



# 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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## Pro-Life is Pro-Woman & Pro-Child

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

In spite of what pro-abortion activists say, pro-life folks are working hard to support and accompany both moms experiencing unexpected pregnancy and their children, born and not yet born.

The *Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs* is stepping up by promoting the **Walking with Moms in Need** initiative which seeks to identify and provide life-affirming resources to any pregnant mom who may need such support.

WWMIN encourages us to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women saying, **"Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances."**



Under this initiative, over 70 experienced, Catholic moms have been trained recently as **Gabriel Project Angels** to accompany moms in need. That training equips Angels to provide a listening ear and to help in identifying and prioritizing needs.

Angels help moms to locate and access community resources. Angels pray for and with moms, helping them to see that even an unexpected pregnancy can be good news. They even throw baby showers for moms at around 7 months into their pregnancies.

Studies and interviews have shown that women who chose abortion **wish they'd had one person who pledged to be with them and support them in their pregnancies** – if they had, they might not have made that deadly choice. To learn more about *Walking with Moms in Need* or the *Gabriel Project Angels*, email [WWMINCS@gmail.com](mailto:WWMINCS@gmail.com).



Another local effort to support pregnant moms is **Mater Filius**, which means *Mother and Child*. This maternity home, which is currently under construction, will provide a dignified home and accompaniment for pregnant women experiencing homelessness. These moms will experience a safe, peace-filled, ordered home and mentoring to equip and prepare them to successfully establish stable households in the community. For information, email [info@materfiliuscs.org](mailto:info@materfiliuscs.org).

## Rocky Mountain March for Life Recap



An energetic crowd responded to the invitation to witness to life at the annual *Rocky Mountain March for Life*.

All told at least 600 people attended the event including the 260 marchers who joined participants welcoming them at Corpus Christi Catholic Church to celebrate a Mass for Life and share pro-life fellowship with a pizza lunch.

## Local Advocates Protest Pharmacies

In case you were unaware, in February *Walgreens*, *CVS* and *Rite Aid* pharmacies decided to enter the abortion business.



The FDA had restricted distribution of the toxic abortion pill mifepristone (RU-486) to hospitals, medical offices and clinics, but expanded the death-dispensing capability to pharmacies and by mail-order.

[LiveAction](#)'s Carole Novielli reviewed the dangerous impacts this drug has already had on mothers and babies, even before the Biden Administration's decision to expand its distribution.

*"As of June 30, 2022, U.S. sales of the abortion pill have now ended the lives of 5.6 million babies in the U.S. since its approval in 2000, according to updated data published by the FDA... there have now been 28 reports of deaths in patients associated with mifepristone since the product was approved in September 2000... there have been 4,203 adverse events, including 1,048 hospitalizations, nearly 604 instances of blood loss requiring transfusions, and other serious complications reported, including 414 infections..."*

On their [website](#) *National Right to Life*, provides a sample protest letter along with corporate contact information (mail, email, phone) for citizens to communicate concerns to these death-drug dealers.

As part of nationwide protests on February 4, local pro-life advocates joined the *#StopAbortionRx* effort in protesting *Walgreens* and *CVS* stores. **For details on future local protests**, contact [stephaniekemp@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniekemp@gmail.com).

*LiveAction*, Carole Novielli, ["The Abortion Pill: So Dangerous"](#) 6 Jan 2023  
National Right to Life: <https://www.nrlc.org/communications/contact-information-for-cvs-and-walgreens/>

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Julie Bailey (719) 630-1999

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## The President's Corner

As in previous years, the outcome for the pro-life bills at the state legislature was not a surprise but still astonishingly inhumane. **All three pro-life bills were killed with party-line votes.**

First up was [HB23-1097, an attempt to require painkiller for children 20 weeks gestation and older](#) about to be murdered via abortion. Medical testimony for the bill noted that **not only do the children being aborted at 20 weeks and older feel pain, they feel it more acutely than the rest of us because their nervous systems are not yet tempering the pain responses as our bodies do.** These late-term abortions are done either by tearing the baby's body apart or poisoning it. So when the bill was killed on a party line vote, one could conclude that not only do the Democrats want the child dead, they want to *torture* him/her. No explanation was offered as to why the torture of these children is in the state's interest.

