



# Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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January 2020



## INDOOR 2020 Sanctity of Life Sunday Kicks off NEW Monthly Pro-Life Event

As we teased in last month's newsletter, PPCFL is coming in from the cold for our 2020 *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday* commemoration event.

Since its inception, this event has served the purpose of reminding our community of the tragic Supreme Court rulings that set our nation on the course that has resulted in the deaths of over 60 million preborn children since 1973.

The 2020 event, while serving the same purpose, will also institute what we hope will be a **monthly community-building event for PPCFL and all other pro-life people and organizations in our local area.**

PPCFL hopes that such a monthly event will provide opportunities for critical networking, as well as fun, fellowship and education for anyone already active or interested in being active in the pro-life movement in Colorado Springs and beyond.

**Enjoy a meal and join other pro-life folks, as we connect with, and learn about, the many life-affirming organizations active in our region.**

When: Sunday, January 19, 2020

Meal & Fellowship at Noon (Program 1-2pm)

Divine Redeemer Catholic Church Community Center  
926 Farragut Ave, COS 80909

To help us gauge the turnout, please RSVP to Julie at [jp@baileypeople.com](mailto:jp@baileypeople.com) or call/text 401-578-4471.

**Spread the word and share this event news with all the Pro-Life Folks you know!**



## Sidewalk Advocates for Life Update

As we draw near to our 2nd anniversary of the establishment of *Sidewalk Advocates for Life - Colorado Springs*, we thought you would enjoy seeing a snapshot of our activity during 2019.

- We have held 5 basic training events attended by 55 advocates and prayer partners.
- We have spent more than 200 hours on the sidewalk advocating for women and families.
- During those 200 hours we have provided at least 218 pieces of literature, had over 150 meaningful conversations, given over 50 Blessing Bags.
- We've also had at least 22 "turnaways" (meaning someone intending to go into Planned Parenthood did not go in after speaking to an advocate).
- On almost all counts, those numbers are double what we saw in 2018.

If you have never seen the Sidewalk Advocates in action I encourage you to come out to the Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings are best) to see us in action. You never know, you may be inspired to join us!



SAVE THE DATE

The 2020 Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign will kick off with a fabulous Pot Luck Dinner and *Spiritual Warfare* presentation. You won't want to miss it!

Mark your calendar for Feb 20, 6pm, at St. Francis of Assisi, Colorado Springs. More details to come.



Catholic Charities is offering a **FREE 5-week Parent Training Program** designed by the *Love and Logic Institute, Inc.* This course is designed to give practical parenting skills and *free childcare* is available.

The course is free and course materials will also be provided at no cost. **Wednesdays 4:00 pm - 5:15pm**  
**January 8 - February 12, 2020.** Please call 719-309-2968 for more information or to register.

## PPCFL Officers and Directors

President	Matt Niedzielski
Vice President	Julie Bailey
Secretary	Bernadette Johnston
Treasurer	John Combs
Newsletter	Holly Coco
Additional Directors	Shannon Kelepolo
	Mark Spengler
	Kathy Thilenius

Board meets 7pm monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.  
Come and see what we do.

## To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

Julie Bailey (719) 630-1999

## **We're an All-Volunteer Tax Exempt Organization**

PPCFL is an approved tax-exempt Public Charity under section 501(c)(3) of IRS Code. Donations are tax deductible. Our EIN is 26-0770794.

## Join us as a volunteer!!

Staff our office once a week.  
Assist with computer work.

Become a PPCFL Church Contact.  
Assist with educational programs, staff an educational booth, or assist in fundraising.  
Bring fresh ideas or "Chair" a project.  
The opportunities are never-ending.



Read stories of news and inspiration at  
Pikes Peak Citizens for Life on Facebook.

## **Newsletter Available by Email**

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter by email rather than traditional mail?

Sign up for "Pro-Life News" at  
[www.ppcitizensforlife.org](http://www.ppcitizensforlife.org)

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## **The President's Corner**

As we come to the end of 2019, the pro-life movement is facing numerous challenges, some of them seemingly impossible to overcome. Yet I am of the opinion that **the pro-life movement is turning the corner** in the culture war. Why?

