



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

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On Fire to End Late-Term Abortion in Colorado

Movers and shakers representing Pro-Life organizations from all over the Pikes Peak Region gathered recently to craft a plan to educate and inform Colorado voters regarding the initiative on a late-term abortion ban that will be on the ballot in November.

Joining Pikes Peak Citizens for Life board members were representatives from *Life Network*, *Save the Storks*, *Anna's Choice*, *Students for Life of America*, *Pro-Life Future*, and active members of the *City of Life Initiative*.

Inspiring the group via ZOOM to kick things off was Charlotte Pence Bond, daughter of Vice President Mike Pence and an up-and-coming activist for life.

Following Charlotte's words of encouragement, two guest speakers from Denver reviewed what's being done to promote the initiative by our neighbors to the north. Lynn Grandon, Director of Respect Life for the Archdiocese of Denver, shared the exciting news that the 4 bishops in the state have put out a letter sure to spur the faithful to action. (See our website for a link.) All the memes, messages, and info that Denver has put together will be available for our use as well, so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Giuliana Day, the original sponsor of the *Due Date Too Late* initiative, also addressed the group making a heartfelt plea for volunteers and donations to keep up the momentum. To help or volunteer, go to www.duedatetoolate.com.

Julie Bailey, PPCFL's VP and Director of Colorado Springs diocesan Respect Life Apostolate shared a project initiated in local Catholic churches but open to participation by the entire community entitled "*The Unfilled Shoe Project*" (See article on Page 4).

The group agreed to work together to get the word out via social and traditional media, pastor and church networks, and neighborhood door-knocking. As we are honing this plan, if you want to be a part of this effort, please reach out to PPCFL. Keep an eye on our website and future newsletters for updates and events.

Why Coloradans Should Vote to Prohibit Abortion after 22 Weeks

The following excerpt represents the conclusions of a White Paper drafted by the **Medical Advisory Team for the Coalition for Women and Children**.

The document is meticulously researched with extensive references. To obtain a copy of the complete document, contact Julie Bailey at (719) 630-1999.

- Late abortion is extreme by any measure and should be prohibited. Passing Initiative 120 is not only medically/morally correct, it is consistent with the views of a majority of Coloradans.
- Very few countries in the world permit abortion after 20 weeks. Most Americans, regardless of their political affiliation, feel that abortion should be illegal late in pregnancy.
- A 22-week fetus is biologically indistinguishable from a baby born at 22 weeks... a 22-week human fetus demonstrates all the fundamental characteristics of more developed humans, including the ability to perceive pain and perform sophisticated behaviors.
- The reasons women choose late abortion are similar to the reasons that women choose early abortion. Most late abortions are performed on normal [healthy] human fetuses.
- For those tragic situations where a human fetus has a life-limiting prognosis because of a genetic or congenital fetal abnormality, perinatal hospice offers a compassionate, life-affirming alternative to late abortion.
- Late abortions are violent procedures that commonly involve the crushing and dismemberment of the human fetus.
- Late abortions pose a substantial morbidity and mortality risk to the pregnant woman... further exacerbated by the lack of regulatory oversight.
- Long term sequelae of abortion include the risk for future premature birth and adverse future pregnancy outcomes.
- There may be an increased risk of early mortality in women who have abortion compared to women who deliver babies.
- This may be related to antecedent poor mental health in women who choose abortion and possibly adverse long-term mental health outcomes from abortion.

Reference: Coalition for Women and Children - Medical Advisory Team,
"Why Coloradans Should Support Initiative 120
- Prohibit Abortion after 22 Weeks" Revised June 2020"

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

To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

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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.



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Pikes Peak Citizens for Life on Facebook.

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The President's Corner

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life (PPCFL) thanks all of the political candidates who submitted responses to our life issues survey in order to help us inform you, the voter, about their perspectives on these issues for the primary election at the end of June.

Instead of endorsing candidates, we attempt to provide you with as much information as possible about the candidates so you can make as informed a selection as possible for each race on the ballot.

We had some responses in favor of abortion. Generally evident in these responses is **the failure to recognize the unmistakable humanity, proclaimed by medical science, of the unborn child.** One of the primary purposes of government is to protect life. However, life is impossible to protect when it isn't even recognized.

There were some responses that endorsed the notion of "self-ownership" in order to support assisted suicide and euthanasia. "Ownership" of a human being immediately brings to mind slavery, and that a slave owner could do whatever he wanted with his slave since the slave was considered his "property." However, long ago already, we determined that **human beings are not property and hence cannot be owned by anyone, not even themselves.** **Murder is always a crime against humanity, even when it is self-murder.**

Some candidates don't respond at all because they have views contrary to those we promote at PPCFL. Others don't respond because they are counseled to say as little as possible so as to not offend any voters. The positions of these non-responding candidates will have to be learned in other ways, and we try to report these discoveries over time as they occur.

Much more can be said, and we hope to do so over the coming months. I invite you to take a look at the candidates' responses we have received at our website, www.ppcitizensforlife.org. We hope to bring you some more responses in time for the general election in November.

