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“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”

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Right to Life Banquet Draws 500 Pro-Lifers to Daviess County

Sheila Harper Main Speaker for Right to Life Banquet Thursday October 5

Pictured right is Sheila Harper (center) who was the Main Speaker for the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday, October 5th at the Simon J. Graber Building near Odon. Also Pictured is Mike Fichter (right) President of Indiana Right to Life and Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (left) President of Daviess County Right to Life. Sheila Harper, who is President of SaveOne Organization, gave a call to action to those present to take action against abortion. Harper who had an abortion thirty two years ago said that was one of the worse mistakes she has made in her life. Her Organization now helps women to recover from trauma of abortion. Mike Fichter the President of Indiana RTL gave an update on the legislative progress made in 2017 on the abortion issue. The Annual event drew nearly 500 people from the Daviess, Martin and Pike counties area.



Callahan Family Honored as Adoptive Family at Right to Life Banquet

Pictured right is Roger Callahan (left) holding his adopted son Hezekiah and Adriane (right) just prior to the Right to Life Banquet held on Thursday night October 5th at the Simon J. Graber Building near Odon. The Callahans were honored as the Adoptive Family of the Year by the Daviess, Martin and Pike County Right to Life Groups. The Callahan family spoke of how the adoption came about and how their views on this life issue have evolved.



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Joe Sponn Receives Special Award at Right to Life Banquet



Pictured left is Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (left) President of Daviess Co. Right to Life as he presents this special award to Joe Sponn of Washington as Joe's wife Karen looks on. Joe was injured in an accident when he was thirty-two years old and it meant a big change in his life. Joe started a business of trophies/plaques and has been prominent in the community. But Joe did not give up as he has been very generous by donating his trophies/plaques to charitable organizations and offering his services in any way he could help out these organizations. With the presentation Kavanaugh pointed out that Joe was always seen with a happy face and very upbeat and many like us could not have handled the situation like Joe. Joe's wife, Karen, was also recognized for being by his side through good and bad for 57 years of marriage. Joe and Karen reside near Washington and had three children. A large crowd of 500 attended the banquet as this is the 41st year for the event for Daviess, Martin and Pike County Right to Life members.

Large Crowd Attends Right to Life Banquet on October 5



Pictured above is a view of the large crowd at the Simon J. Graber Building near Odon. This event is held annually on the first Thursday in October and has drawn between 500-700 from across the three county area. Mike Fichter, the president of Indiana Right to Life, says he believes this event to be one of the largest pro-life banquets held in rural areas. Mr. Fichter was the main speaker in 2016 and this is the third year he has been invited to be a part of the banquet to give updates on State and Federal Legislation.

A Special Thank You from Louis Kavanaugh and Van McAtee

We Just want to take this opportunity to give a special **Thank You!** to all the individuals who helped to make the Right to Life Banquet another big success. To those who sold tickets, those who worked at the banquet, the Powerhouse and the Lighthouse Groups who helped to setup and tear down, those who helped to sell ads and helped with the 2017 Banquet Book, those businesses and Individuals who bought memorial ads, we want to say a special **Thank You!** to all. We could not do it without your help!

We Now Begin Preparations for 2018 RTL Banquet *by Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

As we put everything away from the 2017 banquet we begin to plan for the 2018 banquet. In the last newsletter we talked about whether we will have a banquet book in 2018. No decision has been made on this as we will look at the pros and cons on this in the next few months. The reason for our concern on the banquet book is that over the last few years it has taken up so much time to run down the ads from previous years. People have a tendency to put things aside and we have to keep following up on these ads and we just don't have the staff to do that. We are looking at this and if we can get help to run down these ads, we may go ahead and do it. If you can help to contact people on this, please do so. As I said, we will evaluate this and decide over the winter. We normally begin ad sales on June 1 and it normally takes three months to get them in. If you wish to help with this, contact me at 812-486-3658. The biggest issue we have is the follow-up to individuals to get the ads or the money sent in. If you can help in any way, please contact me.

Want to Know How You Can Help to End Abortion Right Now?

Sign up to pray for a **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** in front of Planned Parenthood. When we started 40 Days for Life, the local Planned Parenthood office was open 6 days a week—now it is open 3 days a week. Prayer is our best weapon—pick up your sign—put on your armor—and join us. “Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11).

For more information, call Liz Kavanaugh at 812-486-3658.

