



# 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.

Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

February 2020

## 2020 ELECTION

### Caucuses are Critical

#### An Opportunity to use YOUR VOICE and VOTE for LIFE

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life encourages YOU to attend your **Caucus SATURDAY March 7th** and, once there, support pro-life delegates and pro-life resolutions while opposing all that is anti-life.

Offering pro-life resolutions at your caucus meetings is a critical step in facilitating a culture of life in our society and political parties. If you are uncomfortable offering a resolution at your caucus, please try to find someone else who will be attending your caucus and would be willing to offer pro-life resolutions. Please contact PPCFL if you have any questions.

Feel free to use these pro-life resolutions “as is” or as templates to write your own resolution.

**Don't lose this opportunity to promote life. Please attend a caucus Saturday March 7, 2020 and support pro-life resolutions and delegates.**

### Coming Soon: Candidate Surveys



As a service to voters prior to each caucus, primary, and/or election, Pikes Peak Citizens for Life queries candidates regarding their perspectives concerning the protection of human life – from pre-birth thru natural death.

Candidate responses will be posted to the website as we receive them and the combined results will be printed in future issues of *Lifeline*.

Due to the extra time needed for printing and mailing, the website [www.ppcitizensforlife.org](http://www.ppcitizensforlife.org) will often have the most up-to-date information.

### RESOLUTION FOR LIFE

**Believing in the founding principles of this nation – that all human beings are “created equal”** with respect to their natural and “unalienable” right to life and, therefore, are entitled to equal recognition under the law.

WE HEREBY:

AFFIRM our support for a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;

ENDORSE legislation making clear that 14th Amendment protections apply regardless of size, age, illness, intellectual capacity or physical ability;

OPPOSE the use of public revenues for abortion and for cloning of, or destructive experimentation on, any human being, from the single-celled stage until natural death;

COMMEND those who provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion and assisted suicide (physician prescribed death) or euthanasia.

We RESPECTFULLY ask all delegates and alternates to the 2020 National Convention to vote to adopt a plank which states: **“On behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society, we call for the legal protection of the preborn, the disabled, the elderly, and the ill.”**

### CONSCIENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the First Amendment to the United States Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”; and

WHEREAS the intent of the First Amendment was to protect religion from government intrusions; and

WHEREAS the original colonists had fled to America to escape such tyrannical intrusion; and

WHEREAS the same kind of tyrannical erosion of religious liberty is becoming more and more egregious in our nation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **no people should be compelled to act in violation of their religious, ethical or professional consciences nor be discriminated against if they refuse to act in violation of the consciences;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no church or religious affiliated organization be compelled to act in violation of its teachings or suffer consequences if they refuse to act in violation of its teachings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three branches of federal government be called upon to insure the protection of the consciences and religious liberty of all its citizens and institutions.

## PPCFL Officers and Directors

President	Matt Niedzielski
Vice President	Julie Bailey
Secretary	Bernadette Johnston
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Newsletter	Holly Coco
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	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)

*PPCFL does NOT sell or release any reader or donor information.*

Email: [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

Website: [www.ppcitizensforlife.org](http://www.ppcitizensforlife.org)

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## **The President's Corner**

The evidence for the insanity of the culture of death continues to accumulate.

Human experimentation is being conducted to develop "effective" suicide drugs (i.e., poisons).

Instead of the painless, fast deaths hyped by suicide proponents, current **suicide drugs/poisons are resulting in painful and slow deaths** as noted in a [LifeSiteNews piece highlighting a Euthanasia Prevention Coalition article](#).

In addition to the fact that these poisons are being developed using *human* experimentation (unethical in any other situation), it appears the **poison developers are "concerned with the lethal efficacy and cost of the lethal drugs as opposed to the possible negative consequences"** for the humans who take them.

In a dramatic confirmation of this paradigm, California Governor Gavin Newsom has demanded an end to euthanasia *for animals* as noted in another [LifeSiteNews piece highlighting a National Review article](#). Ironically, California has legalized assisted suicide and even *promotes the encouragement of suicide!*

Finally, in yet another sad euthanasia story, a 38-year-old woman was fatally poisoned because she "was suffering after a difficult relationship breakup" as covered by [LifeNews in reference to a Society for the Protection of Unborn Children \(SPUC\) article](#).

The doctors who killed her are on trial in Belgium because they certified the physically healthy woman "as autistic so that they could euthanize her" and provided no treatment to her.

**The culture of death literally destroys humanity.** Let us support humanity by building a culture of life.

*Matt*

## **Death for Hip Fractures**

In another reminder of the dangers of assisted suicide and euthanasia, [there is a report out](#) noting that three people were killed (euthanized) in Quebec within a one year period for hip fractures.

More broadly, euthanasia now accounts for nearly one out of every fifty deaths (1.9%) in Quebec, with even higher rates in some regions of the province.

Additionally, in defiance of Canadian law, the actual time of the murder in 40% of the euthanasia cases came before 10 days elapsed, the minimum time set in the law between the signing of the euthanasia request and the actual murder day.

Just talking about this topic is surreal, yet it is actually happening in Quebec.

With assisted suicide in place, Colorado is on the road to Quebec unless we do something about it.

Ref: Matt Niedzielski, PPCFL President, November 30, 2019. For a PPCFL Pro-life Perspective, visit our blog at [www.ppcitizensforlife.org](http://www.ppcitizensforlife.org)

## Due Date Too Late Update

Approximately 8,000 Coloradans gathered for the *Celebrate Life* rally January 11 on the steps of the Colorado State Capitol.

