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2023 Right to Life Banquet Highlights



Elected State Officials Attend Right to Life Banquet

Shown here are Elected State Officials and other Officials of the Right to Life and the Main Speaker for the Evening. All of the individuals in this picture attended the Right to Life Banquet held on Thursday Evening Oct. 5th. Pictured here is (L-R) State Rep. Bruce Borders Dist. 45, State Rep. Shane Lindauer Dist. 63, John Kavanaugh who Emceed the Banquet, longtime President of Daviess County Right to Life Louis Kavanaugh Jr., Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, Kelly Lester who was the main speaker for the evening and Mike Fichter who is the President of Indiana Right to Life Organization.

This was the 47th year for the Right to Life Banquet hosted by Daviess, Pike and Martin County Right to Life Groups. Over 400 attended this event.

Shane and Stacy Lindauer Family honored as Adoptive Family at Right to Life Banquet

The family of Shane and Stacy Lindauer was honored at the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday evening, October 5th as the Adoptive Family for 2023.

Pictured here is the Lindauer Family (L-R) Colton, Stacy, Tyler, Shane and presenting the award was Louis Kavanaugh Jr. President of the Daviess County Right to Life Organization.

The Lindauer family is from Jasper, Indiana. Each year the Right to Life honors an adoptive family to go along with their slogan "Adoption Not Abortion". This was the 47th year for the Right to Life Banquet which draws members from Daviess, Pike and Martin County Areas.



Pro-Life Award Winner at Right to Life Banquet

Pictured here is the 2023 Pro-Life Award winner recognized at the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday evening, October 5th at the Simon J. Graber Building south of Odon. Shown here is Denny Smith of Odon, Indiana (left) as he is presented the Pro-Life Award by Daviess County RTL President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right).

The award was presented to Denny Smith for his many years of service to the Right to Life Organization and for his work with First Choice Solutions in Washington. In making the presentation, Louis Kavanaugh Jr. acknowledged the work that Denny Smith accomplished while serving as a major fund raiser for the Pregnancy Care Center and raising a large amount of funds when the FCS bought the older building and converted it into a beautiful center now being used by First Choice Solutions which helps young mothers with unexpected pregnancies. Smith was credited with his work not only with the Right to Life Board but also his work with the First Choice Solutions organization.



If You Have not Attended a Right to Life Banquet, Please Consider Doing so in the Future!

We in the pro-life movement feel the Right to Life Banquet is the most important event of the year for our local organizations of Daviess, Pike and Martin County RTL Groups, so if you plan to do something for the Right to Life Organization, show your support and show up for the Banquet. Give these leaders encouragement as they may not be around much longer. They have been involved in the organization for many years, and your presence at the banquet would be an encouragement for them to hang in there and continue in this battle.

I think there is a lot going on; but when it comes to protecting the lives of the unborn, everything else pales in comparison. So this is something for you to consider for next year.

John Kavanaugh Emcees Right to Life Banquet



Pictured here is (left) John Kavanaugh, Kelly Lester (Center) and Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right). John Kavanaugh emceed the Right to Life Banquet for his 2nd year and his Dad Louis Kavanaugh Jr. did help out in a minor role but hopefully turning over the reins to the younger generation.

Kelly Lester who was the main speaker gave a powerful presentation on what it was like to go from the top to the bottom and back to the top again. She Spoke of how she was raped at a young age and then when she confided to her pastor, she did not get the support she had hoped for. When she found herself pregnant and turned to a leading person in her church and in the community and they suggested abortion. She later worked for the same abortion clinic where she had her abortion and they put her to work cutting out any reference in magazines in the waiting room to babies, mothers, happy families and everything you would expect from the pro-abortion mentality. Kelly related that what eventually turned her life around was when she was being beaten in an abusive relationship and the man picked up a two by four and was going to bash her head but he suddenly dropped it. She realized that her life has been spared but did not know why. She later found out that at that moment her father was praying for her in another part of the country. The next day she left to go to her father and returned home to start a new life.

She is now happily married with six children and speaks throughout the country on the value of life and the protection of the unborn. Needless to say the Speaker was a big hit with the audience.

