



Life Matters

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because life matters

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**We welcome newcomers
to our meetings and
events**

The Start of Another Year

We had a great Cedar Rapids March for Life this year! The weather brought the coldest temperatures since last winter. Yet so many of you stood up for life. The Gazette sent a photographer, and our march made it in the paper. It filled more space than we would normally expect. We already planned to meet inside before the march. So when the weather ended up so cold, it turned out to be a great year to begin implementing that change from prior years.

Minnesota just had one of their private practice abortionists quit their practice. Planned Parenthood will almost certainly pick up the slack at their mega abortion site in Saint Paul.

We have a few events coming up in the next few months. If you're willing to help in any way, then please contact us.

Would you be interested in a position on our board? We have a few members who are moving this summer, and we will have some openings.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

Upcoming Events

<p>Second Tuesdays 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>CFLI Board Meeting (2nd Tuesdays) Get involved in the decisions that guide our organization! Where: St. Patrick’s Common Grounds Coffee Shop 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com</p>
<p>Fourth Tuesdays 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>CFLI Working Meeting (4th Tuesdays) Get involved in planning the activities for our organization! Where: St. Patrick’s Common Grounds Coffee Shop 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com</p>
<p>Mar 6 – Apr 14 1-hour time slots 24 hours/day</p>	<p>40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil! Where: Sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood 3425 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cedar-rapids/</p>
<p>Sat, Mar 2 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.</p>	<p>30th Annual Birthright Celebration Come to the Knights of Columbus’s annual benefit for Birthright! Where: St. Patrick’s Parish Center 120 5th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA More info: http://lifeiowa.org/Dance_for_Life.html</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 18 Details Coming Soon</p>	<p>Sue Thayer Headlining 40 Days for Life Come hear former PP manager Sue Thayer who works for 40 Days for Life!</p>



New Mexico

Assisted Suicide (NM)

New Mexico is drawing attention as a state seeking to push assisted suicide in a direction far worse than ever before. The bill has not become law, but it's something we need to keep an eye on.

The law would allow the same technology that enabled webcam abortions to dispense the drug used in assisted suicide. Evil loves to reuse ideas to bring about death in other situations.

The danger is even greater since the bill lacks any residency requirement. This could lead to sites lining the border for visitors to get quick access to the deadly drugs from satellite facilities that link to a more central person who could dispense the drugs remotely. This could become big business for a doctor, but one doesn't have to be a doctor, due to the

next point of concern.

Not only does it put physicians in a position of bringing about death, rather than aiming to restore life and proper function, but it spreads the authority to nurses. It's bad enough that people in both professions might become accomplices in providing lethal pills to someone who then takes his/her own life. But the bill would not require the victim to administer the drug. That means someone else can administer it. That's euthanasia where one person kills another.

Even other states that allow this deadly practice use the same 6-month standard that hospice uses (although California might extend). But this bill uses vague terminology, such as anticipating death in the "foreseeable future". Everyone

I know should be dead within the next 120 years or less. Is that foreseeable enough? The waiting period is just 2 days. Now imagine that one person is enough to make the assessment. A second opinion is not required.

Like many other threats to conscience, this bill will require a medical provider who does not wish to implicate himself/herself in the killing of a person, to refer to someone who will do so. It would be like calling a suicide hotline and if the people asked you to help them carry out their demise, you'd have to point them to someone who will comply.

Upon death, the death certificate will misleadingly refer to the prior affliction as the cause of death.



Government Update: Roe's Stranglehold

Federal Government

While the federal government was shut down, there were still efforts to restore funding to abortion providers. After the President previously cut funding to international abortion providers, there was a shrinking of such global organizations.

With the extension of 3 weeks to work out a new deal, there's still a chance the proposers of the next bill might try to inject such funding.

Iowa Government

A judge struck down the Iowa Heartbeat Law. Rather than aiming for a timely ruling, he chose to issue the ruling on the anniversary of Roe versus Wade. This really suggests the

presence of political bias. The judiciary is not there to promote a certain cause over another. Yet he aligned the timing of his ruling with such a notorious prior ruling.

Appeals are being considered, but the path forward has not been decided yet. Several states have introduced similar legislation, following Iowa's lead.

Other States

New York just became the most radical state with regards to abortion law. Their governor demanded from the legislature a bill that would allow abortions up to birth. Until they met his demand, he would not approve any budget bill for the state.

The vast majority of lawmakers in New York look favorably on abortion, so they acted quickly. The governor of New York quickly signed it into law with cheering, applause, and even some laughter. The law took effect immediately upon signing.

He further requested that various landmarks, such as the World Trade Center tower light up pink to celebrate the passage of the law.

Roe has a grip on far too many lawmakers.

