

Focus on Life Dinner on October 21, 2021 Theme: Abortion in the Black community

Kalamazoo Right to Life will again host its annual Focus on Life dinner to raise funds for the Right to Life of Michigan Education Fund. It will be held in Kalamazoo First Assembly of God's Ministry Center on October 21, 2021. Our guest speaker is Bobby Hesley, a pro-life speaker from the Detroit area. Bobby is the host of the popular podcast and Youtube channel "The Bobby Hesley Show." Born and raised a Catholic, he has a passion to share his faith with everyone he meets. He believes that God has called him to be a Catholic Evangelist. Bobby has appeared on many Catholic programs to share his faith. Recently he was interviewed by Right to Life of Michigan's David Robinson in a video "Powerless to Protect—Men and Abortion." Bobby brings a relevant perspective of how abortion has devastated the black community and how abortion clinics target black women into believing that aborting their babies is the logical and sensible decision when faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

Date: October 21, 2021

Doors Open at 5:30 pm.

Program begins at 6:30 pm.

Location: Kalamazoo First Assembly of God

5550 Oakland Dr.

Portage, MI 49024

Tickets: \$40 individual
\$20 student or disabled
\$320 Table of 8



Bobby Hesley

Individuals who have attended the dinners in recent years will receive an official flyer with attached ticket reservation form. Members and other interested pro-lifers wanting to attend are always welcome as well. Please contact through our email address: info@kazoortl.org. Anyone wanting to reserve a ticket or reserve a table may do so by going to our website (kazoortl.org) and check "events" at the top. Reservations and payment by PayPal can be handled through the website.

This is Kalamazoo Right to Life's main educational outreach and is always a wonderful event with a challenging message and great meal. Don't miss out!

Pro-Life News Round-Up

Pro-abortion children's book to be published

“What’s an Abortion, Anyway” is the title of a soon-to-be-released book that targets children under age 13 into believing abortion is just another medical procedure with no moral or ethical consequences. Author Carly Manes uses euphemisms to deceive and indoctrinate children. She plans on donating 300 copies to public libraries all across America. During a live reading, Manes said that “some people have an abortion”—blurring the obvious distinction that only women can get pregnant. Again from the live reading, “An abortion is when someone decides to stop growing their pregnancy. There are many different ways that people who are pregnant can have an abortion. Some people see a doctor who does a special procedure to remove the pregnancy from inside a person’s body. Other people take medicine to stop the pregnancy from growing bigger.” Equating “the pregnancy” to the unborn baby is a gross mischaracterization, and is completely unscientific. Said Catherine Hadro of the Catholic News Agency, “Euphemisms and colorful illustrations cannot mask the ugly reality of what an abortion is: the intentional killing of a young, small, vulnerable human being.” Indeed! Calling a dismemberment abortion a “special procedure” is beyond Orwellian.

Planned Parenthood Sues Texas Over Heartbeat Act

On July 13, 2021 the *Houston Chronicle* and other media outlets reported that twenty abortion providers, an abortion clinic chain, Planned Parenthood, and the ACLU will challenge the Texas Heartbeat Act. The law, set to take effect on September 1, would prohibit abortions in the state once an unborn baby’s heartbeat is detected, usually around the sixth to eighth week of pregnancy. Reports life-news.com, “Unique from other state heartbeat laws, the Texas legislation includes a private enforcement mechanism that allows people to file lawsuits against abortionists who violate the law.” Pro-abortion activists claim

that this provision could produce “endless lawsuits,” leave abortion clinics vulnerable to harassment and possible closure, and intimidate pregnant women, leaving them with few options. (*Editor’s note: in preparing this piece, I looked at an article from the Texas Tribune of July 13. An accompanying photo shows a pro-abortion woman holding a hand-made sign: Abortion saves lives!* This is what we face...a delusional group of people who think that killing babies saves lives!)

Kalamazoo Right to Life Annual Business Meeting September 20, 2021

Kalamazoo Right to Life announces its annual business meeting on September 21, 2021 at the Father Bart Hall across the parking lot from St. Mary’s Catholic Church. The address is 939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49048. The meeting will begin at 7 pm and last one hour. Light refreshments will be served. We will be presenting a glimpse of our financial picture as well as describe some new features. As we head toward 2022 we face another election year—the Mid-Terms. Governor Whitmer’s term will be ending so pro-lifers will have an opportunity of retiring her from public office. Because all state House seats are up for grabs, pro-life voters will need to be as energized as ever to help reelect pro-life lawmakers to return a majority to Lansing. Here in Kalamazoo County we are especially determined to defeat our local pro-abortion incumbents and replace them with endorsed pro-life candidates. At the meeting we will be electing a new slate of officers for 2021-2022.

