



# 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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## Senicide is the Killing of the Elderly It's happening in Colorado

In her powerful presentation, *The Culture of Death at the End of Life*, Connie Pratt presented stark truths to our November *Together for Life* gathering.

She described the increasing dangers those made vulnerable by age, illness, incapacitation, or mental impairment face when broadly-worded advance directives like the 'Living Will' and hasty Do Not Resuscitate orders are routinely pushed. This is a particular concern in states like Colorado, where citizens approved physician-assisted suicide without understanding that, thanks to the persistent efforts of pro-euthanasia groups, non-dying patients can now be denied basic food and water and even overdosed on pain medications

In the first part of her presentation, Connie described the broad agenda and incremental strategy of those promoting prescribed death. She explained how culture-of-death advocates have redefined key terms, distorted hard cases, downplayed depression, and dismissed disability concerns. Five key points:

- *In 1967, the Euthanasia Society developed and promoted the 'Living Will' as a way to precondition thinking toward, and set the stage for, medical killing.*
- *Doctors already engaged in killing patients have formed the National Clinicians Conference on Medical Aid in Dying... to teach physicians and other medical professionals how to kill those entrusted to their care.*
- *Signing such an advance directive (AD) -- with its deliberately-broad, easily-misinterpreted wording -- is like writing a 'blank check' to a stranger.*
- *The 'Living Will' is then a cost-effective tool for hospitals, insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid. It's about saving money, not saving life.*
- *The latest device (POLST or MOST), has been described by pro-life experts as the 'Living Will on steroids.'*

Connie said pro-death groups actually recommend that dementia patients who have signed any type of

advance directive be denied nourishment, even if they willingly eat and drink at meal-time.

She quoted Constitutional Attorney Barry Bostrom, "A right to die, once accepted, too easily becomes a duty to die...and an excuse to kill."

### Practical Pointers – How to Protect the Vulnerable

In the second part of her program, Connie offered practical advice for protecting loved one – and ourselves – from proponents of medical killing.

- *Focus on Life-Affirming Principles (ie: food and water are basic care. All patients deserve proper treatment!)*
- *Reject Advance Directives that eliminate informed consent –giving unknown doctors power to determine unknown treatments for unknown future illnesses.*
- *Remember that signing an advance directive (DNR, Living Will, POLST, MOST, etc.) is like writing a blank check to a stranger!*
- *Give your medical durable-power-of-attorney to someone who loves you, shares your pro-life values, and will fight for you!*

Connie also recommends ordering a Protective Medical Decisions Document, PMDD, from the [Patients' Rights Council](#). To obtain a PMDD packet, phone the PRC at 800-958-5678 between 8am & 4pm (EST).

Look for more helpful tips in next month's *LifeLine*.

### The 2016 Colorado Assisted Suicide Proposition Set the stage to Facilitate Medical Killing in Colorado

- No requirement for mental competence – The patient must only be "capable" of conveying wishes... as interpreted by someone else's observations.
- No requirement for even one psychiatric evaluation
- No effective limitation on who can serve as 'witnesses'
- No oversight after the lethal drug enters the home – It could be given without the patient's knowledge/consent.
- No objective witness at the time of death
- No allowance for investigation / postmortem inquiry
- No penalty for falsification of the death-certificate
- No requirement to comply with the "standard of care"

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## The President's Corner

As Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our world society, firmly in the grip of the culture of death, concludes that giving birth to a child is bad for the planet and should be stopped via abortion and other means.

Earlier this month Robin Maynard, the director of Population Matters, a British population control group, stated that "[choosing a smaller family is the most effective eco-action any of us can take.](#)" He added: "[we must extend that choice to those who do not have it around the world by empowering women and girls through education and the provision of modern, voluntary family planning.](#)" In other words, he believes we can save the world by killing children.

There are at least two major fallacies with this worldview. **First, there is no overpopulation problem.** For a straightforward presentation on this conclusion, I refer you to the [OverpopulationIsAMyth.com](#) website. I also recommend you view the [Demographic Winter documentary](#), which concludes that UNDER-population is the real danger.

Another fallacy of this worldview is the assumption that people are nothing but burdens on the resources of the earth. At the time of Jesus' birth two millennia ago, a population of 8 billion people could not have been supported. However, through the ingenuity of many human beings over centuries, we are now able to comfortably support 8 billion people in the world today.

**Each human life, especially if encouraged to flourish, contributes much more to society and the earth than it takes from the earth.** Granted, there are obstacles to be overcome, and mistakes are made, but who knows what breakthroughs will be made in the next century? Could not a population of 100 billion be possible? What else might be discovered by our children and our children's children?