Intended as a pro-life measure, some pro-life witnesses who oppose incremental efforts to limit abortion, argued against the value of measures to provide comfort to the child prior to death by abortion. As a result, these pro-life witnesses joined Planned Parenthood and other abortion supporters in testifying against the bill to require pain relief prior to abortion.

Next up was [HB23-1119, an attempt to abolish abortion in Colorado](#). The only objection voiced by Democrats came at the very end when there was a question about ectopic pregnancies. Being at the end, though, no response could be made nor could amendments be proposed, clearly the intention of bringing it up so late. Hence, a **single difficult scenario was employed to denigrate the bill and keep abortion available for any reason whatsoever.**

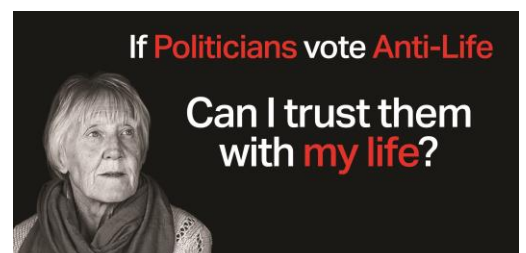
Last up was [HB23-1150, which would require providing information about abortion pill reversal](#). Interestingly, this bill supported a clause in the Reproductive Health Equity Act which states that **someone who is pregnant "has a fundamental right to continue a pregnancy and give birth."** However, that was of no interest to the Democrats who indicated abortion reversal is dangerous to the woman (also at the end when no response could be made), directly contradicting medical testimony that demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of reversal. So in this case **Democrats rejected providing valuable medical information to women who actually want their pregnancy to continue.**

Combined with responses to bills in previous years, including [the refusal to protect against infanticide](#), it is abundantly clear that **Democrats will stop at nothing to execute the child.** It is excruciating to witness the callousness of our legislators. Yet it is not a surprise. It is the culture of death, and this culture has firmly grasped our legislature and society in general.

### Politics is downstream from culture.

We must create a culture of life to undo the inhumanity evident in the Colorado legislature.

*Matt*



## PPCFL Speakers & Booths Available for Events



PPCFL-trained advocates regularly offer **pro-life programming, speakers and educational booths for youth and adult programs, church groups, and special events.**

Many local churches had pro-life tables on or around Sanctity of Life Sunday, staffed by Respect Life leaders.

PPCFL's Julie Bailey, Janet Campbell and Trevor Malloy recently staffed booths for Springs Church and Fervent Church, and in support of The Road Church's "God, Sex, and Science" Conference.

PPCFL booths provide true-to-life pre-born baby models and Precious Feet pins as well as informational materials on wide-ranging pro-life issues from pre-birth through old age.

**To schedule a booth or pro-life presentation, call the PPCFL office at (719) 630-1999 and leave a message for Janet or Julie.**

### Upcoming Booths Scheduled 2023:

Walk for Life	June 3
El Paso County Fair	July 15-22
Colorado State Fair	Aug 25- Sept 4
Bishop's Respect Life	October TBD

## Satanists Open "Ritualistic" Abortion Clinic in NM

LifeNews was one of many national media outlets reporting the news that The Satanic Temple (TST) has moved past promoting and supporting the slaughter of unborn babies to actually killing babies in their own so-called "religious" abortion clinic newly opened in New Mexico.

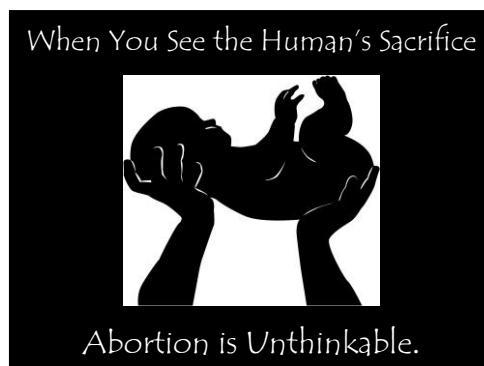
In February, TST Health, the satanic group's "religious medical services arm," began performing "ritual" abortions – comparing them to Christian ceremonies for communion or baptism.

