



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

May 2021



Jericho March – A GREAT Event!

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

The sun shone and the shofar sounded as a faithful, joyful group celebrated the end of Colorado Springs' 2021 Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign.

Pastor Jeff Anderson shared the biblical story from Joshua 6 about the Israelites who, in obedience to God, marched around the walled city of Jericho once each day for 6 days and on the 7th day marched 7 times around the city. At the mighty sound of the Israelites and the blaring horns, the walls of Jericho collapsed.

Following prayers and miracles shared by Michele Mason, 40 Days for Life Leader for Colorado Springs, seventy five prayer warriors of all ages, led by Fr. Jason Keas, Pastor of Divine Redeemer Catholic Church, marched 7 times up and down the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood silently praying and witnessing to LIFE – God's Greatest Gift.

Following the March, Michele presented the Fr. Bill Carmody "Wilson" award to Ann Burger who has been a faithful prayer warrior for many, many years (and a stalwart volunteer for Pikes Peak Citizens for Life).

Even though we didn't see any walls fall down, all in attendance agreed that the Jericho March was a great way to make our presence seen and heard. Many are anxious to do it again.

The Pro-Life Future (PLF) Campaign

In communities across America, resources exist to serve families facing unplanned pregnancies. Yet, critical alternatives are often unknown to those in the most need...and a coordinated effort to reach those most targeted by the abortion industry does not exist.

The time has come to unify faith groups and the ProLife Generation. It is time for www.prolifefuture.org – a coordinated, strategic campaign to serve those in crisis, transform the opinions shaping our culture, and train a new generation to lead in a post-Roe v. Wade era.

The **Pro-Life Future (PLF) Campaign** is a first-of-its kind, multi-faceted approach to resolving the issue of abortion. Pikes Peak Citizens for Life is honored and privileged to partner with *Students for Life of America* and *The Denver Pro-Life Future Campaign* in support of their efforts to eradicate abortion in the city of Denver and hopefully, eventually, in our entire state.

The campaign involves digital and grassroots marketing to (1) de-legitimize abortion, (2) connect women in crisis to abortion-free pregnancy centers and (3) create financial strain at local abortion facilities.

The Denver Pro-Life Future Campaign's first event of the year was held on March 27th. Door knocking in Northfield Denver actively changed hearts and minds on the issue of abortion and informed residents about the Pregnancy Resource Centers in Denver.

Brei Brooke, Rocky Mountain Regional Coordinator for Students for Life of America reported, "We knocked on 1,427 doors and had over 70 conversations. It was a very successful event. Our team of trained students and community members led loving conversations, offered hope to those in unplanned pregnancy situations, and made each neighborhood aware of dangerous abortion facilities right in our community."

The goal is to directly reduce the abortion rate by increasing awareness of non-abortion resources, decreasing support for the abortion industry, and changing hearts and minds on the issue of abortion.

So, what's next? Brei says, "We hope that you will join us on May 22nd to door knock in our communities!" Sign up: <https://www.studentsforlifehq.com/plf>

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The President's Corner

The flurry of legal activity regarding life issues continues unabated.

Amongst the pro-life states, likely the most significant development is the passage of a law in Arkansas "[making abortion illegal in Arkansas for any reason except to save a mother's life.](#)"

According to Gov. Asa Hutchinson, the new law "*is in contradiction of binding precedents of the U.S. Supreme Court, but **it is the intent of the legislation to set the stage for the Supreme Court overturning current case law.***" We shall see what happens.

Simultaneously, **the new federal administration, both executive and legislative, is doing everything it can to promote abortion**, including, among other things, rescinding the previous executive administration's pro-life accomplishments, pushing to repeal the Hyde Amendment, endorsing abortion in COVID relief, working to remove conscience protections, and even actively pursuing strategies to stack the Supreme Court in an effort to cut off progress such as that in Arkansas, essentially removing the Supreme Court from its constitutional role as a check against the other two branches of American government.

In Colorado, now a thoroughly anti-life/pro-death state, two bills affirming life (HB21-1017, "*Protect Human Life at Conception*," and HB21-1183, "*Induced Termination of Pregnancy State Registrar*") were unceremoniously rejected by party-line votes in House committees while at least one bill that promotes abortion by allowing non-physicians to perform it (SB21-142, "*Health Care Access in Cases of Rape or Incest*") has already cleared the Senate, again on a party-line vote.

Amazingly, this year – in HB21-1183 – **legislators rejected testimony demonstrating the helpfulness of collecting accurate and comprehensive abortion statistics in the fight against illegal sex trafficking.** Just as last year Colorado lawmakers accepted infanticide – refusing to protect *living* children born after attempted abortions ([see our March 2020 newsletter](#)) – they again compulsively defended abortion, leaving women and teens open to the abuse of [sex traffickers](#).

What will Colorado legislators accept next year?

