



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

December 2020

Where Do We Go from Here?

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In the wake of a chaotic and disappointing election where we saw almost two million Coloradans vote to continue the barbaric practice of abortion after 22 weeks, we who call ourselves pro-life can be excused for pulling back just a bit to lick our wounds.

Even so, we have reason for great hope as we discern with our coalition partners where we go from here. Articles like this one in [National Review](#) illustrate that there is reason to believe that many of those who voted against Proposition 115 which sought to ban abortion after 22 weeks with limited exceptions may have been swayed by misinformation spread by **the "NO on 115" folks who outspent us 18 to 1**.

"...supporters of the measure raised only \$500,000 to campaign for its passage, while opponents raised more than \$9 million."

Knowing this, we understand we still have work to do in our state, and in our nation.

Post-Prop115, there IS reason to hope, however. A recent gathering of pro-life leaders bubbled over with enthusiasm for the future and for the partners who have come on board for this cause in recent months. **Particularly exciting is the participation of pastors of all stripes who courageously spoke from the pulpit in support of Prop 115.** This level of commitment by faith leaders on such an issue is virtually unprecedented in Colorado.

So, where do we go from here? We continue to fight the good fight. We persevere in our efforts to educate our friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, and acquaintances as to the barbarity allowed by current Colorado abortion law.

During the months prior to the election, we had countless conversations with Coloradans unaware of current law. We must continue to have those conversations because we know there are many who remain unaware despite our efforts.

I urge you to be bold, stay involved, and pray like all life depends on it.

Ref: National Review, Michael J New "Pro-Lifers Shouldn't Despair Over the Defeated Abortion Proposal in Colorado" 12 Nov 2020

Reasons for Our Hope

By Mark Spengler, PPCFL Board Member

Scripture reminds us to be ready to "give a reason for our hope." (1 Peter 3:15). Although the defeat of Proposition 115 was painful, there are indeed reasons for Coloradoans to hope for a pro-life future.



1) In defeat, we are moving forward. The last time a statewide pro-life issue was on the ballot, it failed with just 27% of the voters supporting it. This time, 40% of the electorate voted for life. That's progress!

2) Our local commitment was to carry El Paso and (adjacent Teller County) and we did successfully win 53% to 47% in El Paso County and Teller 59% - 41%.

3) A combination of multiple thousands of door hangers, palm cards, banners, and yard signs were distributed with a unified pro-life message.

4) While the effort to put "Due Date Too Late" on the ballot was primarily led by one group, after it was on the ballot (Prop 115) multiple groups state-wide from a wide variety of backgrounds - engaged and collaborated forming strong relationships and unity.

5) In a post-election gathering of local and state pro-life leaders, (*some of whom had worked together for the first time*) the general consensus was that post Prop 115, everyone had a greater resolve to continue the front line efforts in the battle for life in Colorado. (Many thanks to the local bistro *Third Space Coffee* who generously provided space for this effort.)

6) Increased numbers of pastors publicly encouraged their members to vote in general, and specifically in support of Prop 115. This will become an even greater focus in the future. A tremendous amount of education still needs to occur among the faith community.

7) The campaign supporting the initiative raised \$689,768 in contributions. That equates to 55 cents contributed for every vote garnered to protect the unborn. Every vote against protecting the unborn, cost our opponents \$5.25 (\$9.5 million spent). Therefore, the forces against life paid a high price, and yet, they still lost ground.

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Board meets 7pm monthly on 2nd Monday.
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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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The President's Corner

A great blessing of democracy is that the people are given the
right to govern themselves.

A great curse of democracy is that the people are given the right
to govern themselves.

In the November election three-fifths of Colorado voters chose
not to defend the lives of viable children in the womb when they
voted against Proposition 115, the late-term abortion ban.

Having seen in past elections other such decisions by the
electorate of Colorado, I was not surprised.

**I am still shocked, however, to see Colorado voters choose
against the lives of their fellow human beings.**

Not only do these voters choose against the lives of preborn
children, they have also previously chosen against the lives of the
terminally ill, the handicapped and the depressed when they
legalized physician assisted suicide.

What these anti-life voters don't recognize is that by choosing
against the lives of vulnerable others, **they have implicitly
condemned their own lives** since the *majority* could decide against
the "right to life" of these same voters one day.