Even if overpopulation were true, "[it does not justify a massive human rights violation.](#)" **Abortion not only violently kills our children; it robs us of the gain that each child will provide to our civilization and environment.** Let us bequeath a bounty to our posterity by working to end abortion today!

*Matt*



## Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling

Pro-Life Action League has a beautiful December tradition:

"One of the Pro-life Action League's favorite events of the year is our "Peace in the Womb" Christmas caroling day. The idea is simple: we bring the hope and joy of Christmas to one of the world's darkest places—the abortion clinic—in hopes that the familiar sounds of Christmas carols will save a life. And, in fact, lives have been saved by our peaceful, prayerful witness when women heard our songs from inside the abortion facility and chose life for their children."

If you feel called to sing for *Peace in the Womb*, multiple resources, including printable songbooks and promotional ideas are available on their website at [prolifeaction.org](http://prolifeaction.org).

**You are also invited to join local carolers in front of Planned Parenthood on Centennial Blvd at 10:00 AM Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## The Sexual Revolution & Demographic Winter

The Ruth Institute, whose stated mission is to “support individuals and families harmed by divorce, the hook-up culture, and other forms of family breakdown” has evaluated the world-wide trend against birth.

*“At the heart of Demographic Winter lies the Sexual Revolution... This sea-change in attitudes and behaviors included first separating sex from childbearing, then from marriage, and finally from love or any sense of commitment. Pornography, premarital sex, promiscuity and perversion were all normalized.”*

*“Abortion was legalized and, in developed nations, enshrined as a basic human right. Because of the Sexual Revolution’s efforts, not only have individual attitudes toward having children, but also the entire world’s attitude [changed]. **The plummeting birthrates around the globe are almost sure to bring declining populations, massive economic disruptions, and all the problems stemming from under-population.***

The Ruth Institute offers seven recommendations for combating the catastrophic impacts of Demographic Winter:

1. **Promote marriage and reject marriage substitutes.** Natural families can procreate; same-sex couples cannot. Cohabiting couples have fewer children. The fertility rates parallel marriage rates.
2. **Encourage large families.** Stop subsidizing contraception; instead, help couples have larger families and adopt family-friendly tax codes.
3. **End abortion.** There are 73 million abortions a year worldwide – that’s more than three times the number of military deaths in WWII.
4. **Stop population control propaganda and sexuality education** that indoctrinate students in the myths of world overpopulation and salvation thru limiting population growth via abortion/contraception.
5. **Create a family-friendly culture** by rewarding larger families instead of penalizing them. Recognize the sacrifice parents make to society by raising the next generation of workers and taxpayers.
6. **Encourage religion** – correlation of religious observance & fertility.
7. **Educate** – know/share the societal risks of Demographic Winter.

Reference: Ruth Institute “Demographic Winter: The Facts” <https://ruthinstitute.org/resource-center/demographic-winter/dw-the-facts/>



*“We reject the idea that a child is a problem to solve if you don’t want one and an object to purchase if you do want one.”*

**The Ruth Institute**

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**Friday, December 17; 10:00 AM**  
***Peace in the Womb* Christmas Caroling**

Join faithful witnesses Singing for Life at the Planned Parenthood on Centennial.



**Tuesday, December 28; 5:30 PM**  
**Mass for the Holy Innocents**

St. Peter Parish 55 Jefferson St., Monument, CO –Pray for the respect of all Human life and to grieve with those who have experienced the untimely death of a child due to miscarriage, accident, illness, abortion, Sudden Infant Death syndrome, or violence.



**Saturday, January 15, 2022**  
**Celebrate Life Rally & March @ CO State Capitol**

Rally @ 1:00 PM / March @ 2:00 PM  
Buses will be available from CSPGS to Denver – to reserve a seat, contact Julie at [jp@baileypeople.com](mailto:jp@baileypeople.com) or call/text 401-578-4471.



**Sunday, January 16, 2022; 12:30 PM**  
**Together for Life on Sanctity of Life Sunday**

(Guest Speaker: Abortion Survivor. See details in box at right.)



**Monday, January 17, 2022; 9:00 AM**  
**Rocky Mountain March for Life - Colo Springs:**

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.



***Sanctity of Human Life Sunday***  
**January 16, 2022; 12:30 PM**

January's *Together for Life* will be in remembrance of the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision.

**Our special guest speaker is an abortion survivor.** According to the Abortion Survivors Network there are far more US babies who have survived abortion than most people suspect.

Many of those babies are now adults who have found healing in sharing their life's story with others.

Join us for this special gathering and hear this survivor's journey.

More details in the January newsletter.