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## Right To Life Banquet Set For Thursday October 4 at Simon J. Graber Building



Jennifer Polimino

The Speaker for the 2012 Right To Life Banquet on October 4 will be Jennifer Polimino of Denver Colorado. Jennifer is the President and Founder of [www.PrayForYourBaby.com](http://www.PrayForYourBaby.com) an online organization/ministry that helps and encourages parents to live godly lives, pray for their children and prepare them for parenthood.

Jennifer's honest, heart tugging story has been heard on numerous radio and TV programs such as Focus on the Family, The 700 Club and K-Love Radio. This story is about when she was pregnant at 16 years old and had an abortion and how that decision affected her life. That abortion had an effect on Jennifer's life that she did not count on. Her grades began to suffer, and she kept reaching out to people. She relates that if someone would have said something or tried to stop me, I never would have done it. Jennifer tried to move on with her life but the depression and guilt was overwhelming. She knew that having an abortion was wrong but was scared and went ahead with it. She felt that she did not deserve to live since she killed her baby. Now through the help of fellow Christians and God's Forgiveness, she is at peace with God.

She is an effective communicator and enjoys encouraging moms to be the best that they can be in all areas of their lives. She enjoys speaking at local churches, women's groups, First Time Parenting classes and MOPS.

### Please Vote Pro-Life

**If you say you are pro-life, please do not go to the polls on Election Day and vote for Candidates who support abortion. You are helping to further abortion and working against everything the pro-life movement is trying to do. So please, Always Vote Pro-Life! Know how the Candidates stand on the Abortion Issue and vote accordingly! The Unborn is depending on you!**

### Can we Consider Other Issues When We Vote?

Being right on taxes, education, health care, immigration, and the economy fails to make up for the error of disregarding the value of a human life. Consider this: The finest health and education systems, the fairest immigration laws, and the soundest economy do nothing for the child who never sees the light of day. It is a tragic irony that pro-choice candidates have come to support homicide — the gravest injustice a society can tolerate — in the name of social justice.

# What Pastors Can and Cannot do during an Election Year

According to an Attorney for National Right To Life, it is within the Political Guidelines to distribute Candidate Surveys or Voter guides, Candidate Voting Records and Candidate Political Statements. However, **Pastors you must be aware that You or Churches cannot endorse Candidates or give the impression of an endorsement but you can let your congregation know how candidates stand on issues.** We realize that some Pastors are faced with members who are offended when their favorite candidate is shown to be pro-abortion, but as the saying goes, the candidate made that decision, not the Pastor.

Some Liberal groups have threatened Churches with losing their Tax Exempt status if they do anything whatsoever to inform their congregation on how the candidates stand on abortion and other life issues.

**This is simply “Not True.”** Churches have every right to inform their members on how the candidates stand on any issue they desire. You “Cannot Indorse a Candidate” for public office, but you can inform your congregation on how the Candidates stand on the abortion issue either by statements made by the candidates and by overall assessments made in response to the candidates’ response to questionnaires.

Many of us in the Pro-Life Movement felt that the lack of action by the Clergy in the Election of 2008 helped to elect President Obama and helped to further the abortion agenda. **So Pastors, You have every right to let your Church Members know how Candidates stand on these important family Issues. So go forth and spread the word!**

## Vote Pro-Life Signs Now Up

If you drive on area highways in Daviess and Pike Counties you may see some of the new Vote Pro-Life signs that have just been erected in the last few weeks. The signs are located on U.S. Hwy 50 east of Montgomery, Hwy 57 north of Washington and in Petersburg near the Baptist Church on Hwy. 57. We hope to have another one put up on the south side of Washington. If you are interested in letting us put one up on your property, just let me know.



*The Following was a Letter to Editor by Louis Kavanaugh Jr. President of Daviess County Right To Life that was published in Area Newspapers. The Headline in one Area Newspaper said it All:*

## If You Vote Right on the Issues of Life, God Will Take Care of the Rest!

We are now seeing just how far the Obama Administration will go to further the abortion agenda in our country. The Obama Administration is now mandating that all Catholic Schools/Churches/Hospitals and other religious institutions that carry insurance for their employees must include coverage for abortion and birth control or else face penalties from the government. This is not only affecting Catholic institutions but all Christian institutions across the country. This is ironic that many of the Catholic Bishops who either supported Obama in his election bid in 2008 or sat idly by and gave no guidance to their flocks on what their duties were in voting for a pro-abortion or anti-family candidates.