Special Thank You for Helping out at the Banquet

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

I want to give a **Special Thank You** to all who helped to make the Right to Life Banquet another big success this year. Special thanks to Van and Alan McAtee for all their work setting up the electronics with the screens on the stage and with Alan's working the music from the room upstairs. We could not do it without them.

Special thanks to John Stoll, who ran the computer for data on the screens on stage. He has done this for many years for us. Also for all the board members who helped out where they are needed. Van McAtee was also in charge of parking the cars, and with the rain this year I am sure it was not a fun thing to do. Also want to thank the Lighthouse for their help in setting up and tearing down along with JROTC and the Elnora Bible College who also helped out.

Special thanks to the ticket sellers for the Banquet and those who help to sell ads for the Banquet Book. We just want to say "Thank You" to all who helped in any way to make our Banquet so successful. It was greatly appreciated.

In Memory of Joe Sponn

Pictured below is the presentation of the Community Service Award to Joe Sponn at the Right to Life Banquet in 2017. Also pictured is Joe's wife, Karen, and presenting the award was Right to Life President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. Joe was very involved in the community and was a big supporter of the Right to Life movement. Joe always made the plaques for the awards at the RTL Banquet, and he always bought an ad in the ad book each year and kept up his membership in the Daviess Co. RTL each year. I know it may have been a hardship for Joe but his support for the pro-life movement was never in question. Joe had been in a wheel chair after an accident since he was a young man but he never lost his smile and his kind personality. He now can walk into through the Heavenly gates. We extend our sympathy to Karen and the children.



Trump Slams Democrats for Supporting Abortions Up to Birth and Infanticide: "They Execute the Baby"

by Steven Ertelt LifeSite News

Recently, Donald Trump slammed Democrats for their extremist position supporting abortions up to birth and even allowing infanticide by voting against measures to protect babies who survive abortions. "If it's after the 9th month and the baby was born you put the baby aside. You discuss with the mother and if the mother doesn't want the baby we execute the baby. This is part of their thing," he said during a rally.



Recently, Trump promised to support "political prisoners" if he's elected president. This is an important pledge pro-life Americans will appreciate given how Joe Biden has put pro-life advocates in prison for rescuing babies from abortion. Trump announced that if elected in 2024, he will create a special task force specifically designed to review cases of Biden's "political prisoners."

During the Family Research Council's "Pray, Vote, Stand Summit" in Washington, D.C., Trump vowed to get innocent Americans out of jail for standing up for their beliefs while criminals run rampant. "I am announcing that the moment I win the election, I will appoint a special task force to rapidly review the cases of every political prisoner who has been unjustly persecuted by the Biden administration," Trump said.

Trump referenced the convictions of pro-life advocates who now face as many as 11 years in prison for rescuing babies from abortions at a late-term abortion business in Washington D.C. "If we stand together in this fight, we're going to defeat Crooked Joe Biden; if he runs — will he make it to the starting gate?" Trump said.

Recently, three more pro-life advocates were found guilty of violating a federal law protecting abortion centers and now face the possibility of 11 years in prison.

Baby Box Dedicated at West End Fire Station

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

Pictured below are Members of the Daviess Co. RTL Board at the dedication of the Baby Box at the West End Fire Station in Washington. Shown here is on the (left to right) Louis Kavanaugh Jr., Denny Smith, Monica Kelsey, (Right Side) Charleen Thomas, Mary Jean Bassler and Sharon Cannon. This effort to see this to completion was a combined effort with the Daviess County Hospital and Daviess County RTL and others.



This process took several years to complete but in the end it will be worth it. Monica Kelsey who is head of the Safe Haven Baby Box Network said there is around 120 baby Boxes in Indiana and dozens more in the works. The first baby box was installed in 2016 in Woodburn Indiana. Most of the electronically monitored, temperature-controlled boxes are installed on the sides of fire stations. Most are also funded through private church donations. A recent surge in surrenders this year includes three babies at a Carmel station near Indianapolis. "I'll tell you I stand on the frontlines of this movement ensuring that every mother has a safe option to place her newborn in the arms of a fire fighter," Kelsey said. This Baby Box dedication took place on Sept. 6 at the West End Fire Station. The Mayor of Washington Dave Rhoades was also present for this special dedication. Several members of the Community were also present for this special dedication ceremony.



