to be insufficient, according to reports by Belgian media . . . When the cocktail of drugs failed to have the desired effect, the doctor allegedly used a pillow to suffocate the woman to end her life. A post mortem examination showed signs of suffocation, *7sur7* reported. (*Editor: a French-language news website for the general public.*)

An expert on medicalized killing is unhappy with the means of death:

“What happened is not euthanasia,” Belgian politician and doctor Jacques Brotchi said. “Such a definition of this terrible situation devalues the gesture of euthanasia, which accompanies a person to the end without pain.”

No, it is precisely euthanasia — which is, after all, solely about making the patient dead. The use of “medications” and the doctor’s presence is just a veneer that hides the harsh truth of what is being done.

Apparently, the family plans to sue.

Renaud Molders-Pierre, a lawyer representing the family, said that the bereaved are not demanding “heavy sanctions” but added that “if rules exist, it is so that sick rooms do not turn into crime scenes where anything can be done.”

Frankly, this is nonsensical. Why should the killing be considered “medicine” if she died by a lethal jab and a “crime scene” if by suffocation? The point

was to end her suffering by making her dead, and that deed was accomplished.

(Another version of the story states that nurses did the smothering after the doctor failed to palliatively sedate the patient, which is different from euthanasia. If so, that would be murder under the law, since the patient did not ask to be killed. Intriguingly, no criminal charges have apparently been filed even though the killing took place in 2022, which — in and of itself — tells us all we need to know about how the culture of death distorts ethical thinking.)



<https://www.liveaction.org/news/>

Wisconsin lawmakers pass bill to allow Safe Haven Baby Boxes

Wisconsin lawmakers unanimously passed a bill last week that will allow the installation of Safe Haven Baby Boxes in state hospitals or fire stations, in accordance with the state’s safe haven law. The law allows parents to surrender an infant less than 72 hours old if they feel they are unable to care for the child. The baby box approval expands that allowance to enable parents to make the surrender anonymously.

When a child is placed inside the climate-controlled baby box, a silent alarm is triggered and emergency personnel respond within minutes. Per the Wisconsin statute, the boxes will only be installed in facilities that are staffed 24/7.

According to the Safe Haven Baby Box organization, 16 babies have been saved in baby boxes this year alone. Many of these stories result in happy endings — like the firefighter in Florida who adopted the baby he saved from a baby box, and the Indiana police officer who adopted a safe haven baby last year.

“There is a real beauty in seeing the families made with these babies adopted by amazing families. It is a real chance to rewrite tragedy into a blessing,” Monica Kelsey, founder of the Safe Haven Baby Box organization, said last week.

The bill now heads to the desk of Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers for approval. If the bill becomes law, Wisconsin would become the 15th state in the country to utilize baby boxes.

(Editor’s note: Missouri has a Safe Haven Baby Box law. In August 2023, the first Baby Box in Missouri was installed at a Mehlville fire station in suburban St. Louis.)

The Story Of Christmas Is Pro-Life

by Andrew Haack
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Christmas is finally upon us. The lights are hung, the cocoa is warm, and the presents are around the tree. Well, to be honest, our presents are still hiding in the garage. With three kids, one does tend to get behind schedule. But you get the idea.

Anyway, in the spirit of Christmas, I want us to revisit an old story. One which you have surely heard before. In fact, I would dare say you have heard it a hundred times or more.

Yes, I want to talk about the Christmas story. But my hope, is that you hear the story in a little different light this time.

Today, I want to show you how the story of Christmas is openly, and unapologetically pro-life.

So, without further ado:

The year is 1 B.C....

Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, is sent from the very presence of God to a small, rural town called Nazareth. There, he finds a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name is Mary.

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus," Gabriel says to her.

Mary is a young, unmarried, marginalized girl who is ill prepared to be a mother. What would her parents think? Would they understand? Would they be supportive? And what about her fiancé? Would he believe her, or would he think she was unfaithful? Would he even stay with her?

She is scared.

There is a good chance the stigma of being pregnant out of wedlock would follow Mary her entire life. And in the ancient Middle East, that is no small stigma – it does not land you a spot on MTV. If Mary chooses to have this baby, there is a very real chance she will lose her family, her friends, her community, and the man she loves. Kissing her child will mean kissing the future she has dreamed of goodbye.

And what kind of future would that child have, anyway? Surely not an easy one. She could not afford to give him a good life. And no doubt the scandal of all this would plague him through adulthood.

What will she do?

"Let it be done to me according to your word," she tells Gabriel. And miraculously, in what can only be described as the most unplanned pregnancy in history, the virgin Mary is with child.

It is hard to miss the overtly pro-life message here. While some of the details are certainly unique, Mary's situation is not unfamiliar. Every day, thousands of young women wrestle with the same fears and doubts, trying to work through a million questions in their head, all in an attempt to answer that one

same question: Do I have this baby?

Mary has every reason in the world not to. But she does. And little does she realize the impact of this single choice. She chooses life – and this life becomes *the life*, the savior of the world. Obviously, this is in one sense unique. But in another sense, it is not. The glory of parenthood is that our children have the potential to surpass us. Just as Mary did not realize how her child would grow up to change the world forever, no mother truly knows the impact that her child will have. They

may be the next Mozart or Einstein. And even if they do not change the world for everyone, they will undoubtedly change the world for someone. What an honor to be part of that!

Of course, Mary had some idea that her baby was special. But she was not the only one. Shepherds, prompted by a host of angels, visited Jesus the very night of his birth. And wise men, astrologers from the East guided by a star, traveled hundreds of miles to pay him homage. Though he was just an infant born to a poor couple from

a backwater town, seemingly insignificant in every obvious way, they all recognized in him extraordinary value and worth. That, in essence, is the anthem of the pro-life movement ... we recognize that every person, no matter how seemingly insignificant, is of value and worth.