President Obama’s pro-abortion agenda was well known before his election and it has been in place since he took office. The pro-life movement tried to tell the Bishops what would happen if Obama was elected back in 2008, but many of them would not listen, and now they are reaping what they sowed. Many of us in the Pro-Life Movement felt by their lack of action in 2008 they helped to elect President Obama and now suffer the consequence of his pro-abortion agenda. This president does not support even giving medical aid to aborted babies who survive an abortion procedure, and we feel this should disqualify anyone from any public office.

No Church or Pastor can tell their congregation who to vote for, but they have an obligation to tell their congregation they should not be voting for people who support abortion or who support anti-family policies. We now see what has happened when the churches sit back and do nothing. While pro-abortion members of the congress and the media threaten the Churches with losing their tax exempt status if they do anything is merely a scare tactic. Churches and Pastors have every right to let their congregation know how the candidates stand on life issues, but they do not have the right to endorse or say who to vote for.

The only saving grace might be the new head of the Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, a strong Irishman who has joined many religious institutions in suing the Federal Government to stop this abortion mandate by the Obama Administration. I do believe that many religious leaders have finally woke up and this may be the undoing of the Obama Administration. Abortion is not an issue in any election that can be taken lightly. If you vote right on the issues of life, God will take care of the other issues.

Louis Kavanaugh Jr.,  
President of Daviess County Right to Life

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# NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE ENDORSES MITT ROMNEY FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON - Determined to secure a pro-life victory in the November election, which will decide the fate of unborn children for decades to come, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, has endorsed Mitt Romney for President of the United States. **“On pro-life issues, Mitt Romney and Barack Obama provide a stark contrast. As the country’s most pro-abortion president, Barack Obama has pursued a radical pro-abortion agenda,”** said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **“It is now time for pro-life Americans to unite behind Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. For the sake of unborn children, the disabled, and the elderly, we must win.”**

Romney has also stated he believes the Obama health care law should be repealed. The Obama health care law would open the door to federal subsidies for abortion coverage and rationing of lifesaving medical care. He has also stated that, if elected, he would reinstate the Mexico City Policy, which prevents federal dollars from going to organizations that perform or promote abortion overseas.

Additionally, President Obama championed the so-called Affordable Care Act while opposing pro-life amendments in the Senate. As enacted, the law will result in federal funding of health plans that pay for elective abortion, and will lead to large-scale rationing of lifesaving medical treatments. Tobias added. **“We look forward to Mitt Romney’s election as our next pro-life president on November 6th.”**

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## THE DEATH PENALTY AND PRO-LIFE VIEWS: CONTRADICTION OR HARMONY?

By Pastor Lou Showers

It is a common objection made by the pro-abortion advocate that the pro-life movement is hypocritical because some hold to the sanctity of life in the womb and yet endorse capital punishment. On the surface this would appear a justifiable argument but an investigation of the Bible reveals that at the core of both of these views is the sacredness of human life.

Let me begin by first defining what makes human life distinct from all other forms of life. The image of God is found in only two of God’s creations, angels and men. It is His image that elevates man far above all other forms of life on earth and makes human life sacred before God. So what is the image of God? Jesus describes God as a “Spirit” indicating that the image of God is the spiritual aspect of man, his soul (John 4:24). Since our physical bodies are made of the dust of the ground as are animal bodies, it is the residence of the soul that makes us uniquely human and our life sacred before God.

The passing of the Mosaic Law did not end man’s responsibility to carry out capital punishment. In Genesis 9:1-7, God speaks to Noah and his family as they leave the ark concerning two matters. First of all, God tells them that they may kill and eat animals as a source of food. Secondly, God commands all the descendants of Noah and his sons, to put to death anyone or any animal that murders a human being (v. 5-6a). The descendants of Noah encompass everyone who has born since that commandment whether they are Jew or Gentile. This call for capital punishment is therefore still in effect and should be therefore supported by all believers who seek to carry out the will of God.