Such is the culture of death, and it is clear that it has a firm grasp
on Colorado society.

Nationally, the culture of death also appears to be prevailing,
either forthright or through fraud, to stop the culture of life by any
means possible. It may indeed be the case that "we the people" no
longer choose our own representatives in our legislatures, our
gubernatorial races, and even the presidency.

The reality is that the truth can't be changed by majority
decisions of either the electorate or the legislature, or through fraud.
**Any society that gives in to the culture of death is a society on its
way to ruin.**

A society can survive only with some semblance of a culture of
life. So, regardless of the results of this last election, **we must
continue working to build the culture of life in our families, our
churches, our workplaces, and in the public arena.**

It will not be easy work, but it will literally be life-giving, for us as
well as for the rest of society. Let us remove the curse of democracy
and once again make it a blessing.

Matt

The Latest on COVID-19 Vaccines

Children of God for Life is closely monitoring COVID-19 Vaccines.
Their website (<https://cogforlife.org/>) is a wealth of information.

For specific questions, contact them at 727-483-9251 or email:
info@cogforlife.org. They state: "all emails are generally answered
within 48 hours or less so if you have not received a response, please be
sure to check your spam folder and add us to your contacts list."

☞ **In Thanksgiving for Pro-Life Volunteers** ☞

In Honor of the
Hundreds of Men and Women
who gave so very much to the Prop 115 effort



In defense of Colorado's helpless Pre-Born Children

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Please accept PPCFL's gratitude and sincere appreciation

☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from  
*Mary Jo Zkiab*  
in memory of her unborn son



*Mark William Zkiab*

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Our thanks & blessings

☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from
Rosemary Walkowski
in memory of her husband



Raymond Walkowski

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☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from  
*Joseph Solms Jr.*  
in memory of his wife



*Lois Solms*

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Our thanks & blessings

☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from
Yvonne M Pace
in memory of husband, father,
grandfather & great grandfather



Richard E Dantzler

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Our thanks & blessings

☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from  
*Ann Burger*  
in memory of her parents



*Henry & Helen La Pierce*

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Our thanks & blessings

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Received from
Mercie Curbow
in memory of



Mark Alberts

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Our thanks & blessings

☞ **Gift of Love** ☞

Received from  
*David & Phyllis Phillips*  
in honor of the birthday of



*Julie Bailey*

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Thomas H Fickas
in memory of his wife



Doris M Fickas

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Our thanks & blessings

☞ **Memorial Gift** ☞

Received from  
*Joanne Pearring*  
in memory of her mother



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John & Vera Schumaker
in memory of their son



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you will automatically receive a letter.

To receive an official letter for smaller amounts,  
please contact John at  
jmrcombs@centurylink.net.

New AND Improved!

***Together for Life***

**WE'RE BACK FOR 2021!**



After many months of wondering how to go forward, Pikes Peak Citizens for Life has scheduled our next ***Together for Life*** community building event to commemorate **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** on **January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021** at **1:00 pm**.

*Together for Life* is a monthly opportunity to connect, inform, and inspire pro-life people in Colorado Springs and beyond.

We are planning a hybrid event at this time, with limited in-person attendance (as allowed by COVID restrictions) and unlimited virtual attendance (see box at right).

The program will feature an update on local and national pro-life efforts as well as ways for pro-life warriors of all ages to get involved. The gathering is set for:

**Hope House** (Holy Trinity Catholic Church)  
**3101 Poinsetta Drive Colorado Springs CO 80907**

For questions, email [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)



***Sanctity of Life Sunday***

***New This Year!***

Tele-Attend

***Together for Life***

**January 17, 2021, 1:00 PM (MST)**

For pro-life supporters – across the country or across town – who cannot attend in person, *Together for Life* will be available by Zoom Meeting using the following link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7997487376?pwd=aWh4ZnFtNlluL3lyVHEzazh1a1RrQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 799 748 7376

**Passcode:** LIFE

For questions or additional details, email the PPCFL at [contact@ppcitizensforlife.org](mailto:contact@ppcitizensforlife.org)

Notes for Holly (to be deleted prior to sending to the printer):

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