*******Presenting the Pro-Life Message in Southeastern Michigan Since 1970*

***Right to Life - LIFESPAN***

Life is like an arch. If you discard one segment as worthless,

the span collapses — the value of all life brought low.

*Please be sure to speak to your pastor and the editor of your church bulletin and ask them to include our August church notes.*

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Hello, Everyone!

 In light of the recent Supreme Court decision that once again saw the justices unwilling to enact even the most reasonable of safeguards for women seeking abortions, we have had calls here in the office asking why we don’t just quit fighting what seems like a forever losing cause.  It is indeed, discouraging, realizing that the justices will protect their sacred cow of abortion against all threats, but the questioners don’t really know what they are asking.

Need additional copies of fliers? Please contact our office and we will happily make them for you! It is because of you and *your commitment to LIFE*, people find out about the many activities that LIFESPAN sponsors and learn about issues that impact LIFE, from conception until natural death.

 How can we abandon the teen aged girl who is terrified about becoming a mom, finishing her education, loss of her boyfriend, disappointment of her parents, and shame of her peers to a decision that will be with her for the rest of her life?  How can we only offer a woman the choice to kill her child if she is poor, unemployed, abused, in need of medical care and housing?  They will forever ask themselves why? What if? They will remember the child that was lost when they have a child they will keep; they will remember the day; they will never forget.  We know this to be true because young girls and women have told us so.  Too often we hear them say, “I didn’t think I had a choice”.

 **We can help her**—there are more than 3000 pro-life pregnancy centers and fewer than 750 abortion centers. ***She does have a choice****.*  Her baby can live. She can be a mom, get her education, and hold her head high as she proudly loves her child. She can do this because we can help her do it- BUT NOT IF WE QUIT.

 Why do we continue to bang our heads, and our hearts, against that seemingly impenetrable wall?  Because there are women and children and babies that need us.  They have no one else.

 The loss of life in Dallas, Minnesota and Baton Rouge has left our nation battered and bruised. Pray for healing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS, we hope that you can participate in some, if not all:**

* Make sure that you share the **July LIFESPAN Newsletter that contains the results of our candidate surveys**. We want to make sure that everyone has the answers to questions about pro-life issues from candidates that are in your area. We know that you will be able to choose the candidates who best match your principles.
* **Entertainment Books** are still being sold! We still have some 2016 Entertainment Book and Premier Dining Books in the office—come and pre-order your 2017 Entertainment Book and Premier Dining and get the 2016 set and START SAVING!!!
* We are finalizing the selections for this year’s Christmas Cards—make sure that you have one or more weekends reserved to offer **Christmas Cards at your parish**!
* **September** : National Day of Remembrance—September 10th. Also, we are working on a **FUN fundraiser in September** for Wayne County—stay tuned for more information!
* **Saturday, October 1**: Michigan Nurses For Life **(MNFL) Conference**: Human Trafficking
* **Sunday, October 2**: LIFE Chain; Make sure your church registers for a **LIFE Chain**! Make sure to check miLIFESPAN.org for updates for active LIFE Chains—we get new locations added almost daily!
* **Saturday, October 22**: LIFESPAN’s Pro-Life ***LUNCHEON*** featuring speaker Jason Negri. Jason is a practicing attorney and the Assistant Director for the International Task Force on Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide. **Registration will start at 10:30 am, program and lunch starts at 11 am**. **O’Kelly Banquet Hall in Dearborn** is the location. Participants will walk away ***with information and resources to protect themselves and their loved ones***. This is a luncheon that could save your life!

*Please post fliers wherever possible and bring it to the attention of your pastor, youth group coordinators*

*and pro-life groups.*

Yours in LIFE,

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