In the end of verse 6, God gives the reason He commands murderers be put to death. God’s reason is that man is made in the image of God and thus God considers human life as sacred as His own life. Anyone who murders another human being is in essence carrying out that vile act against God Him-

self. It is this violation of the sanctity of human life that God considers so serious that He demands that the governing authorities end the life of the murderer (Rom. 13:1-7). **Therefore every time a murderer is put to death it becomes a vivid declaration to society that God’s image in man is not to be violated.**

As we said earlier, it is the soul of man that makes human life unique and sacred before God. When does a living soul come into existence? God answers that question in Gen. 1:28. In the garden God told Adam and Eve to reproduce, conceiving and bringing into life human beings just like themselves. Since God defines humanity as the combination of a physical body and a spiritual soul then we must conclude that at conception both body and soul are brought into existence. Even though it may at first appear as only a physical mass of cells, because it also bears the image of God it is fully human making its life sacred before God. God therefore, considers the act of the abortionist as vile an act as the murderer who guns down his enemy. It is more than an attack on the individual in the womb; it is also an attack on God Himself!

It is therefore God’s declaration that human life is sacred and to be respected that calls for the death penalty for the murderer and the preservation of life in the womb. Any departure from this universal principle of God results in the denial of God as our Creator and causes the erosion of our freedoms and liberties. This principle is reflected in the words of our founding fathers as recorded in the Declaration of Independence. They wrote, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” They recognized that core of human worth, dignity and equality was grounded in the fact we are in the image of our Creator.

As our society removes itself from this sacred truth, our equality is brought into question and our freedoms diminish. To vote pro-life involves more than the protection of the unborn. It also









places individuals into government who recognize and respect our Creator and His laws resulting in the preservation of our liberties and our values. Keep in mind that it was not pro-life judges who voted prayer out of our public schools and the Ten Commandments out of our court houses. It was not pro-life representatives who voted in favor of euthanasia

in Oregon or mandatory abortion coverage. It was not a pro-life officials who choose to allow gays to openly serve in the military and denied Chaplains from praying in Jesus' name. To vote Pro-life is not only the best choice for America but it is God's choice for the believer as well.

# March for Life Nellie Gray, passed away Monday August 13

March for Life Nellie Gray, who passed away Monday evening, is seeing an outpouring of support from pro-life groups and leaders across the nation, who say she was a tireless pro-life leader they will always remember. Brad Mattes, executive director of Life Issues Institute had this to say: "From the beginning, Nellie has been a prominent leader in the pro-life

movement. It is hard to imagine attending the March for Life and not hearing her encouraging words. Nellie never let her advancing years slow her down and was always known for her passion and tenacity on behalf of the nation's unborn babies. Because of her efforts, there are babies who were given the chance to live. I will miss her greatly."

	<b>WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE?</b>	
<b>MITT ROMNEY</b>		<b>BARACK OBAMA</b>
<b>TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION</b> <i>The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.</i>	<p>"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."</p>	<p>The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."</p>
<b>ROE V. WADE &amp; ABORTION</b> <i>The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then.</i>	<p>"I support the reversal of Roe v. Wade, because it is bad law and bad medicine. Roe was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."</p>	<p>"I am pro-choice. I believe in Roe v. Wade."             "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)</p>
<b>FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS</b> <i>Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.</i>	<p>"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."</p>	<p>On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.</p>
<b>OBAMACARE HEALTH CARE LAW</b> <i>The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</i>	<p>"Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'"             Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed.            (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)</p>	<p>On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law, which will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.</p>
<b>RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE</b> <i>NRLC supports the enactment of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1467, H.R. 1179), which would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.</i>	<p>"... on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."</p>	<p>The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="http://WWW.NRLC.ORG">WWW.NRLC.ORG</a>     </p>		

## **Voter Guide For Area Counties In Fall Election:**

**Note: This Information is Not Meant as an Endorsement of either Candidate** but merely to let you know how the Candidates stand on the abortion issue, the choice is up to you.

The Fall Election is Tuesday November 6, Do you know how the Candidates Stand on the Abortion Issue? This is how the candidates line up for State & Federal Races in Daviess and the Surrounding Counties.

