



Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

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.

May 2024



Happy Mother's Day from Pikes Peak Citizens for Life!

As we work to build a culture of life in the Pikes Peak region, it is important not only to battle the many threats against life, but also to honor the fact that life is good and beautiful. One of these good and beautiful things is the fact that your mom chose life! This Mother's Day, let's take time to thank our moms for the gift of life and to honor the many sacrifices they have made for us!

It's also important to recognize that Mother's Day can be a difficult time for post-abortive women. If you or someone you know is struggling with the pain of a past abortion, you are not alone. Call or text the confidential Project Rachel helpline at 719-203-8112 for more information.

Mater Filius Maternity Home Opens Its Doors!

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

On March 25, Mater Filius, the newly opened maternity home near St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Briargate, welcomed its first resident. After 3 years of planning and construction, the board of directors, staff, and volunteers are thrilled to begin fulfilling the mission of helping homeless, pregnant moms. They were excited to share with supporters throughout the

community what they have created, so they welcomed all those interested in touring Mater Filius to an Open House on April 21.

The general consensus is that Mater Filius is a beautiful, peaceful, comfortable home where staff and volunteers are eager to help women achieve stability and build a plan for their lives going forward. To learn more about and to support Mater Filius, go to www.materfiliuscs.org

Success at the Colorado March for Life!

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

The inaugural Colorado March for Life took place on Friday, April 12--a beautiful, sunny day where the temperatures hit the mid 70's. The rally included beautiful prayers and inspiring remarks by local and national clergy, lawmakers, and pro-life leaders including National March for Life President and CEO, Jeanne Mancini. (check out [@Denver Catholic](https://www.instagram.com/denvercatholic) on Instagram for photos and video) The crowd, an exuberant, joyful assembly, included many high school and college-age students, families with babies and toddlers, religious nuns and friars, pastors, priests, bishops, and people of every age. Banners and signs celebrated the precious gift of life with words and slogans like "Remember the Unborn," "Have More Babies," and "Let Life Happen."

Chants of "We are pro-life" echoed off the towering buildings surrounding Lincoln and Civic Center Parks as the nearly 4,000 marchers from all over the state made the mile-long circuit leaving from and returning to the steps of the Capitol. But this did not feel like, and in fact was not, a protest. It was a celebration. A celebration of life, and a call to action, a call to protect life, to affirm the dignity of every single human life from conception to natural death.

We anticipate this will be an annual event, so we hope that you will join us next year!

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The President's Corner

A [video of Bill Maher speaking candidly about abortion](#) has gone viral.

Maher, a comedian and political commentator, made several significant points about abortion from his perspective as an abortion supporter. He states that abortion is murder. Since abortion is murder, then he concludes the only credible stance on abortion is to oppose all abortions. Maher also noted that he scolds the left when they say that pro-lifers hate women – he notes the left “just made that up.” **While admitting that abortion is murder, Maher notes that he is “just okay with that.”** He follows this admission up by saying, “I’m sorry, we won’t miss you” in reference to the children lost through abortion since “there are eight billion people in the world.”

Don't just take my word for it. I encourage you to view the [video](#) which LifeSiteNews has made available in their commentary on the story.

A significant takeaway from Maher's comments is that he knows abortion is murder but is “okay with that.” Such a stance can explain how so many pro-life bills in the state legislature over the past couple decades as well as pro-life initiatives have fallen on deaf ears. The pro-life movement has correctly described abortion as murder, but, as Maher so succinctly notes, abortion supporters are “okay with that,” whether it be for what they term “reproductive rights,” population control or any other reason.

These revelations are significant for those of us trying to promote a culture of life. It isn't so much that abortion supporters need to be informed of what abortion actually does. It is more likely that they know what abortion is and that they need to be converted away from a position of being okay with murder.

Informing and converting are two different approaches--and we need to discern which method would be the most effective in any particular encounter.

Matt

Reference: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/bill-maher-reveals-the-grim-truth-of-what-pro-abortion-leftists-really-think>

One of our billboards this spring encouraging voters NOT to sign Ballot Initiative 89, which would enshrine a “right” to abortion in the Colorado State Constitution.



REJECT Initiative 89

REJECT Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Paid for by Pikes Peak Citizens for Life

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We are pleased to announce that Seven Weeks Coffee is partnering with Pikes Peak Citizens for Life to support our mission with every sale! 15% of your purchase will be donated to PPCFL if you use the QR code or by using their website using this link

<https://sevenweekscoffee.com/?ref=Pikes-Peak-Citizens-for-Life>.



Expanding Physician-Assisted Suicide in Colorado

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice President

The Colorado State Assembly continues to expand the culture of death in Colorado with a bill expected to land on the governor's desk shortly. SB24-068 may be signed into law by the time you are reading this newsletter. The title of the bill, Medical Aid-in-Dying, has as its subtitle, "Concerning end-of-life options for an individual with a terminal illness". For anyone unfamiliar with the term Medical Aid-in-Dying (or MAiD), it is a popular current term for what is also known as Physician Assisted Suicide or, in the case of the 2016 ballot initiative that made this practice legal in Colorado, Physician Assisted Death.

The bill as originally submitted would have loosened the limits put in place by the original law in the following ways:

1. Providing an advanced practice registered nurse with the same authority to evaluate an individual and prescribe medication as a physician;
2. Removing the requirement that an individual must be a resident of the state to access end-of-life options;
3. Reducing the waiting period between oral requests from 15 days to 48 hours

The current language of the bill that has passed all 3 readings in both the Senate and the House keeps the first provision, eliminates the second, and changes the waiting period from 15 days to 7 days. Make no mistake, even with these adjustments, this law is awful and is precisely the kind of slippery slope we expected when the original law passed in 2016. Cold comfort that the waiting period will now be a week, and that, at least for now, Colorado will not become a MAiD Tourism destination.

Reference: [https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_Proposition_106_Physician-Assisted_Death_Initiative_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_Proposition_106_Physician-Assisted_Death_Initiative_(2016))
<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-068>

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Coming Soon...

June 1: Life Network Walk for Life

Life Network's 37th Annual Walk for Life will fill Memorial Park with pro-life walkers and runners on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Last year's walk, on a soggy, muddy, rain-soaked Saturday, raised over \$700,000 for the organization's pregnancy centers and other programming. This year's goal is an ambitious \$725, 000!



Life Network would also like to see at least 1000 sponsored individual participants and 90 churches involved (both increases over last year). Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will staff an information table at the event so volunteers will be needed to help. We also encourage anyone and everyone to participate in the event by registering and fundraising to support Life Network. They are a great partner in our work to promote a culture of life in the Pikes Peak region!

Go to www.WalkforLife.com to sign up. Building your fundraising page is easy. We encourage you to get your church or organization involved. This is our community's premier family-friendly, pro-life event! Don't miss it!

June 17: *Golf for Life Colorado*

**Pinery Golf Club
6900 N Pinery Pkwy
Parker, CO 80134**

It's time to take a stand, (or a swing), for LIFE in Colorado! Save the Storks is hosting their second annual golf tournament in Parker, CO. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 to further their mission and get even more Mobile Medical Clinics to serve women in need across our nation!

With your registration, you will receive 18 holes of golf, a player gift, door prizes, breakfast and lunch, Beat the Pro contest, and more – all while supporting a worthy cause! Whether you enjoy golfing, or just want a delicious lunch – you will have a great time. Purchase your registration by visiting <https://savethestorks.com/golf-for-life-co2024/>.