In an effort to reach Coloradoans' minds and hearts, our spring advertising campaign will address our community members from an unusual perspective. **We are asking citizens to re-examine the modern culture's upside down priorities and consider:**

"What if Planned Parenthood killed puppies, then would you care?"
and *"If we have "no-kill" shelters for pets, why can't we figure out how to rescue unborn children and help all mothers?"*

The campaign will be underway by the time you receive this newsletter – beginning with radio and print ads in April and May. Billboards will be posted at the intersections of Academy & Airport, Circle & Platte; and Fillmore & Nevada from May 31 to June 27 – and reposted in new locations in the fall.

Please let us know what you think about the campaign once you encounter it.

Thank you for your support of Life!

Matt

Local Advocate Honored with Wilson Award



Ann Burger sharing the message of Life at a PPCFL Booth

For more than two decades Reverend Bill Carmody, a Catholic priest, prayed on the sidewalk in front of local abortion clinics. He stood shoulder-to-shoulder with hundreds of passionate defenders of human life of all ages.

In the spirit of Father Carmody and his legacy, the pro-life community of Colorado Springs annually presents the Wilson Award* to an individual, couple, or group who has displayed uncommon commitment to life through determination, courage, passion, perseverance, integrity, and compassion.

The Wilson Award for 2021 was presented to PPCFL's own Ann Burger. During the award presentation, Ann's decades of service and tireless commitment to human life were highlighted:

"Ann has engaged in many pro-life efforts, prayer vigils, and activities over the years. Her prayers, encouragement, and consistent voice for life has been a blessing to many.

"Her work with Pikes Peak Citizens for Life has been a practical help and a steady witness to our community for decades.

"Her work in behalf of suffering humanity has touched, encouraged, and inspired many of us to love and serve the suffering preborn and their parents.

"Today we, the pro-life community of Colorado Springs, honor Ann Burger for her outstanding witness and achievement in standing for life!"

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life congratulates Ann Burger, adding our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all her efforts to educate the public and inspire volunteers to defend life. Bravo, Ann!

**When leading groups to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Father Bill would hold a yellow volleyball—nicknamed "Wilson"—above his head so that anyone who got separated from the group could find him.*

Life After Forty Days

Our Lenten *40 Days for Life* campaign may be over, but our work on the sidewalk will continue as long as Planned Parenthood is still aborting children and terminating parenthood in Colorado Springs.

We know that a peaceful, prayerful presence changes hearts and minds, so we are asking prayer warriors to consider extending their participation – and returning to the sidewalk as often as possible.

If you are able and willing to commit to being present an hour a week, or an hour a month, you can help us have a year-round presence.

To be added to the life after 40 days prayer schedule, please contact Michele Mason at prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com or 719-659-2097.

Memorial Gift

Received from

John & Vera Schumaker

in memory of their son



Jeffrey Schumaker

May 23, 1964 – Sept. 20, 1995

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Our thanks & blessings

### Memorial Gift

Received from

*James Bristol*

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*Kathy Bristol*

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Pro-Life Booths are BACK!

PPCFL will once again carry the pro-life message into our local community at the following events:

- Life Network Walk for Life June 5
- El Paso County Fair July 10–17
- Aquinas Conference July 28–Aug 1
- Colorado State Fair Aug 27–Sept 6
- Respect Life Dinner Oct 6

If you would like to help with one or more booths, please contact Janet Campbell at 719-660-0048 or janetcampbell729@comcast.net

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**SUPPORT... LIFE NETWORK'S
Walk For Life**



Sat. June 5, 2021

Life Network's Walk for Life 2021 will take place at Memorial Park or in *your* neighborhood... To keep everyone safe, walkers who attend in person will register for a time block. Fun, engaging kids activities will still be available, but with some modifications.

The theme this year is '**One Life at a Time**' with a fundraising goal of \$430,000. In 2020, in spite of COVID, the 'virtual walk' raised \$433,813 to support the great work of Life Network.

And regarding that work, here are just a few stats: in 2020 Life Network saw 225 babies saved, 716 ultrasounds were provided, 85% of clients chose life after viewing an ultrasound, 6,419 teens were reached in 36 schools (Sexual Risk Avoidance and Suicide Prevention), 63 decisions for Christ, 1,897 parenting coaching appointments with moms, 827 parenting coaching appointments with dads, and 21 women and men received healing through post-abortion recovery programs.

PPCFL will have an information booth at the park this year, so whether you run, walk, sponsor a walker, or just come to watch, we hope you'll come by to say hi.

For more information, visit www.WalkForLife.com or contact Events Coordinator Alyssa Dwire at adwire@lifenetwork.com

Together for Life



Sunday, May 16, 2021

1:00 to 2:00 PM

Together for Life is a monthly gathering of the local pro-life community.

Our May event will capitalize on recent lessons learned and highlight local opportunities for pro-life action. If you are wondering, "what's next?" Now is the time to have your questions answered.

Come and explore the who, what, where, when, why, and how of pro-life efforts in the Pikes Peak region.

Boots on the Ground: Where Do YOU Fit Into the Pro-Life Movement?

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2318 N Cascade Ave, CSPGS, CO 80907

Join the Meeting Virtually:

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