President: Rob Karrer
Vice-President: John Jones
Secretary: Jean Talanda
Treasurer: Candy Courtney

Stepping down as vice-president is Geneva Crawford who has faithfully served in that capacity for several years. She will remain on the Board of Directors.

RLM Legislative Goals for 2021

On July 13 Right to Life of Michigan's Legislative Director Genevieve Marnon conducted a seminar for affiliates in SW Michigan on RLM's legislative goals for the year. The following are a few of these prospective bills.

1. Vaccine Informed Consent, Vaccine Passport Ban Since all three Covid-19 vaccines have utilized aborted fetal cell lines to some degree, the bill would require that Michigan's Emergency Use Authorization Fact Sheet be updated to include disclosure of these fetal cell lines. The Passport Ban bill would provide conscience protections against any forced vaccination policy.

2. Healthy Moms Healthy Babies Appropriations This bill would set aside funds in the state budget to assist in adoption programs and pregnancy care centers across the state. If enacted \$1.5 million in grant money would help CPC's like Alternatives of Kalamazoo and Caring Network; \$500,000 would fund new CPC's on college campuses; and \$10 million to fund an ad campaign to encourage infant adoption.

3. Targeted Abortion Ban If enacted, this bill would prohibit eugenic abortions such as sex selection or race selection abortions. It would also ban abortions if the intended victims (infants) had any prenatal diagnosed infirmity such as Down Syndrome. Several states have already passed such laws. Ohio's ban was upheld by the Court of Appeals or the 6th Circuit. However, a similar bill in Indiana was tossed out by the 7th Circuit.

4. Women's Right to Know Act To avoid eugenic abortions, this bill would provide parents with medically accurate information about various conditions along with support groups associated with those conditions. Doctors would be required to direct parents to a carefully monitored website containing life-affirming information.

5. Patient Protection Act This bill would require hospitals and doctors to follow a rigorous set of steps to attempt to gain consent if there is a disagreement about life sustaining treatments for a patient including: obtaining a second opinion, a trial of treatment, and transferring the patient. If consent is not obtained and a disagreement persists, notice to the family must be given prior to seeking court intervention, and there is the presumption that it is in the patient's best interest to remain alive.

6. Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Act Since the abortion pill is now the most used method of abortion in Michigan (51.7 percent), this bill would create a certification program to monitor and restrict distribution of the abortion pill. The Act would limit who could prescribe the pill to only registered physicians and limit distribution to only registered distributors.

NEW: Weekly Updates on YouTube: "Pro-Life Week"

Kalamazoo Right to Life has launched its own weekly podcast on YouTube. You can find it on our website (kazoortl.org) under Pro-Life Week or go directly to YouTube and type in Pro-Life Week. Past videos have been archived on the website as well. You will find short 3-5 minute videos with KRTL president Rob Karrer sharing the latest news and commentary. NOTE: this is in its infant stage. Rob's videos are unedited and generally unscripted. Over time we intend to expand the program, beef up the technology and professionalism, perhaps expand it to 10-15 minutes, interview pro-life leaders in the community, and enlarge our visibility in the Kalamazoo area. Rob tries to record something every Wednesday. It would be posted on YouTube the following day. The website should post a new video on Friday. Check it out. Tell friends and family. This can be a new and exciting avenue for us to expand our visibility in the Kalamazoo community and reach new pro-life people. Comments are always welcome and appreciated.

President's Corner by Rob Karrer

A few weeks ago a Catholic priest was removed of his pastoral duties by his bishop because the priest recorded a video before the 2020 election, placed it on YouTube, and announced to all listening that a Catholic could not be a Democrat (or vote for a Democrat) due to the Party's embrace and support for abortion that has killed over 60 million innocent unborn babies since 1973. The priest is Father James Altman of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He is a traditional, conservative priest who believes that abortion is an unspeakable offense to God and man. Abortion is the intentional killing of innocent human life. Altman has made numerous YouTube videos and become a popular voice for Catholic audiences. Along the way he has addressed social issues including very strong condemnations of abortion. Somehow his bishop took offense to Altman's remarks about Democrats and their wholesale support of abortion. Rather than punish Altman for speaking the truth, the bishop should have remembered Isaiah 5:20: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness." Father Altman wants to remain a parish priest and is challenging the bishop's order. Many of his supporters have sent in donations. As of July 14 they have raised \$640,000! We stand with Father Altman. This bold and fearless priest speaks the truth. Pray that one day (hopefully soon) the "culture of death" scales will fall off the eyes of Democratic party members and they will finally embrace all of life, even those in the womb...the least of these.

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