**In Indiana, you must be registered to vote by the end of the day on Monday October 9 in order to vote on November 6.**

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### **Federal**

#### **For President/Vice President of United States:**

**Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By National Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Barak Obama/ Joe Biden** (D) Does not Support Pro-Life Position

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#### **U.S. Senate From Indiana**

**Richard Mourdock** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Joe Donnelly** (D) Voted for Pro-Abortion Health Care Bill

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#### **U.S. Congress 8th District**

**Larry Bucshon** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Dave Crooks** (D) Did not response to Right To Life Survey

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### **State**

#### **Governor/Lt Governor, State Of Indiana**

**Mike Pence/Sue Ellspermann** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**John Gregg/Vi Simpson** (D) Does not Support Pro-Life Position

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#### **Attorney General, State Of Indiana**

**Greg Zoeller** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Kay Fleming** (D) Views Unknown

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#### **Superintendent Of Public Instruction, State Of Indiana**

**Tony Bennett** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Glenda Ritz** (D) Views Unknown

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#### **State Representative District 45**

**Bruce Borders** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Kreg Battles** (D) Did not Respond to RTL Survey.

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#### **State Representative District 62**

**Matt Ubehlor** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**Jeff Sparks** (D) Views Unknown

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#### **State Representative District 63**

**Mark Messmer** (R) Supports Pro-Life Position (Endorsed By Indiana Right To Life P.A.C.)  
**No Opponent** (D)

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**Note: If you see the following after the Candidate name, "Did not Respond to RTL Survey", this means the Candidate did not respond to the Indiana Right To Life P.A.C. Survey, Or: "Views Unknown" This means the Candidate has not made their views known and sometimes they may not want the public to know their honest views on this issue.**

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## **Fall Election in Indiana November 6**

**U.S Senate Race:** State Treasurer Richard Mourdock defeated U.S. Senator Richard Lugar in the Primary Election and will take on Democrat Congressman Joe Donnelly for that Senate Seat in the Fall Election. Right To Life PAC's endorsed Mourdock in the Primary and Indiana Right To Life PAC has endorsed Mourdock for the Fall Election. According to CEO of Indiana Right To Life Mike Fichter Donnelly sold out the Right to Life in his vote for Obamacare. Congressman Donnelly caved in to pressure from the pro-abortion House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. It is well known that abortion was in the healthcare package just like the Obama Administration has forced the HHS Mandate on the Christian Hospitals. This Senate race looks to be a close one as both sides are pulling out all the stops.

## **8<sup>th</sup> District Race For Congress**

In the 8<sup>th</sup> District race, Congressman Larry Bucshon will be up against former State Representative Democrat Dave Crooks. Congressman Bucshon has a 100% pro-life voting record since his election to Congress while Dave Crooks did not respond to the Right To Life Survey.

**In the State Representative and State Senate Races**, all incumbents are running for re-election and face opposition. See the Voter Guide for additional Information.

## **Vote Pro-Life What does That Mean?**

**To Vote Pro-Life means to vote for Candidates for elective office who not only say they are pro-life but are willing to put the meaning of Pro-Life in every vote they make once they are elected. One problem the Pro-Life Movement has had is that some people, once they are elected, vote for the party leadership positions that are pro-abortion and their leadership kills pro-life bills and the pro-life agenda.**

**They also vote to confirm judges who are not pro-life because they say the President has a right to select whomever they wish. When you vote to support Candidates who either are pro-abortion or who are "not willing" to stand up for the Pro-Life Principles, You are Voting to support abortion.**

**So remember, when you go to the polls on Election Day, Think Pro-Life and Vote for Candidates who not only say they are Pro-Life but are willing to put that into practice. There are many important issues to consider when voting such as social issues, taxes and many other issues when voting but none more important than the killing of unborn children. When you vote to preserve life, God will take care of the other issues. So please think of the little ones and Vote Pro-Life!**

**Quote on Why to Vote Pro-Life: You need to think about it!**

**"The taking of innocent human life is so heinous, so horribly evil, and so absolutely opposite to the law of Almighty God that abortion must take precedence over every other issue. I repeat. It is the single most important issue confronting not only Christians, but the entire electorate."**

# Why Are Some Clergy More Concerned about Capital Punishment than Abortion

Many in the pro-life movement are puzzled by “some” Church leaders that are more concerned with capital punishment than fighting abortion. Oh yes, they will say they are against abortion, and we really believe they are, but in past years we have seen them go out of their way to publicly condemn capital punishment and show up for public hearings aimed at stopping capital punishment, but we do not recall them ever attending hearings for pro-life sponsored bills aimed at stopping abortion.

