



# Life Matters

Discussing life matters,  
because life matters

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events and meetings**

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## End of the Year

We are nearing the end of this year. We look forward to marches for life in the year ahead. We will continue to engage in 40 Days for Life in the year ahead, unless we see changes at the Planned Parenthood site.

If you would like to financially support pro-life activities, you can still donate to the Coalition for Life of Iowa from either our website or by sending a check to us. We appreciate your donations. We know of lives saved as a result of some of our activities, and every bit helps.

**KEEP PRAYING! DO NOT STOP!** When an organization shrinks, there's room for further collapse. We await the day a For Sale sign can go up, and really look forward to a Sold sign. But until then, we will pray outside the gutted building. They are preparing the building for sale after being unused for the past few years. We will keep an eye on matters.

# Upcoming Events



**First Mondays**  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## CFLI Board Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays)

Get involved in our organization!

**Where:** Contact us.

**More:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

**Jan 22, 2026**  
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## Adoration for Life

Join in prayer for a pro-life hour of Eucharistic Adoration

**Where:** St. Pius X Catholic Church

4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

**More info:** [coalitionforlife@gmail.com](mailto:coalitionforlife@gmail.com)

**Jan 23, 2026**  
All Day

## National March for Life

People across the nation march for life in our nation's capital!

**Where:** Washington D.C.

**More info:** <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life>

**Feb 18 – Mar 29**  
1-hour time slots

## 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:** <https://www.40daysforlife.com/cedarrapids>

**Sun, Mar 29**  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

## 40 Days for Life Closing Rally

Join us in praying for an end to abortion in a peaceful prayer vigil!

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## Looking Back and Looking Forward

### 2025 in Review

We started the year with the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood (PP) still “temporarily” closed. We could have declared success and could have stopped praying outside that property. If we had done that, their security cameras and their occasional visits to the site would have made it clear to them that we had given up. When their budget was strained this summer, they may have made cuts in other places, knowing Cedar Rapids is the second-largest city in Iowa.

We did NOT declare victory, so we kept praying. In May, PP anticipated the federal funding cuts. They announced the closures of four PP sites in Iowa, including the permanent closure of their Cedar Rapids site. This still left sites in Iowa City and Des Moines, but ONLY those two cities. The federal cuts were made for just one year, then put on hold, then allowed again, then put on hold again, and allowed again earlier this month.

The abortion industry keeps legally challenging the funding cuts, but they generally lose. This means there is legal precedent growing to ensure future failures if they attempt to argue on the same basis as any past cases.

PP still owns the Cedar Rapids site, but they have been preparing it for sale. We remain prayerful.

The Heartbeat Law that went into effect last year makes abortion providers either ship in abortion pills or transport women out of state, unless the child is so early in development as to not have a detectable heartbeat. The state statistics aren’t out for 2024, yet, so we don’t see the effect that had in its first partial year.

### Looking Forward

We anticipate PP selling their Cedar Rapids site in 2026. We will continue praying until that occurs. Pro-lifers hope Iowa will pass laws to protect life from conception and prohibit the abortion pill.

The PP affiliate that covers Iowa lost money in recent years, but they anticipate having a balanced budget for 2026. Yet, they struggle with staffing, since there are many reports about their staff being mistreated. The state of Nebraska no longer funds PP, which adds to their challenges.

Pro-lifers hope the next reconciliation bill extends the abortion provider funding ban to 10 years, but time will tell how that turns out. It seems unlikely that abortion pills will be restricted, unfortunately.

There are PP affiliates that span states, which strains their funding in Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, and Oklahoma, where abortion isn’t permitted. Medicaid can’t fund those sites.

A few of us on the board of directors already recognize the changes that are coming, along with the need for some goals to address the future. We will work through some plans in the coming months. 🙏



## Government Update

### National

The federal government drags their feet on pro-life matters after good things early this year. The FDA fails to act on the abortion pill, despite serious concerns. The abortion pill continues to be illegally shipped through the mail. In January, a reconciliation bill will draw attention, providing another chance to defund abortion providers for up to 10 years, if all goes well.