Attendees urged their fellow voters and officials to support **Initiative 120** a.k.a. "Due Date Too Late" which would ban abortions after 22 weeks.

Supporters continue to collect signatures in hope of reaching the required 124,632 by March 4 to qualify for the November ballot. Contact the PPCFL office or Julie Bailey 401-578-4471 to sign, or to help circulate the petitions. PPCFL: 719-630-1999 or [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

## 2020 Lenten 40 Days for Life Kickoff

As reported in January's *LifeLine*, the kickoff event for the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign will take place on **Thursday, February 20th, 6pm, at St. Francis of Assisi** (2650 Parish View, COS, 80919). The event will include a pot-luck dinner (please bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share), with presentations on Spiritual Warfare and Fasting.

Reverend Jason Keas, Pastor of Divine Redeemer Catholic Church, will explore the reality of the spiritual battle we face on the sidewalk and wherever we oppose the culture of death. He will provide prayers and tools to equip us for that battle.

Julie Bailey, Outreach Coordinator for 40 Days for Life – Colorado Springs (and Vice President of PPCFL) will present on the Power of Fasting within the 40 Days for Life Campaign. While not an expert in fasting, Julie is accomplished at trying to fast (and failing). Julie hopes to inspire herself as well as attendees to make a more rigorous effort in participating in the fasting component of 40 days for Life.

Computers will be available to facilitate registration for vigil hours. Questions regarding 40 Days for Life may be directed to Michele Mason at [prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com](mailto:prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com) or <https://www.40daysforlife.com/colorado-springs>

## Sidewalk Advocates for Life Basic Training New & Improved – Spread the Word!

In just two years, more than 55 pro-life advocates have graduated from our local Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training courses. This has greatly improved our efforts to reach and deter abortion-minded women.

*Sidewalk Advocates for Life* Colorado Springs will offer the New & Improved Basic Training on **Saturday, February 15th, from Noon to 5pm** (St. Patrick Catholic Church, 6455 Brook Park Dr. COS 80918) in the McGivney Room downstairs.

Newly released from the national organization, this DVD-based training and accompanying handbook will help experienced Sidewalk Advocates hone their skills and prospective Sidewalk Advocates obtain the skills they need to participate in this impactful ministry on the corner near Planned Parenthood's Colorado Springs Facility.

Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in taking advantage of this powerful training. To sign up for the training, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45ABA72CA46-sidewalk5> or contact Julie at [julie@baileypeople.com](mailto:julie@baileypeople.com).

(Cost: \$10 recommended free-will offering for materials; lunch, snacks and beverages provided)

## Pro-Life Views for Black History Month

A number of year-end polls showed President Trump gaining support of black voters above what any Republican president has ever received – with results as high as 34% support in the community.

This increased support for President Trump is due in part to his strong Pro-Life record.

*"Particularly on issues such as same-sex marriage and abortion, blacks do not line up with the far left. For example, while only 3 percent of white Democrats say abortion should be illegal, fully one-third of black voters say it should not be allowed."*

Ref: Micaiah Bilger, LifeNews.com  
<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/12/02/donald-trump-is-winning-over-black-voters-in-part-because-hes-governed-pro-life/>

## Pro-Life Victories

AMAZING: 21 States –

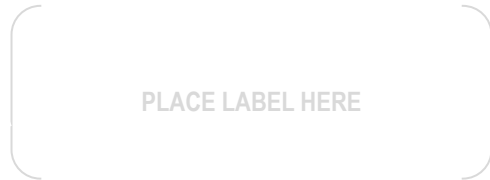
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Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Wisconsin

–passed pro-life laws in 2019.

***Our movement is thriving!***

Ref: Lila Rose @LilaGraceRose  
Twitter, January 3, 2020

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**February 2020**

- **Sat. Feb. 8 – Life Education Booth, Chapel Hills Mall**
- **Sat. Feb. 15 – Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training**  
More details on page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Sun. Feb. 16 – Together For Life Luncheon & Movie**  
*Tentative date for monthly pro-life community gathering*
- **Thurs. Feb. 20 – 40 Days for Life Kick-Off Event**  
More details on page 3 of this newsletter.
- **Wed. Feb. 26 – 40 Days for Life Campaign begins**

**March 2020**

- **Tues. March 3 – Presidential Primary**
- **Sat. March 7 – Precinct Caucuses**
- **Sat. March 14 – Life Education Booth, Citadel Mall**
- **Sun. March 15 – Together for Life Luncheon**  
*Tentative date for monthly pro-life community gathering*

**April 2020**

- **Sun. April 5 – 40 Days for Life final day**

**June 2020**

- **Tues. June 30, 2020 Colorado General Primary**  
Colorado non-presidential races

**Pikes Peak Citizens for Life  
initiates monthly  
*Together for Life***



Thanks to all who joined PPCFL for our “In from the Cold” *Sanctity of Life Sunday* gathering in January.

We are excited to continue building relationships within the Pikes Peak pro-life community by holding a **monthly lunch and program: *Together for Life***.

PPCFL hopes this monthly event will provide opportunities to connect, inform, and inspire pro-life people in Colorado Springs and beyond.

Plan to join us each month for *Together for Life!*

When: Third Sunday Monthly  
Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, etc...  
Noon: Meal & Fellowship; 1-2pm: Program

Where: Divine Redeemer Catholic Church\*(see note!)  
926 Farragut Ave, COS 80909

RSVP: To confirm location, call/text Julie Bailey at  
401-578-4471 or [jp@baileypeople.com](mailto:jp@baileypeople.com)

*\*Depending on availability – location subject to change.*