The other states that have little or no restrictions on abortions: Colorado, Washington D.C., Oregon, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

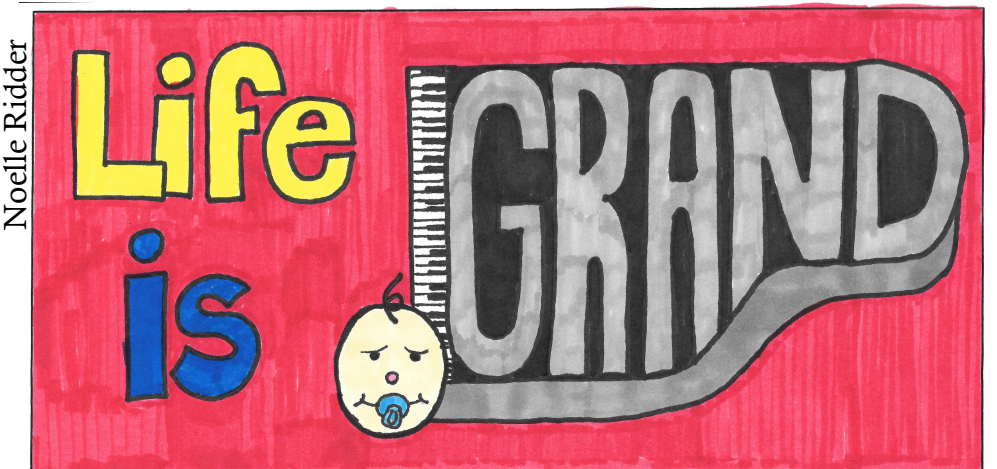
Pro-Life Billboard Winners!

Participation in our Pro-Life Billboard Contest for students increased dramatically this year, and the designs are great! In fact, it was tough to choose winners, so we had several ties.

In first place, we had a three-way tie, which led to three billboards with the winning designs. The first place winners were:

- Madelyn Jongquist from Regis Middle School
- Kellen Volden from Trinity Lutheran School
- Noelle Ridder from Isaac Newton Christian Academy

The first place winners represented a broad range of schools. After voting on the winning designs, we were surprised that students from Regis Middle School swept the second and third place slots. Is there another school that might provide a formidable rivalry next year?



Second place winners:

- Brogan Zahn
- Allison Casey

Third place winners:

- Casey Gannon
- Creyton Conrey



Controversy at the National March for Life

The media used to largely ignore the National March for Life in Washington D.C. Then they started to twist the details. Some of them would make the numbers of pro-lifers sound hundreds of times smaller than were there. Some of them have been completely deceptive in the past.

This year brought the opportunity for a distraction. Rather than having to comment on the March for Life itself, the media focused on a video that went viral on the internet. The video shows a Native American in very close proximity to a student, who is among his classmates after the National March for Life.

Most people saw at least a headline or caption before watching the video, which led many people to see a student that was blocking the Native American man, looking like he thought he was better than the older man.

I watched the video, having seen the headline. Then I watched it again, watching for the key people that stood out from the first watching. It was very easy to see that the initial reports mischaracterized the situation. I saw how the man walked through the crowd, finding gaps between people, until he changed direction and headed right for the student that would become the focus of the internet for several days. I

saw no attempts to move around the student. The odd look on the student is common for people who are faced with situations like pro-lifers sometimes face, where someone approaches with unknown intentions.

The elder's story changed when more videos came out. His story then conflicted with his first story, and still didn't make much sense for the situation he was in. More videos revealed just how well many of the students handled the situation—especially the student that was mostly trashed by people when the video went viral.

Don't just trust what is reported. Seek truth.

Pro-Life Challenge

VOLUNTEER



Help us out!

The pro-life movement is experiencing greater success than we've seen in the past several decades. But with success brings an even greater need for help. Please help us build a culture of life! Volunteer!



Invite Friends!

Invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. There are many needs. The harvest is plenty; harvesters are few. Many hands make for light work!



Ready to Stand Podcast

The Ready to Stand podcast impresses me more than most other pro-life podcasts. Host Cullen Herout always manages to find interesting and timely topics for each episode. The guests are also among the best in pro-life circles.

The program is based in and airs on the radio in the Omaha, Nebraska area. That makes this podcast the one that is produced closer to us than any other that we have found.

This month's article about assisted suicide probably wouldn't have been written had it not been for this podcast pointing out in early January just how horrific the proposed bill is.

If you want to learn about a variety of pro-life topics with a better balance in the topics than most other sources provide, this podcast is for you. If you don't

like when pro-life news focuses entirely on political content, this podcast could be for you. Yes, when a bill of grave significance comes up, it's discussed. But some programs focus almost exclusively on legislative matters, while others ignore such things entirely.

Most other podcasts involve either a person or two just talking about everything, or it's a bigger production that has a guest on occasion. This podcast brings in the top people in the various pro-life battles, or those who are closest to the particular item in the news.

After hearing many other podcasts and listening to several episodes of this podcast, I reached out to the host to compliment his show, since it was top notch. I don't recall doing that to any other podcaster.

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