One Religious leader made the comment that he did not see Texas as a pro-life state even though they have passed more pro-life laws than any other state because they allow capital punishment. When Clergy make these type of statements, it is easy to see why the pastors that serve under them are lackluster in their defense of the unborn. This is why so many Christians sitting in the pews are so confused or not concerned about abortion when they vote because their leaders of their churches are more concerned about other issues while deaths from abortion range in the thousands for each death by capital punishment.

This does not mean we take any death lightly, but those people on death row are convicted for a crime by taking human life while the defenseless unborn have done nothing to deserve death by abortion. What impact our religious leaders could have if they spoke out forcefully on the evil of abortion. **That does not mean that religious leaders should say who to vote for, but they should be telling their congregations that we should not vote for individuals who support abortion in any way.** Some clergy say they are worried about losing their tax exempt status. Now we have two things to say about that! Are we more worried more about saving lives from abortion and doing God’s work or losing our Tax Exempt Status! Another Fact is that no church has ever lost their tax exempt status by standing up for God. If we put God first in our voting, God will take care of the rest of our concerns. We have much to pray for, so let’s get busy.

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## Emily Holland Wins Donna Gentry Memorial Scholarship

Shown at left is Emily Holland (center) as she is presented the Donna Gentry Memorial Scholarship by Brad Rainey (left) and Michelle Rainey (right). Holland graduated from Cornerstone Christian School and will attend Vincennes University this fall and will major in Nursing. Emily Holland is the Daughter of Hubie and Dawn Holland of Washington. Making the presentation is Brad and Michelle Rainey who served on the Selection Committee along with Sharon Jones (not pictured). Brad Rainey is the son of the late Donna Gentry. This is the second

year for the Scholarship as it is named after long time Right To Life Advocate Donna Gentry who worked in the Pro-Life movement for many years for Daviess County Right To Life and other organizations in our community.

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## Right To Life Announces Face Of Life Baby Contest Winner

Shown at right is 6-month-old Isaac Lagree who was the winner of the Face of Life Baby Contest which was completed on June 30. Isaac is the son of Alan and Julie “Verkamp” Lagree of rural Loogootee. Isaac Lagree will be presented a \$100 check from the Right to Life Organization.



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## A SOLID PRO-LIFE TICKET FOR A PRO-LIFE AMERICA National Right to Life Praises Romney-Ryan Ticket

WASHINGTON - The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, praised Governor Mitt Romney’s choice of pro-life Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan to be his running mate. National Right to Life announced its endorsement of Governor Romney in April. “We are thrilled that Paul Ryan has been selected to run with Governor Romney. Congressman Ryan has a deep, abiding respect for all human life, including unborn children and their mothers, the disabled, and the elderly,” said National Right to Life President Carol Tobias. “Together, they form a solid pro-life ticket that truly represents the pro-life majority in the United States.” In his previous elections for the U.S. House of Representatives, Paul Ryan has received the endorsement of both National Right to Life and its state affiliate, Wisconsin Right to Life.

Ryan has maintained a 100 percent pro-life voting record on all roll call votes scored by National Right to Life through his entire tenure in the House, which began

in 1999. This includes support for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and most recently the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, among others.

In a February 2009, op-ed published in *The Journal Times* of Racine, Wis., Ryan wrote, “Personally, I believe that life begins at conception, and it is for that reason that I feel we need to protect that life as we would protect other children ... I remain committed to restoring the value of human life and fighting for the rights of the unborn ... Most importantly, we must ensure that the most vulnerable among us—both unborn children and mothers struggling with unplanned pregnancies—are afforded the compassion and opportunities they need to choose life.”

“The pro-life Romney-Ryan team stands in sharp contrast to the avowed pro-abortion administration of Barack Obama and Joe Biden,” Tobias added. “With the election of a Romney-Ryan ticket, America, and her children, will be in good hands.”