If you Have Not Attended a Right to Life Banquet, Why Not? Plan to Attend next Year!

If you have not attended a Right to Life banquet, you might consider doing so. If you are truly pro-life, show your support to the movement by your attendance at these banquets. These individuals have given so much of their lives to the organization and to the movement and it would mean so much to them to have the pleasure of your presence at the banquet. It would also be an encouragement to them to continue in this battle. **If they don't do it, who will?** We need your support and encouragement as many of us have been in this battle for 40 years and we are tired but we do not want to give up. So please do what you can to encourage those brave soldiers for the unborn to hang in there and keep going. You can do that by your presence at the banquets and by your financial support. Hope to see you there next year! God bless.

New Catholic Bishop Appointed to Evansville Diocese

As we go to press it has been announced that Pope Francis has named Bishop Joseph M. Siegel as the new bishop of Evansville. Up until now he was the Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet, Illinois. We have been praying for a pro-life bishop to be appointed and some comments that Bishop Siegel has made could be encouraging to the pro-life movement in our area. We can only pray that it will give a new direction to a relationship with the Right to Life movement here in Southwest Indiana. It seems that some bishops have been more concerned with capital punishment and illegal immigration and the abortion issue did not rank high enough on the life issues agenda. Let us hope that we will have a new beginning with this new bishop.

Special Thanks Goes to the McAtees and Marvin Arvin

We would like to take this opportunity to give a special “Thank You” to Van and Joleen McAtee, Alan McAtee and Marvin Arvin of Martin County Right to Life. They have been such a big part of Martin County Right to Life and we could not do it without their help and expertise. As many of you may know, Martin and Daviess counties work closely together on many projects and the McAtee family, along with Marvin, has been such a great help to us in Daviess County, and they have helped to keep Martin County moving in the right direction. We just want to give this special recognition to these fine individuals and exceptional pro-lifers. May God grant them many years of good health so we may continue in this battle for the protection of the unborn. God bless you all!

When The Media Says Nothing is Getting Done, They Don't Want to Tell You This! *By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.*

Now I know there are those critics that say that now that President Donald Trump is in the White House just what is He doing for the Right to Life Movement. I was asked that question by a reporter who was interviewing me at the Banquet. Well what he said was that now that Republicans control the White House and both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. Congress just what are they doing for you. He ever suggested that here in Indiana the Republicans control both chambers and have the Governor on their side and nothing is getting done. **Well that is simply not true.** See below for a lists of accomplishments done by President Trump since he has taken office. Now we know that even though the Republicans control the U.S. House and the Presidency, the U.S. Senate is by a very slim majority and a few those republicans do not share pro-life views and this is keeping us from more pro-life victories. That was evident when the Republicans tried to repeal Obama Care. Paying for abortions in Obama Care is still in effect. But this does not take away from the fact that we have had some very important victories in the first 9 months of President Trump's term of office because President Trump has not been afraid to use the power of Executive Orders. We do not know what may be in store in the 2018 elections but the Democrats and some Republicans presently are doing everything they can to stop any pro-life legislation from moving forward. The democrats are also holding up federal judge appointments across the country. Thanks to President Trump, we have made some progress with federal judges but it is going to take a big effort to get this done. Take a look at the box to the right for some of those accomplishments in the first 9 months of the Trump Administration.

Here are some Pro-Life Victories of this year:

- Mexico City Policy was reinstated. Originally instituted by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, the Mexico City Policy states that foreign non-governmental organizations may NOT receive federal funding if they perform or promote abortions as a method of family planning.
- The US House made the Hyde Amendment permanent. The amendment, which prohibits federal money from being used to fund abortions through Medicaid, has been subject to annual renewal. The Hyde Amendment has saved over two million lives since it was enacted in 1976.
- President Trump defunded the United Nations Population Fund that funded forced abortions and sterilizations in China
- Neil Gorsuch was confirmed to US Supreme Court.
- The Indiana Legislature passed the pro-life bill, **Abortion, child abuse, and human trafficking. In this bill, parental rights are protected** by requiring that those consenting to an abortion for an adolescent prove they are the teen mom's parents. Also included are licensing requirements for abortion clinics providing RU 486 and codification of abortion reports to the state.
- Appointment of federal judges to many of the federal district courts in the United States by President Donald Trump.