- The Trump administration has led the way with numerous pro-life decisions, nearly all of them in the face of tremendous resistance, and yet mostly successful in the long run.
- Alternative media (e.g., [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com) and [lifeneews.com](http://lifeneews.com)) is covering pro-life news in depth now and is correcting the omissions and one-sided coverage of the main stream media.
- Locally, we've engaged numerous volunteers to staff educational booths at fairs, conferences, and even at both of the local malls.
- Volunteers continue to step up for other tasks as well, including *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* (a new local effort providing an active presence in front of Planned Parenthood to turn people away), our *Roses for Life* project in local churches, the production and mailing of our newsletters, and the ongoing financial assistance we need to advertise (billboards, radio, print) and provide the pro-life materials for our booths and presentations.
- The amazing success of the *Unplanned* movie earlier in 2019 that highlighted the work of *40 Days for Life*, an international prayer vigil, which had two local occurrences in 2019 with full 24/7 participation by volunteers.
- A state-wide effort (*Due Date Too Late*) in Colorado to end late-term abortion in the state has garnered great support with numerous volunteers agreeing to carry petitions and many, many people signing those petitions.
- Also, many people have stood up to support our local pregnancy centers, thus allowing these centers to increase their capabilities, including the opening of a thrift store.

Confirming my opinion is a recent story in the *New York Times*, of all places, admitting [the left might be losing the battle for abortion!](#)

In the end, the pro-life movement is an expression of the truth. While that truth has been obscured in our crazy society, it can never be lost.  
**The truth remains front & center because of each of you!**

Thank you for defending life in 2019! **Keep defending life in 2020!**

*Matt*

## **Supreme Court Upholds Kentucky's Ultrasound Act**

The Kentucky law upheld last month by the US Supreme Court passed by huge majorities in both KY legislative bodies. It requires abortionists to perform an ultrasound prior to an abortion, display and explain the images, play the audio of any fetal heartbeat, and offer women the opportunity to view the images.

Bioethicist Fiorella Nash observed, "*For women to be truly free, we must be intellectually free, and that means challenging and breaking loose from decades of indoctrinating propaganda. If abortion promoters regard women as too infantile to be given the uncensored truth, it is difficult to see on what basis they can speak of giving women an informed choice—and a choice that is not informed is no choice at all.*"

Ref: [Nationalrighttolifeneews.org](http://Nationalrighttolifeneews.org), Dave Andrusko, "[Fighting ultrasounds, pro-abortionists prove they can't handle the truth](#)" 12 Dec 2019

# Democrat Presidential Candidates on Abortion: YES, YES, YES, YES!!!



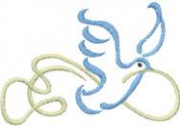
Radical Pro-Abortion Positions Rule the Day for 2020's Democrat Presidential Candidates. According to the NYT, "Every candidate *The Times* surveyed supports **codifying Roe v. Wade in federal law, allowing Medicaid coverage of abortion ... and removing restrictions to funding organizations that provide abortion referrals.** Almost all of them say they would **nominate only judges who support abortion rights...** Very few support restrictions on **abortions late in pregnancy.** Seven say **abortion pills should be available over the counter.** Nine want a **federal approval process for state abortion laws.**

**Infanticide Too!** Every Senate Candidate running for president voted against the *Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.* (Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, Amy Klobuchar).

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the *New York Times* published the results of their survey of Democrat presidential candidates on the issues of abortion and contraception. These are the results...