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Pregnancy Centers Face a New Challenge

By Brad Mattes, Life Institute

Pregnancy centers are the tip of the spear in the fight for life. Pro-life pregnancy care centers are so successful in fact that it is estimated they have saved some two million babies and provided \$266 million worth of free services to women in need.

Because of this, they have become a primary target of radical abortion supporters. Pro-choice advocates are attempting to prevent these centers from providing potentially lifesaving care.

The state of Colorado has passed the first of its kind legislation preventing pregnancy centers from providing abortion pill reversal services. These services are provided to women who take the first pill in the chemical abortion regimen and then have a change of heart. Rather than taking the second drug they can take progesterone to reverse the effects of the abortion pill.

This has proven successful in up to 68% of cases and has saved thousands of unborn babies. Progesterone has been around since the 1950s and has long been used to combat miscarriage. Fighting back, the Bella Health and Wellness health-care center is suing the state of Colorado, seeking to prevent enforcement of the law.

Unfortunately, Colorado is not alone in their efforts to force

women to go through with an abortion decision that they regret. The state of California, notorious for its pro-abortion policies, has sued pregnancy centers in an effort to stop them from saving babies.

Most recently, the state Attorney General Rob Bonta is targeting two organizations, Heartbeat International and Real Options Obria Medical Clinics, both of which provide abortion pill reversal services. The state claims that the clinics are issuing “fraudulent and misleading claims” about what he describes as an “experimental procedure.”

This is patently false. The pregnancy centers under attack make no guarantee that the treatment will be successful. They simply give women who have changed their mind another option, a chance to choose life.

Pro-abortion advocates often claim that they want women to have a choice, yet now they strip away a mother’s choice to change her mind. There is no reason to prevent these women from attempting to reverse the effects of the abortion pill.

We must stand firm in our defense of these pregnancy centers who are on the frontlines in the battle for life.

Political Persecution in America *by Bradley Mattes*

We are witnessing political persecution in Washington, DC of those brave enough to speak the truth. Peaceful pro-lifers are facing the potential of 11 years in prison, in part because they exposed illegal activities taking place under the noses of DC officials.

In the face of overwhelming evidence, instead of seeking justice, the angered officials launched an investigation against the messenger. And a biased judge piled on in a court of law.

Lauren Handy and other pro-lifers were a peaceful presence outside Washington Surgi-Clinic, a late-term abortion facility in Washington, DC run by notorious abortionist Cesare Santangelo. As they stood there a young man began loading large boxes onto a truck so they asked if they could have one. To their surprise he said yes.

What they later found inside horrified them. Included with the many bodies were five babies killed by brutal late-term abortions. Their corpses showed the undeniable evidence that they were killed by partial-birth abortion, a horrific procedure that kills a baby during delivery. Viewed as such a heinous act, it was banned by federal legislation.

The pro-lifers photographed the bodies and turned them over to police. Santangelo, nicknamed “The Butcher of DC,” had been caught on undercover video stating he would allow any aborted baby born alive to die. Further, he was accused of selling the remains of the babies he killed to an energy company.

After the revelation of the five babies, there was no inquiry by DC officials into the abortionist or his abortion center. Instead, they launched an investigation suggesting Lauren altered the babies’ bodies to give the appearance Santangelo violated

federal law in the process of killing them.

The persecution didn’t end there. Charges were filed against Lauren and other pro-lifers for peacefully staging a sit-in at the notorious abortion center. They were accused of violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.

During the trial Lauren and her fellow defendants wanted to show the jury why they were at the center by displaying images of the five aborted babies.

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly demonstrated her heavy-handed pro-abortion bias by denying the jury the opportunity to see the images. Judge Kollar-Kotelly admitted the abortions were “undoubtedly unlawful under state and federal law” but decreed the pictures were “incendiary” and not “relevant to this case.” The peaceful pro-lifers were convicted and face a possible sentence of 11 years in prison.

