

LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

Exciting Day in Lansing - Pro Life Bills Voted On



Above left to right; students and teacher, Bryan Celano on steps of Capital Bldg.; Tri Cities pro lifers at the Conference Center and seated in the gallery of the House Chamber.

As pro-life representatives from the Tri-Cities area traveled to Lansing to attend Legislative Day on a beautiful sunny morning, dodging construction zones, we were full of anticipation for the day, knowing that the Senate Bills 229 & 230 along with House Bills 4320 & 4321, which are the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Bills would be coming up for a vote. Speaker of the House, Rep. Lee Chatfield gave a faith-filled talk on the importance of

staying focused on removing the legality of abortion. Tri-Cities was well represented with pro-life adults and students.

During lunch the good news was announced that the Senate Bills had been passed. Dr. Monica Miller joined us to share her experiences of giving testimony during the committee hearings on the Dismemberment Ban Bill and her long history of exposing the realities of abortion clinics. When

our meeting ended, we walked to the Capital building. We sat in the gallery of the House Chamber and listened as the Representatives spoke on the pros & cons of the bill. The vote on our bills happened around 4:30pm and passed by a 58 - 51 margin. Our first-time experience to witness a bill introduced on the floor, debated and voted on. The process was lengthy but well worth the wait.

Focus on Life Dinner

Save the Date



Author and Administrative Law Judge Lisa K. Gigliotti will give a powerful message about **The Courage to Honor the End**

of Life. For more than twenty-five years Lisa has lived with severe

rheumatoid arthritis and serious myasthenia gravis. Through thirteen major surgeries Lisa has maintained a fulfilling and positive life. In pursuit of encouraging others, Lisa has written four books that describe her Italian-American upbringing and how *Coraggio*--courage--is the key to overcoming adversity and to achieving any endeavor.

In [The Courage to Honor the End of Life](#), Lisa discusses the fears and values society places on end of life, while encouraging the use of moral courage to value a person at the end of

life; as an individual by caring for an ill person, or as a society by advocating for adequate pain management, hospice, spiritual, and psychological services.

The 24th Annual Focus on Life Dinner will change venue this year. Our dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th, 6PM at the Trillium Event Center in Spring Lake.

Visit tricitierighttolife.org for more information and Order Form.

One Step at a Time (Cont. Spring 2019 Article)

Earlier this year, I viewed the movie “Unplanned”. This movie documented an abortion being done using ultra-sound for viewing. I took away a couple of thoughts. When the instrument touched the baby in the womb, the child flinched and tried to push away. This child could feel. Secondly, dismemberment is the proper word for this type of brutality. Nobody is exaggerating using the word. It is what it is!

Before going to battle with dragons, St. George prayed for guidance and then set aside his sword as it would be too small for the job and picked up a lance instead—the right weapon to slay the dragon. For St. George, the lance was mightier than the sword!

Today, we are in a battle to eliminate the Dismemberment Abortion Procedure which is

frequently used during the second trimester of pregnancy. Pray for guidance in this next battle. We must pick the right weapon. For this battle, today, the “Pen is mightier than the sword!”

Soon you will be asked to sign a petition to end the Dismemberment Abortion Procedure in Michigan. A simple one step at a time. Sign your name in support. 340,000– pens, used by registered voters are needed starting in July to forge a weapon! Then, after we provide the right weapon, let the rest of our dragon slayers do their job and work the petition drive through the political system. I am not a politician. Nor do I know the political system well enough to make a difference there.

But I can sign my name in support of slaying this dragon with merely a pen.

Culvers Share Night a Great Experience



Above left to right; Jean Smalligan; Michelle Ciccantelli; volunteers working at our Share Night; Mike Simcik, Charlene Lozicki and Denise Simcik attending Share Night

Thank you to everyone who came to support our group and make a successful fundraiser. Many people stopped to talk and gave us much needed support during these challenging times we find ourselves in right now.

We were able to add \$435 to our

donation budget, and the experience of working with such a great Culvers Team made the evening a huge success.

We will be working another Share Night at Culvers in the fall on Wednesday, September 18. See you there!!

Upcoming Events

♥ Culver's Night of Sharing Fundraiser.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5 to 8 PM

Come and support Tri Cities Right to Life. Order your meal between 5 and 8 pm, dine in or drive thru. Not only will we be there to serve you, but the food very good and we will receive 10% of the profits.