**Please vote only for candidates who will defend and
promote life.**

Matt

'Jaw-dropping' global crash in children being born

BBC News recently reported the following staggering statistics:

- Falling fertility rates indicate that nearly every country could have shrinking populations by the end of the century.
- 23 nations - including Italy, Spain and Japan - are expected to see their populations cut in half by 2100.
- Countries will also age dramatically: the number of over 80-year-olds will soar from 141 million in 2017 to 866 million in 2100

The article ponders the implications: *"Who pays tax in a massively aged world? Who pays for healthcare for the elderly? Who looks after the elderly? Will people still be able to retire from work?"*

Reference: BBC News, James Gallagher,
"Fertility rate: 'Jaw-dropping' global crash in children being born" 15 July 2020

“Hemlock Society” Funds Campaign to Encourage People of Color to Kill Themselves

Wesley J. Smith observes in a recent article, *“People of color rarely commit assisted suicide.”* He points to statistics from California:

- 405 Californians killed themselves in 2019
- 87 % were White Americans
- 6 % were Asian Americans
- 4 % were Hispanic Americans
- 1% were Black Americans

This racial “disparity” is of grave concern to Compassion and Choices (C&C) - formerly known as the Hemlock Society. While the rest of our society is working hard to affirm the value and dignity of “black lives”, “brown lives” and ALL lives, C&C wants more people of color to die.

Patricia González-Portillo, C&C’s national Latino communications and constituency director says they are currently “running a series of public service announcements” on TV, YouTube and other social media to “raise awareness” and promote medical suicide – particularly to Blacks and Hispanics.

Wesley Smith’s observation: *“Here’s hoping they consider the source and switch the ads off. African Americans and Latinos need greater access to quality health care, not more lethal prescriptions.”*

Ref: National Review, Wesley J. Smith, “Assisted Suicide and White Privilege” 10 July 2020

Mom Fights to Shutdown Assisted Suicide Website

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition* is highlighting the efforts of a grieving mother. Jackie Bieber’s daughter Shawn Shatto killed herself with the help of a suicide website.

Shatto's aunt, Elizabeth Hoffman said, "They were cheering her on to the finish line of a suicide." On the post, various people were telling her what kind of drugs to mix in order to kill herself. Then they had the audacity to wish her 'good luck' and 'safe travels.'

Jackie believes if it was not for that website, her daughter may still be alive today. She is advocating for the passage of legislation to protect people from advocates of assisted suicide and from websites that instruct and encourage suicide.

"Shawn's Law," would strengthen penalties against anyone who assists in a suicide, and is especially targeted to protect anyone who is under the age of 18 or has a mental disability.

In urging the Pennsylvania Senate to pass Shawn’s Law, The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition points out:

“Shawn Shatto is not the first person who was struggling with depression and anxiety to come across an assisted suicide website that provided instructions and encouraged suicide.

Don't believe the assisted suicide lobby when they say that suicide and assisted suicide are different, when the assisted suicide lobby is also involved with peddling suicide.”

Ref: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2020/07/assisted-suicide-website-leads-to.html>

Ref: <https://www.moms.com/mom-fights-to-get-assisted-suicide-website-taken-down/>



Fall Vigil 2020
September 23 to Nov 1

<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/colorado-springs/>

Join the local 40 Days for Life campaign.

Or sign up for a free quarterly publication, or for breaking news, devotionals, and prayers from 40 Days for Life at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/>



LIFE CHAIN 2020

SAVE the DATE

Sunday October 4

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Mark your calendar and help spread the news about the annual Life Chain!

If you can help organize a church or community groups, please email Linda or Stephanie newlifeinhim.jesus@gmail.com or stephanierkemp@gmail.com

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**A Small Pair of Shoes  
Can Help Open the Eyes  
of Colorado Voters**

In an effort to open the eyes of Colorado voters, parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs have initiated the *Unfilled Shoe Project*.

The aim is to collect almost 1600 pairs of new or gently used baby shoes by September 1st. **Each pair of shoes represents a child recently killed in a late-term abortion performed in Colorado.**

Once the shoes are collected, they will be photographed, in a pile, in front of the Colorado State Capitol building. That photo will then be used on flyers, social media, and billboards to help Coloradoans actually see the impact that late-term abortion has had on our state.

Since 2013, the Colorado Department of Health reports almost 300 late-term abortions per year. For an in-depth exploration of late-term abortion, see the White Paper entitled "*Why Coloradoans Should Support Initiative 120\**". Bullet point conclusions of this White Paper are provided on Page 1.

For questions or donations, contact [CSRespectLife@gmail.com](mailto:CSRespectLife@gmail.com)

\*Note: The Colorado Secretary of State has not yet determined the actual title of the initiative or the number it may have when it appears on the ballot.

**PPCFL Plans to Sponsor a  
Life Education Booth**

at the

**St. Thomas Aquinas Society  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

***"Family, Church and Nation"***

***July 29 to August 2, 2020***

The *Aquinas Conference* is currently set to continue as planned. For additional information, or to volunteer for the Aquinas Conference, please contact Janet Campbell at (719) 660-0048 or [janetcampbell729@comcast.net](mailto:janetcampbell729@comcast.net)

**Guidelines:** The St. Thomas Aquinas Society is very committed to observing the health guidelines at the time of the conference. Currently Social Distancing and Masks are required.

**Please bring your own mask.**

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