This, said US Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), is an example of weaponizing major branches of the government against its political foes. “At least 88 crisis pregnancy centers have been firebombed, vandalized, or set ablaze in the wake of the *Dobbs* Decision,” Cruz said. He further labeled the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) response to this violence as “anemic,” noting that combined, the DOJ and FBI have prosecuted only “one FACE Act case against these criminals.”

Senator Cruz accused the DOJ of “aggressively targeting Handy since she and others blew the whistle on [abortionist Santangelo]...who was engaging in illegal, late-term abortions.”

Our nation is beginning to take on the appearance of dictatorial third-world countries that create a class of political prisoners who dare challenge the powers that be.

Abortion is Child Sacrifice

By Brad Mattes, Life Institute

“Abortion is the child sacrifice of our time.” Those strong words are from Archbishop Joseph Naumann, head of the Diocese of Kansas City.

The Archbishop is spot-on. Abortion is the greatest civil rights violation of our time, and a clear example of child sacrifice. To those who are undecided on the issue of abortion, consider what company you wish to be in.

The Satanic temple appears to agree with the Archbishop. Abortion is child sacrifice. The Satanic temple issued a statement not long ago arguing that abortion must be legally protected under freedom of religion because it is a “religious ritual” of the Satanic temple.

The satanists encouraged women to recite the “tenets of the Satanic temple” during their abortion saying, “by my body, my blood; by my will, it is done.” By attempting to establish abortion as a religious ritual they hope to circumvent pro-life laws in states where abortion is restricted or banned. Billboards have gone up in states like Texas and Florida advertising this idea that free exercise of religion includes the child sacrifice of abortion.

Even for those who may be secular, there exists an inherent understanding that those who follow the Satanic Temple are seldom on the right side of a moral issue.

It is not often that the Catholic Church and the Satanists agree on something. But when they do, perhaps it is because the truth is so obvious that it can't be denied. Abortion takes the life of an innocent child. The pro-abortion lobby can try to hide from this fact, or they can couch their position in kind terms. However, at the end of the day the truth remains. When the curtain is pulled back and the façade is thrown off, we see the truth. Abortion is murder.

For years the abortion lobby spent millions of dollars attempting to mislead the public. To convince women that the precious baby growing inside of them was not human, but just a clump of cells. An illness that could be cured with a medical procedure. Slogans like “safe, rare, and legal” saturated the debate surrounding abortion.

It seems, however, that there has been a shift in the strategy of pro-abortion activists. Rather than hiding from the truth, some seem to be accepting it. Acknowledging what we have known all along—the unborn are innocent human beings. They just do not care.

Now more than ever it is crucial that we expose this great evil for what it is. Take it from the Satanic Temple, abortion is child sacrifice.

Ohio Issue 1 Must Be Stopped

By Brad Mattes, Life Institute

If the ACLU and Planned Parenthood get their way your minor daughter, sister, niece, or granddaughter can:

- Have an abortion anytime until birth without the parents' knowledge or permission.
- Exclude parents from *any* medical procedure, including sex change surgery.
- Be forced into having an unwanted abortion.
- Be more vulnerable to becoming a victim of sex trafficking.

And these horrifying realities are coming closer than you think. On November 7th Ohio citizens will vote whether or not to approve Issue 1, a state constitutional amendment that will do all of this and more. It etches into stone these daily shocking realities for women, young girls, and their unborn children. Plus, it strips away every pro-life law passed by the legislature to protect the health and wellbeing of women and their babies, eviscerating their health and safety standards.

Even if you reside outside Ohio, you should be concerned about the outcome. It is part of a nationwide strategy by radical pro-abortion activists who want to impose their beliefs on everyone else. During the 2022 election cycle, they tested this state-by-state scheme and experienced considerable success. As a result, they are moving forward introducing constitutional amendments in Red states with laws protecting mothers and their unborn babies.

Tens of millions of dollars are spent to saturate media with half-truths and outright lies. In the case of Ohio, they're telling voters that there is no access to contraception or emergency medical attention for miscarriage if Issue 1 fails. All of which are falsehoods. This fearmongering is a powerful and effective tool so pro-lifers must do all within their ability to educate voters that Issue 1 would be a disaster for Ohio citizens in ways that far extend beyond abortion until birth.