Right to Life News Web Sites

If you wish to keep up with the Right to Life Happenings go to our web site at www.daviesscountyr-tl.com for all the latest information. You can look at pass newsletters by clicking on the Tab Info, then select DCRTL Newsletters. We have newsletters on line all the way back to Jan. of 2011. You can get national news by going to www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/ or www.lifenews.com/ You can also access these sites by going to our Daviess Co. RTL web site. So keep up on what is going on in the world of pro-life news by going to these news sites.

Federal Judges Appointed by President Trump

As of October 5, 2017, the United States Senate has confirmed 7 Article III judges nominated by President Trump, including 1 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 4 judges for the United States Courts of Appeals, 2 judges for the United States district courts.

There are currently 50 nominations to Article III courts awaiting Senate action, including 13 for the Courts of Appeals and 37 for the District Courts. With an announced intent to nominate 1 additional judge to the United States Court of Appeals. There are currently no vacancies on the Supreme Court,

21 vacancies on the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 118 vacancies on the U.S. district courts, 2 vacancies on the U.S. Court of International Trade, and 16 announced federal judicial vacancies that will occur before the end of Trump's first term. Trump has not made any recess appointments to the federal courts.

In terms of Article I courts, as of October 3, 2017, the Senate has confirmed 3 judges nominated by Trump, all for the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. There are currently 6 nominations to Article I courts awaiting Senate action, including 2 for the United States Tax Court and 3 for the United States Court of Federal Claims and 1 for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Trump has not yet nominated anyone for appointment to the United States Court of Military Commission Review. Trump designated Susan G. Braden as chief judge of the Court of Federal Claims.

National Right to Life Applauds Announcement that Trump Administration Will Protect Religious Liberty and Takes Positive Steps Regarding Abortion-covering Insurance Plans under Obamacare

WASHINGTON – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a bulletin on Friday Oct. 6th through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reiterating that qualified health plan issuers must segregate collected premiums to pay for abortion coverage; that enrollees be informed if abortions are covered by a qualified health plan; and that HHS intends to fully enforce these requirements as a step toward ensuring that federal tax dollars are not used to subsidize coverage for elective abortion.

A 2014 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) provided dismaying confirmation of earlier predictions by National Right to Life that federally subsidized abortion coverage would become a widespread feature of Obamacare. The report found that more than one thousand federally subsidized exchange plans covered elective abortion. The GAO findings validated previous charges by National Right to Life that the federal taxpayer is subsidizing the purchase of abortion-covering plans on a massive scale.

“While only comprehensive legislative reform can cure the multiple abortion-expanding components of Obamacare, today’s guidance from the Trump Administration takes a good first step to keep the federal government out of the business of paying for abortion until Obamacare can be replaced,” said Jennifer Popik, J.D., National Right to Life legislative director.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias added, **“We applaud President Trump and his administration for enforcing the law and seeking to uphold the principles of the Hyde Amendment to prevent the use tax dollars to pay for abortion coverage.”** Additionally, HHS announced interim final rule changes to the Affordable Care Act and HHS coverage mandate that would protect moral and religious rights of conscience.



Pro-life President Donald Trump

“Rights of conscience are extremely important to the right-to-life movement to protect medical professionals, religious institutions and employers from being forced to participate in abortion,” said Tobias. **“We commend President Trump for keeping his campaign promises by supporting these rights of conscience. These rule changes will help promote a policy that protects pro-life rights of conscience with regard to abortion.”**

Under President Obama’s administration, pro-abortion forces not only put increasing pressure on health care providers to violate their moral convictions with regard to abortion, but also backed efforts to force employers, including religious institutions and organizations that object to abortion, to cover abortion in their insurance plans. **“No one should be forced to participate in abortion against their religious or moral convictions,”** Tobias said.

Election 2018: What’s Happening?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

I know the 2016 election is not that far behind us, but the 2018 election is looming just around the corner. In Indiana one major race will be for U.S. Senate where the present senator, Joe Donnelly, will seek re-election after a full term in office. When Donnelly was elected he portrayed himself as pro-life but he has not gone far from his pro-abortion democratic party. The pro-life movement has not been happy with him during those 6 years. This does not mean he has been a strong pro-abortion supporter either.