♥ RLM Annual Conference

Thursday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.
Cleary University, 3725 Cleary Dr.
Howell

To register visit www.RTL.org

Conference attendees will listen to speakers, attend workshops, and be inspired to create a culture of life.

♥ 40 Days for Life - Grand Rapids

September 25 - November 3
Vigil Held in Front of Heritage Clinic
320 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids

www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids
Join this grassroots effort to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil.

♥ Focus on Life Benefit Dinner

Thursday, October 24
Trillium Event Center
17246 VanWagoner Rd.
tricitierighttolife.org

Doors open at 6PM
Keynote speaker is Lisa Gigliotti
Author, Administrative Law Judge, Lisa will give a powerful message about The Courage to Honor the End of Life.

♥ Tri-Cities Right to Life Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month,
7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Family Center
920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven
Meetings are open to the public.

Abortion is in the news every day as states challenge the *Roe v Wade* Court decision

Conservative states are attempting to pass laws they hope will make the US Supreme Court challenge *Roe v Wade*. Liberal states are passing laws to repeal as many abortion restrictions as possible in fear the court will return the abortion issue to the states.

The *Roe v Wade* decision was passed by the US Supreme Court in 1973. This federal law allows a woman to select abortion to end her pregnancy, at any time from conception through all 9 months until the birth of the baby.

Some facts about the State of Michigan abortion laws.

- We are one of only 8 states who have a pre-Roe ban of all abortion with the exception of the life of the mother. Our law has been in place since 1846 (MCL 750.14).
- The Michigan Supreme Court confirmed that it is the policy of the State of Michigan to prohibit abortion except to save the life of the mother and that this existing law is constitutional but under the constraints of *Roe v. Wade*.

Would you like to do more?

Volunteers will be taking signatures at as many churches as we are able to attend. Please give us a call if you would like to help with the petition drive. Call Mary Bilski at 616-201-7813 or email to info@tricitiestryghttolife.org.

Look for our booth at St. Patrick's—St. Anthony's Catholic Church during the Parish Festival, August 9 & 10.

We will also have a booth at St. Mary's Parish Festival on September 7.

'dismemberment vs. Heartbeat'

Bills?

The Dismemberment abortion **procedure** (also known as a D & E/ dilatation and evacuation abortion) is the most frequently used 2nd and 3rd trimester procedure.

In 2018, there were 1,908 dismemberment abortion **procedures** in Michigan, that's 4 to 5 every day. 98% occurred in the 2nd trimester (13 to 24 weeks).

"Dismemberment" is the simplest way to describe this barbaric **procedure**. The doctor inserts grasping forceps through the woman's cervix into the uterus to grab the baby and remove the baby limb by limb. The baby dies just as a human adult or child would: He/ She bleeds to death as the baby is torn apart. The skull is then crushed and removed from the uterus.

The Dismemberment Abortion **procedure** Ban bills that passed out of the House and Senate on Legislative Day (pg. 1) is an amendment to the existing Michigan

Partial Birth Abortion procedure ban.

This is a ban on this specific abortion procedure.

When passed, the Dismemberment Abortion **Procedure** Bill could be in effect as early as the 1st quarter of 2020.

Right to Life of Michigan is prepared to pursue using Michigan's citizens initiated legislative process. This will involve a signature petition initiative.

Michigan Values Life;

End Dismemberment Abortions

- Soon you will be asked to sign the petition.
- A simple one step at a time
- Sign your name in support

The Michigan pro life community will need to collect over 340,000 signatures of registered voters during a 180 day period beginning in July.

The Heartbeat Bill has been introduced by a different prolife group. This bill does not have any impact on the Dismemberment Abortion Procedure Bill.

The Heartbeat Bill can only have an impact in the future after the *Roe v Wade* decision is overturned.

When this happens, thankfully, Michigan already has a law in effect, (MCL 750.14) with only the constraints of *Roe v Wade* to hinder it.

The Heartbeat Bill sounds like a good thing, but in reality it allows abortion to be legal in Michigan until a licensed medical professional determines a heartbeat.

To simplify, the Heartbeat Bill is going to complicate the enforcement of our existing pre-Roe ban of all abortion with the exception of the life of the mother.

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