



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Midwest March for
Jan 18 Life, Des Moines

Sunday, March for Life,
Jan 19 Cedar Rapid

Tuesday, CFLI Working
Jan 28 Meeting

Tuesday, CFLI Board Meeting
Feb 11

**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings**

New Board Member

We welcome a new member to the Coalition for Life of Iowa board. Steve Speirs was voted in during our December board meeting.

When we needed someone to lead the Roses for Moms activity at a local church, Steve took the lead. His past involvement brings some experience we like to see on our board.

Coalition for Life of Iowa Board



2013 ... What a Year!

How many abortion facilities closed?

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Cedar Rapids March for Life: Jan 19

On Sunday, January 19th, we will host our annual March for Life. Join us! We will meet in the St. Matthew's Church parking lot at 2 pm and walk to Planned Parenthood. Around 2:30 pm, we will pray and listen to speakers, including a friend that had an abortion. At 3 pm, we will head back. By 3:30 pm, we will begin our social inside the St. Matthew's Church rosary room. We will serve chili and other

food while we have a warm place to socialize! Please only enter the door on the southern half of the west side of the building. That's the side that's furthest from 1st Ave, and the door that's furthest from the side street. Also, please try to remain relatively quiet to avoid

disturbing other activities within the church that day.

This is the first time we're adding the social afterward, so come and join us!



Local Developments: Planned Parenthood Rental

The Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood abortion facility had nearly half of the facility vacant for the last few years. In recent months, they offered to lease the unused space.

They used Iowa Realty to seek a business to lease the space. After months

of nothing happening, NAI Iowa Realty Commercial chose to lease the space.

As identified on their website, they are part of Berkshire Hathaway, which had been on a boycott list in the past for supporting Planned Parenthood. They were

removed when they discontinued donating to any charity.

But now, they are able to benefit Planned Parenthood for space that was valued at \$30,000/year a few years ago.

93 Facilities Stop Abortions in 2013!

This past year brought remarkable progress for the pro-life cause. In 2013, a total of 93 facilities that provided abortions stopped providing them. 87 of them stopped surgical abortions, and 6 stopped medical (pill) abortions. With 582 surgical abortion providers remaining, that's a 12% drop in just one year, and a 73% drop over the past 22 years!

All but 6 of the surgical abortion providers permanently closed, while the 6 merely ceased the surgical abortions. Add the 6 facilities that closed, including those in Iowa that provided medical abortions, and that adds up to 87 closures and 6 facilities that only ceased the abortions.

There are states with just one abortion facility remaining, and some of them are close to closing. Iowa remains far from that

end of the spectrum. Just a few years ago, Iowa ranked in the top 3 states in terms of the number of Planned Parenthood facilities per capita in the nation. When they devised webcam abortions, they converted many of those locations to abortion providers. That sent Iowa rapidly up the charts for having a large percentage of abortion facilities per capita.



But abortions in Iowa have dropped rapidly in recent years. After 40 Days for Life came to the state, abortions have been on a rapid decline. In the first 3 years of praying for 40 days, abortions dropped over 37% locally! With pregnancy resource centers opening up and growing,

there is further pressure on abortion providers as women find the alternatives they seek.

In addition, more people hear of the whistleblowers like Sue Thayer, who aim to shine the light on what happens in the abortion industry. A few survivors of abortion, like Melissa Ohden, who spoke in Cedar Rapids last February also bring a voice to those who have been aborted—in her case, she lived to tell her story.

People call themselves pro-life in growing numbers, and we are the majority. People are attending the national March for Life in droves, more than doubling in less than 4 years.

What will 2014 bring? What part will you play? Don't let anyone or anything stop you from doing what's right.

Roe & Doe – A Look Back



where a reasonable question was asked. With Sandra not being present, and the name made anonymous, they asked how they could know if

While the majority of people consider themselves pro-life, the majority of people also support the Roe v Wade Supreme Court ruling, not wanting to overturn it. But how much do they really know about it? When people answer questions about where they stand on abortion, their answers suggest they would support the overturning of the ruling if they knew what was in it.

Norma McCorvey is the Roe from Roe v Wade. She is now pro-life, and tells about how she was illiterate when lawyers represented her case that overturned the laws of all

50 states.

At the same time the Roe v Wade decision was revealed, the Doe v Bolton case was announced. Sandra Cano was Doe, but her case was very different. She NEVER wanted an abortion. She had lawyers representing her for another matter, and an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyer recognized that she had the traits of the kind of person that could allow their goal of legalizing abortion to win.

The lawyer was not representing Sandra, but their own political goals. Her case made it to the Georgia Supreme Court,

this “Doe” was a real person. The response was bold. They said she shouldn’t have to exist! The case eventually made it to the US Supreme Court, which made abortion legal for the full term of pregnancy. At one point, Sandra even asked if “Doe” was her, after noting similarities.

Neither woman ever had an abortion. Both oppose abortion. Both make it clear that the rulings on abortion laws have been based on lies.

Pro-Life Challenge



Attend Events!

January is a month loaded with pro-life events! There's the March for Life in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, or Washington D.C. Come show support for life!



Bring Friends!

When you come to our events, invite family members, friends, and even co-workers!

A Refreshed Website!

Have you seen the Coalition for Life of Iowa website lately? If not, you're in for a surprise. Promoting respect for human life in today's society is not an easy task, and it makes those of us that step up to the challenge very good at turning adversity into opportunity.

A few months ago, our online software for generating websites was no longer supported. So any changes required manual editing of the code for each page. We slowed our updates to the site.

In January, we were notified that our website used scripts using something that was no longer supported...just 7 days later! We had to act fast to recreate the entire site in under a week.

We think you'll agree that the opportunity to create the site anew has turned the possible loss of the website into a site that looks more professional and has more current content.

Check out our new website. Upcoming events even have countdowns to the events.

A screenshot of the Coalition for Life of Iowa website. At the top, there are navigation links: WELCOME, ABOUT US, NEWSLETTERS, CALENDAR, and EVENTS. Below these is the Coalition for Life of Iowa logo, which features a footprint graphic. The main heading is "Upcoming Events". A featured event is the "Midwest March for Life - Des Moines", with a countdown timer showing "00:15:23" (Days Hours Min). The event is scheduled for "Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 11am - 4:30pm". Below the event title is a paragraph of text: "Every January, for decades, there has been the March for Life in Washington D.C. The March commemorates the dreadful Roe v. Wade decision, which paved the way for abortion on demand. In recent years, the West Coast began their own January March for Life." At the bottom of the event box is another paragraph: "Now it's OUR turn! Stand with us - March with us - for the 2nd Annual Midwest March for Life. Send the message throughout Iowa and the Midwest: We have not been silent! We will not be silent! We are the voice for the voiceless---the unborn, the infirm and the elderly. We will not rest until every life, born and unborn, is safe from the pervasive culture of death."

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