Life Issues Institute has produced and compiled resources to counter the fabrications of the other side. Please go to this web site at: <https://lifeissues.org/straight-talk-on-life-issues/ohio-issue-1-straight-talk-on-life-issues/> You can share this information with others to protect innocent human life in Ohio and beyond.

PLEASE REMEMBER: NO OTHER LIFE ISSUE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ISSUE OF ABORTION. THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE! SO PLEASE, ALWAYS VOTE PRO-LIFE!

Pro-Life Advocate Defeats Pro-Abortion Mob's Attempt to Put Him in Prison

By Tom Ciesielka, Indianapolis, Indiana

It's the stuff of late-night television nightmares: peaceful husband and wife visit the Indiana Statehouse, find a loud pandemonium raised by abortion extremists, and days later their world is turned upside down with a wrongful felony assault charge. It happened to Indianapolis resident Nathan Perry—who has now been vindicated and declared not guilty by a Marion Superior Court judge on September 29, 2023, after successful defense by the Thomas More Society.

In July 2022, Perry—a teacher and church music director—and his wife—a Christian counselor—went to the Indiana Statehouse on the first day of the state legislature's special session, when an abortion ban was being considered. The Perrys consider themselves to be quietly pro-life. They have been long time supporters of Indianapolis pregnancy help ministries and Perry's wife started her counseling career at a Christian pregnancy care center.

"Nathan Perry and his wife had gone to the Statehouse in Indianapolis to exercise their rights as citizens and hear what the elected officials had to say about the abortion issue," explained Perrys' attorney, Carlos Lam, serving as Thomas More Society Special Counsel.

"We were shocked—we had gone to the Statehouse at Indianapolis not knowing this was happening," said Perry. "There we found a mad riot, complete chaos."

In the crowd of more than a thousand people, the Perrys found themselves close to a band performing Christian music, as many of those present queued to enter the building. According to reports, a raucous and vociferous contingent chanted their demands for abortion.

Lam related how one young woman blasted a bullhorn near Perry's head, causing him to react and push out to protect himself—which knocked the bullhorn back toward the woman. As the young woman moved back, Perry was then targeted by the woman with her profanities. Following the incident, the Perrys left the scene while the mob hollered for the police. An older woman then chased the Perrys down the street in an attempt to escalate the situation.

Indiana State Police on site did not react, intervene, or see any cause for concern. Later that day, the Perrys returned home without further incident.

Days later, Perry became aware that something was not right when coworkers on the ministry staff at Christ Evangelical Lutheran in Brownsburg, Indiana, brought to his attention an array of strange social media posts. Tweets and other social media posts targeted Perry, whom the perpetrators had apparently identified with a smartphone video and artificial intelligence tools.

The harassment campaign against Perry was relentless. After Perry and his wife were identified, they were stalked online and targeted—along with their church and employers. "It was a horrific concerted pro-abortion effort to ruin our lives and make an example of us because we did not embrace the pro-abortion message," explained Perry. "This was a mob trying to find someone they could take down and mess with their life."

"As crazy people from all over the country attacked me, I learned what doxing meant," said Perry, detailing how the tormenters had located and published identifying information about him and his wife. He reported that her Christian counseling service began receiving malicious emails and phone calls, and that their church had to shut down its social media.

Perry learned about the charges against him when his employers at a prestigious private school called him into the office at the end of the day and informed him that he could not keep teaching because the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department had a warrant out for Perry, for felony battery.

While swift work by Lam got the warrant recalled and saved Perry from actual physical arrest or having to spend time in jail, he suffered serious consequences.

"My reputation in the industry has been damaged, for two years I been unable to teach, not held a full-time job or benefits, and my parents' health has suffered," shared Perry, "All because these extremists had a goal to disrupt my life as an example, so no one will ever oppose their viewpoint."

"I learned way more than I wanted to in the process," admitted Perry, "This has been a steep hill to climb. I am so thankful for the support of the Thomas More Society along this spiritual journey. We are starting over, but our faith has grown, and God has brought us through this journey."

On September 29, 2023, Magistrate Ronnie Huerta declared Perry not guilty of the felony charge, Battery Resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury, after a Marion Superior Court bench trial.

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