The 2020 DEMOCRAT Presidential Candidate's Positions on Abortion	The 2020 DEMOCRAT Presidential Candidate's Positions on Abortion															
	Codify Roe v. Wade? [National Pro-Abortion Law]	Require judicial nominees to support Roe v Wade?	Repeal the Hyde Amendment? [Would he/she require tax-payers to pay for abortion?]	Would you sign a budget that included Hyde Amend?	Require private insurers to cover abortion?	Require private insurers to cover contraception?	Repeal the Helms Amendment? [This would repeal a ban on US tax-payers paying for foreign abortions.]	Repeal the "global gag rule"? [Repeal the Mexico City policy which prohibits funding abortion orgs.]	Repeal the "domestic gag rule"? [Repeal the Title X policy which prohibits funding US abortion orgs.]	Ban state "TRAP" laws? [Ban Parental Notification, waiting periods, and ultrasound requirements]	Require preclearance for state abortion laws?	Make misoprostol and mifepristone available over the counter?	Make hormonal birth control available over the counter?	Ban abstinence-only sex ed?	Preserve Planned Parenthood funding?	Consider a running mate who opposes abortion?
Joe Biden	Y	Y	Y	*/*	*/*	Y	*/*	Y	Y	Y	*/*	*/*	*/*	*/*	Y	Y
Cory Booker	Y	Y	Y	Uns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Pete Buttigieg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Julian Castro	Y	Y	Y	Uncl	Uncl	Y	Y	Y	Y	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Y	N
Tulsi Gabbard	Y	Uncl	Y	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Y	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Uncl	Y	Uncl
Amy Klobuchar	Y	Y	Y	Uns	Uns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Uns	Y	Uns	Y	N
Bernie Sanders	Y	Y	Y	Uns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*/*	Y	Y	Y	N
Tom Steyer	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Elizabeth Warren	Y	Y	Y	Uns	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Andrew Yang	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

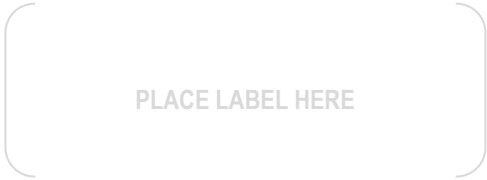
\*/\* No Answer, Uns=Unsure, Uncl=Unclear

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 Our thanks & blessings

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*Bobby Payne*  
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 Our thanks & blessings

**Tax Donation Letters** will be mailed in January. If you made a donation to PPCFL of more than \$250 in 2019, you will automatically receive a letter. To receive an official letter for smaller amounts, please contact John at [jmrcombs@centurylink.net](mailto:jmrcombs@centurylink.net).



**2020 Election Starts in MARCH**

- **Presidential Primary will be Tuesday, March 3, 2020**
- **Precinct Caucuses will be Saturday, March 7, 2020**  
Caucuses are for the purpose of conducting political party business and beginning the nominating process for non-presidential races, including the race for U.S. Senate.
- **Colorado General Primary Tuesday, June 30, 2020**  
Colorado's primary for all non-presidential races (county, State of Colorado and U.S. House/Senate offices.)

**Love & Logic** - Free Parenting Class to be offered  
Wednesdays Jan 8-Feb 12, 2020. Details on page 1.

**40 Days for Life 2020**

The 2020 Lenten *40 Days for Life* campaign will run from February 26 to April 5. More details about the February 20<sup>th</sup> "Kick Off" event are on page 1.

**Mall Education Booths**

**Second Saturday Monthly, Noon to 5:00 PM**

To volunteer, call or text Joe Hourigan at (719) 963-1365

Chapel Hills Mall – Feb 8 / April 11  
Citadel Mall – Jan 11 / Mar 14

**Sanctity of Life Sunday  
New Indoor Event!**

**JAN 19 2020, Noon-2pm**

PPCFL is "coming in from the cold" for *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*. This year's event also inaugurates a **city-wide monthly gathering** to connect, inform, and encourage all the pro-Life individuals and organizations in our region. We hope to see YOU there!

See page 1 for details.



**Rocky Mountain March for Life  
Monday, January 20, 2020**

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Martin Luther King Day, join local pro-life witnesses in the annual *Rocky Mountain March for Life* from the local Planned Parenthood at the 3400 block of Centennial Blvd. to Corpus Christi Church 2318 N Cascade Ave. Shuttles will be available for those unable to walk the distance.