### Illinois

The governor of Illinois signed into law a bill that makes assisted suicide legal.

For now, their law will allow adults (age 18+) to end their lives if they:

- \* Are of sound mind (which often goes when people push for mental health conditions to be included),
- \* Make written and oral request,
- \* Physicians must provide options,
- \* Have at least two physicians determine the victim is likely to die within 6 months.

As is the case in many other states that passed such laws, the state of

Illinois will now require lying by mandating the listing of the terminal condition as the cause of death listed on death certificates, rather than being truthful and identifying the suicide as the cause of death. Immoral actions often yield more immoral actions, like lying.

After similar laws got passed in other states, there tends to be a continual expansion of qualifying individuals and circumstances. It can also lead to insurance providers pushing death, which often ends up less costly to them than life.

### New York

New York aims to follow the lead of Illinois in passing a similar law early in 2026. Their governor announced an agreement to sign such a bill into law. So-called “Medical Aid in Dying Acts”, (MAID) continue to spread in our country. Nearly 1/20 of the deaths in Canada result from their MAID laws. Rather than allowing natural death, people inject themselves into the process, deny the dignity of people near the end of life, and enable an increase in suicides.

### Iowa

The Iowa legislature will convene again in January. 2026 is an election year when we will elect a new governor and U.S. senator. We also hope to see bills to ban abortion pills and protect life from conception.

### Active Abortion Cases

Wyoming and Utah have abortion addressing constitutionality, with **Wyoming’s ruling expected at the end of the year, so PLEASE pray this month!** In each of those states, the cases could decide if life is protected from conception or not.

### Keep Praying

**Pray for the protection of human life throughout the states.** Pray for an end of the culture of death. Pray for the protection of life to prevail in governments in our nation and world. Pro-life lawmakers help, but don’t always prevent them from achieving good things. We need to pray and to contact lawmakers to let our voices be heard. The abortion industry adapts. It’s important to achieve results this year! 🙏

## Pro-Life Challenge



Please pray for God to work in the lives of people, in particular:

For people to prioritize the value of human life; Students for Life in Iowa; lawmakers & judges; religious leaders; success for other pro-life groups

## VOLUNTEER



## Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



## Concerns

A few matters concern me. Although the pro-life movement has made gains regarding abortion, our culture has numerous other matters that concern me in the pro-life realm.

Too many people have claimed words are violence. They rightly recognize verbal abuse. But when categorized as violence, it has led many people justify physical and even lethal violence. Among young adults, the percentage of people who thought it was justified to cause harm to some famous people. We saw this play out with Charlie Kirk. Even afterward, countless people seemed to defend the killing. This is NOT a pro-life culture.

Political policies are drawing more attention to In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF). But the policies promote the use of IVF, despite being costly, immoral, and horribly ineffective when one looks at its rate of success. There are vastly superior alternatives that many people don't know enough about. When people are made aware of alternatives and educated about the concerns with IVF, support shifts

rather significantly. Without that education, people justify killing in order to have children out of sympathy for parents who want children. I wish more people knew there were methods that were moral, more effective, and less expensive. For now, this seems to be another sign of a culture of death, guised as a culture wanting more children.

Assisted suicide continues to spread to more states. People don't like to see suffering, and may simply want to avoid that chance of suffering or being a burden on others. I wish more people recognized the connection between love and suffering. Parents do so much for their children, including suffer sleepless nights when their children face certain things. This is done out of love, and we don't want their children dead to avoid any hint of suffering. Likewise, near the end of life, we need more people to recognize the opportunities to love. I wish more people understood redemptive suffering, too. When someone seeks their own death, we should step in and help them see value in life. It's a wonderful life! 🍷

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