Several Republican candidates are lining up to run against him including Congressman Luke Messer, Congressman Todd Rokita and State Representative Mike Braun, and

others are indicating they may run as well. It is anybody’s guess how this will turn out as Messer and Rokita are going at each other and may hurt both of their chances. Mike Braun has also entered the race and he along with Messer and Rokita all have strong pro-life credentials and would be a much more dependable pro-life vote than Senator Donnelly. Even though President Trump won Indiana by 20% over Clinton, it is expected it will be a tough race to unseat Donnelly, and it appears it will be a dog fight here in Indiana. There will be some low profile races for the state house along with state senate and state representative races, but the U.S. Senate race will be the biggest of them all.

Indiana Judge Forbids Treating Aborted Babies Like Human Beings

By Mike Fichter, Indiana Right to Life President and CEO

Editor's note. This was posted on the webpage of Indiana Right to Life, NRLC's state affiliate.

Daniel Payne, a senior contributor at *The Federalist*, posted a piece this week about Judge Tanya Pratt's recent ruling against [Indiana's] Dignity for the Unborn law. While most national commentary focused on the fact that Pratt's ruling allows unborn children with a Down syndrome diagnosis to continue to be targeted for abortion, Payne took a different look at Pratt's decision.

Pratt also struck the portion of the law dealing with dignified disposal of aborted human remains, thus allowing Indiana abortion providers to continue to treat the remains of unborn children as common medical waste.

Payne writes: **"I feel almost embarrassed having to point this out to a grown woman, but nevertheless it seems neces-**

sary: aborted fetuses are deceased humans. There is literally nothing else they can be. They are not deceased grizzly bears, or deceased Orca whales, or deceased caterpillars. This is not merely basic science but basic existential epistemology: a thing is the thing that it is, and it cannot be something it is not.

"It makes perfect sense, then, to dispose of the bodies of abortion victims in the same way we would dispose of any other human remains: respectfully and carefully, giving due reverence to the innate dignity inside every human being."

We urge you to read Payne's full piece at *The Federalist* and consider the gravity of Pratt's recent ruling. Thankfully, our pro-life Attorney General, Curtis Hill, has already promised to appeal to a higher court.

Here Are Just a Few of the Headlines from the Stories on LifeNews.com Web Site:

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- Members of Christian Pro-Life Group Kicked Out of Gay-Owned Coffee Shop
- Sexual Abuser Harvey Weinstein Attended Planned Parenthood Gala, Donated \$100,000
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- Hospital Throws Stillborn Baby Out With the Dirty Laundry, Now Family is Suing
- Thank You President Trump for Protecting Christians From the Obamacare Abortion Mandate
- Planned Parenthood: 75% of Our Abortion Clients Don't Show Up When People are Outside Praying
- Little Sisters of the Poor Still Aren't Protected From Obamacare Abortion Mandate
- Uncle Raped 10-Year-Old Girl But Her Unborn Baby Was Saved From Abortion
- Media Ignores Twitter Censoring Pro-Life Ad From Top Pro-Life Congresswoman
- Abortion Activists Applaud Twitter for Censoring Pro-Life Ad Exposing Planned Parenthood
- Planned Parenthood Doesn't Care About Women, Its Abortion Clinics Fail Inspection After Inspection
- Washington Assisted Suicide Deaths Hit Record High in 2016
- Pro-Abortion New York State Attorney General Tries to Shut Down Pro-Life Sidewalk Counselors

Catholic Bishop: You Can't be Catholic and Support Abortion

By Steven Ertelt, London, England

From our Catholic readers around the world, but especially in the United States, one of the biggest complaints we often hear is that fellow Catholics do not follow the pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church. Politicians who are Catholic but support abortion produce significant anger from readers.

And one of the biggest requests we receive frequently here at LifeNews.com from pro-life readers is a request for Catholic leaders to speak out more strongly about those Catholics who do not adhere to those pro-life teachings. One Catholic bishop in England is doing just that — and made it abundantly clear that Catholics cannot be Catholic unless they are pro-life on abortion.

Bishop Michael Campbell of Lancaster said abortion was a "foundational issue", quoting Pope Francis who said: "We are called to defend and safeguard human life, especially in the mother's womb, in infancy, old age and physical or mental disability."

Consequently, we cannot claim to be Catholic and then ignore what our faith teaches on serious matters of human dignity, especially on a foundational issue like abortion. We need to be faithful and well-informed Catholics first. If we are, then our Catholic convictions will naturally enrich our country's public life.