In an attempt to insult the U.S. Supreme Court, the abortuary was named for the Justice who authored the Dobbs decision overturning *Roe vs. Wade*. The "Samuel Alito's Mom's Satanic Abortion Clinic" also provides abortion drugs via online services and mail-order prescriptions to women ages 17 and up who are up to 11 weeks pregnant.

According to LifeNews, "Eventually, The Satanic Temple leaders said they want to expand their new abortion practice to states that ban abortions. Their group has filed lawsuits in several states challenging their legal protections for unborn babies on religious grounds."

New Mexico Alliance for Life founder Elisa Martinez told LifeNews, "The fact that the Satanic Temple plans to set up a ritual abortion clinic in New Mexico speaks volumes about who is really behind the abortion agenda,"

Reference: LifeNews, Micaiah Bilger, "[Satanic Temple Opens New Abortion Clinic to Kill Babies in Ritualistic Abortions](#)" 1 Feb 2023



## Euthanasia for Minors without Parent Consent Recommended to Canadian Parliament

The Canadian Parliament's *Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD)* has joined a group of Canadian pediatricians calling for expansion of doctors' legal ability to kill their patients – including killing children without parental consent.

Beyond the Canadians who are already eligible for government-sponsored killing (*terminally ill and chronically ill adults, people with disabilities, and the elderly*), this month, Canada is scheduled to add euthanasia as an option to terminate the *mentally ill*.

Not satisfied, AMAD wants to expand to children including the following recommendations:

*Recommendation 14: That the Government of Canada undertake consultations with minors on the topic of MAID, including minors with terminal illnesses, minors with disabilities, minors in the child welfare system and Indigenous minors...*

Does it seem odd that simply being a minor in the "child welfare system" or from an "indigenous family" is considered reasonable criteria for allowing doctors to kill a child?

AMAD says parents may be consulted "where appropriate," but "the will of a minor who is found to have the requisite decision-making capacity ultimately take priority."

As Wesley Smith observes, "In other words, children would be able to choose to die even over the objections of their parents."

How old does a sick child need to be to give consent to a medical system that wants to kill them?

Ref: National Review, Wesley Smith, "[Canadian Parliamentary Committee Recommends Euthanasia for Minors without Parental Consent](#)" 16 Feb 2023

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**Pro-Life Local Info:** Want to stay *in the know* regarding Respect Life activities and events in the area? **Join the Respect Life Flocknote** list by texting **COS-RL to 84576**. Flocknote messages may be received as either emails or as text messages to your phone.

**Candidate Forums for Local Elections**— are being live streamed by *The Cultural Impact Team* at Church for all Nations. These can be viewed live or after the event on [CIT's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/@cultureimpactstreams). Feb 22 City Council Form is available now. The Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Forum will also livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@cultureimpactstreams> at 6PM or citizens can attend in person at CFAN 6540 Templeton Gap Rd. CSPGS 80923. **Be informed & VOTE for LIFE!**

**Amazing Roses for Life Donors**



PPCFL extends heart-felt gratitude to the hundreds of donors and volunteers who gave generously of time and financial resources to make our 2022 *Roses for Life* campaign a great success.

Through *Roses for Life*, PPCFL spreads the Good News about the value and dignity of human life throughout Colorado Springs.

In all, 26 faith communities returned donations which led to a 46% increase in participation over the previous year.

Tony Metcalf continues to do a stellar job of inviting churches, coordinating the volunteers, and organizing the overall effort!



**St. Patrick's Day Midpoint Rally**  
Friday, March 17th 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Meet at the Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood, 3480 Centennial Blvd.

Join us for a special surprise for Saint Patrick's Day!



**Closing Celebration & Jericho March**  
Palm Sunday, April 2, 3:00 p.m.

Meet at the Sidewalk near Planned Parenthood, 3480 Centennial Blvd.

The 2023 *Father Carmody Wilson Award* winner will be announced!