But that is a principle not shared by every member of this story. There is one character who does not recognize the value and worth of this newborn king. To him, this child poses a risk to his way of life. His name is King Herod, and his solution to the problem is simple. Kill him. Amazingly, he is unsuccessful. And this is in large part due to another character, one to whom Jesus poses a similar problem: Joseph.

For Joseph, this baby means a significant life change. If he chooses to support Mary and her baby, everything will be different. Many men today face this same dilemma. And sadly, many take the route of Herod. When faced with the opportunity to take responsibility, they instead pressure the mother into forfeiting the life of their child. Herod uses soldiers; they use doctors. But not Joseph. Even though the baby is not his biologically, he takes responsibility for him. Even though the culture says he has every right to walk away, he stands by Mary. Juxtaposed to the selfish ambition of Herod, Joseph gives us an image of manhood worth striving towards. He is a reminder that real men honor women and defend children.

So, regardless of who you identify with most in the Christmas narrative, remember that this season is not just about colorful lights, warm cocoa on a cold night, or presents around a tree. Nor is it about yule logs, or carols, or mistletoe. Christmas, at its core, is about celebrating life.

Blessings & Merry Christmas!



You have the opportunity to join your Missouri Right to Life family at either -- *or both* -- of these special events!

SAVE THE DATES

Keep Missouri Pro-Life Springfield Banquet

Saturday, June 1, 2024

University Plaza Convention Center ~ 333 S. John Q Hammons Pkwy ~ Springfield MO

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner/Program 7:00 p.m.

Registration opens March 1st.
Visit missourilife.org/banquet

Featured Speaker
Kayleigh McEnany



Kayleigh McEnany appears only as a featured speaker. She is not asking for funds or donations.

Keep Missouri Pro-Life Eastern Region Banquet

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

St. Charles Convention Center ~ St. Charles MO

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner/Program 7:00 p.m.



Featured Speaker Registration opens Spring 2024
Michael Pompeo Visit easternregionmrl.org/dinner-comingsoon

Pro-Life Across Missouri

save the date

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Plan to join MRL for **Pro-life Lobby Day** at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. More information is on page 2 of this newsletter and is posted at missourilife.org

Saturday, June 1, 2024 Springfield MO **“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Banquet** at University Plaza Convention Center with featured speaker Kayleigh McEnany

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Eastern Region **“Keep Missouri Pro-Life” Banquet** at St. Charles Convention Center with featured speaker Mike Pompeo. Online reservations will open Spring 2024.

MRL members busy spreading the good news about life....



Tom & Pam Fichter and Allan & Donna Bambao spread the good news at the St. Charles Vitae dinner.



A Randolph County Chapter-MRL volunteer spreads the good news at the Moberly Craft Fair.

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Or ever?**

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included in this Missouri Right to Life News with your donation.

Missouri Right to Life Membership & Statewide Meeting

MRL's November statewide meeting drew pro-life leaders from across Missouri to learn, discuss, and activate plans for the "Decline to Sign" initiative petition effort and to defeat pro-abortion attempts to eliminate all pro-life protections from Missouri statutes.



MRL Executive Director Susan Klein introduces speakers at the statewide meeting.



A room filled with pro-life leaders determined to protect innocent unborn babies and their moms and safeguard our Missouri Constitution.

ELECTION OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE DELEGATE-AT-LARGE

Every two years, MRL members elect a Delegate-At-Large to represent them on the Board of Directors. This is in addition to the participation encouraged at the chapter, region, and state board levels. It is again time for members to elect their representative to the board.

To cast a vote, please check the box next to a name. Vote for only one candidate. If there are two members in household, boxes are provided for each. Use this ballot to vote; do not copy it. Your name, address, and member number appear on the back of the ballot.

The candidates nominated to serve the 2024-2025 term are:

1st Voter 2nd Voter **Each member may vote for only one candidate.**

- Julie Reinkemeyer.** Julie resides in Wardsville Missouri and is an active member of the Capital Chapter-Missouri Right to Life. She has been married to Glen for 37 years and has 2 grown daughters and 3 grandchildren. She is a retired Occupational Therapist and now enjoys providing care for her 3 grandchildren.
- Pam Manning.** Pam is currently the *Missouri Right to Life News* editor. In the past she has served on the Eastern Region-MRL board for 18 years, including several years as its chairman. She has served on the MRL State Board for over 30 years, including four years as president. She has served as the 2nd and 3rd Congressional District MRL PAC coordinator and was the MRL PAC chairman for six years. She is the current Delegate-At-Large.

**The ballot must be received by December 31, 2023. Clip and return to MRL at:
Missouri Right to Life, P. O. Box 651, Jefferson City MO 65102**

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these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.*

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their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an
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... by giving *beyond a lifetime!* Invest in your vision – a world in which every human life is protected and respected.

Yours is a Legacy of Life and Love

Your decision to enact a planned gift to Missouri Right to Life (MRL) and/or the MRL Education Fund (tax deductible) reflects your commitment to grass-roots pro-life work across Missouri. It is a gift that lives on – and saves lives.

For more information or to request a confidential consultation, contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110.



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Thanks to You!

During this holy season we again remind ourselves of how important you are to us.

You and we together are the family of Missouri Right to Life.

Without you the work would be so much more difficult.

Thank you for all 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.

May the babe in the manger bless you abundantly at Christmas and in the New Year!