For some Catholics, sadly the price of admission into mainstream British life has meant that we somehow keep the Catholic brand name and tribal loyalty, but are content to live a mix of nostalgia and generic good will and "keep our heads down" in the public sphere. Rather, as Catholics, we have a baptismal duty to sanctify and humanize our country; in other words, to lead it to Jesus Christ. **continued** on PAGE 7

Abortion Facility Applies to Open in South Bend

St. Joseph County Had Been Abortion-Free Since Klopfer Ceased Doing Abortions in November 2015

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - St. Joseph County Right to Life and Indiana Right to Life have learned that an abortion facility has applied to open in South Bend. St. Joseph County had been abortion-free since Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, the abortion doctor who had his medical license suspended for health and safety violations, ceased doing abortions there in November 2015.

Antonio Marchi, Program Director at St. Joseph County Right to Life, made the following announcement at the organization's annual banquet tonight:

"Forty-eight hours ago, we received a phone call with the news that a provider has acquired space for a new abortion clinic on the west side of South Bend. Within hours we were there scoping out the building and surrounding area. It appears that an abortion chain from out-of-state is now renovating the space. And from what we know, this chain and the abortion doctor associated with it are among the worst of the worst. It has been confirmed that the facility's license application is currently under review."

"Abortion activists in South Bend have been voicing their desire for an abortion facility in town since Klopfer's closure, so it's not surprising they lured a business to attempt to locate there," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "Abortion data from 2016 shows us that abortions on St. Joseph County women were down nearly 50 percent from 2015, the last year Klopfer did abortions in South Bend. In 2016 when women had to travel out of town instead of just down the street for an abortion, they had more time to consider the positive alternatives to abortion, and seek help from free resources like South Bend's local pregnancy resource centers. We hope pro-life supporters will rise up to voice their concerns over the possibility of a new abortion facility in their community."

The Indiana State Department of Health's 2016 annual abortion report shows that 161 abortions were performed on

women from St. Joseph County in 2016 at Indiana abortion facilities, compared to 312 abortions the prior year. In 2015, there were 578 abortions done in St. Joseph County (includes non-resident women). 2016 was the first year since 1978 that St. Joseph County reported no abortions.

Indiana Right to Life learned about the new abortion facility's application through its regular public information requests that it makes in order to stay abreast of the status of Indiana's abortion industry.

St. Joseph County Right to Life and Indiana Right to Life encourage pro-life supporters to voice their opposition to a new abortion facility in South Bend. The organizations are hosting a petition to elected officials at <http://p2a.co/XiEMDui>.

Billboard Sites Needed in the City of Washington

In the last newsletter we issued a call for sites for pro-life signs to be erected. We want to tell you that we have received 4 requests for new signs to be put up on private property around Daviess and Martin County area. We want to thank those individuals for stepping forward to help us out.

I do have one more request and that is for sign locations within the City of Washington. We have several signs along the highways leading to Washington but do not have a location within the City limits. If you have a prominent location either on a highway or a busy street on busy road and are willing to have a Pro-Life Billboard on that location, contact me and we will see what we can do. We think these signs make a strong Pro-Life statement and would please the owner of any property. For more information Contact Louis Kavanaugh for Daviess & Martin Co. at 812-486-3658. Let us work to get this pro-life message out.

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As we approach the 50th anniversary of the (1967) Abortion Act in Britain, we recall we're citizens of heaven first and we have pro-life obligations to the poor, the homeless, the disabled, the elderly and the refugee. But abortion is foundational. There's no way around it. It's the cornerstone issue for any society because it deals with the most basic human right of all - the right to life.

We just cannot build a just society while allowing more than a 185,000 abortions a year (in England and Wales), or even half that number. This is why "abortion reduction" strategies can sound persuasive and do have value, but they never adequately address the brutality and injustice of abortion itself, or abortion's deep wounds to both women and children - with 8.8 million lives lost thus far in Britain since the introduction of the Act.

Daviess County Right To Life Monthly Meeting is held the last week of each month at the Right To Life Office at 705 Troy Road. (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level)
Phone: 812-486-3658

Daviess County Right To Life Paper Drive is the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December from 9 AM till 2 PM at the Tractor Supply parking lot (old K-Mart lot). Other pick up points around the county are from 9-12 noon. If you can help, call Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658. It would be greatly appreciated.

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