Life Hangs in the Balance this Election Cycle
end abortion by voting for life

Every election season, the need for prolife people to engage in the political process seems more dire than the last time. The challenge is to motivate people to set aside their apathy and to vote prolife.

Although people complain about election phone calls and mailers, research shows that the more voter contacts a candidate has, the more likely that person will be elected.

Volunteers are needed to deliver prolife candidate information door-to-door, make get-out-the-vote phone calls, and stand outside the polls on election day to distribute voter guides.

Volunteers are also needed to ensure that the anything-goes abortion ballot proposal is defeated, so that the right to kill an unborn child is not enshrined in the Michigan Constitution.

These efforts are worthwhile, but none will work without dedicated volunteers determined to protect human life.

To help with Get-Out-The-Vote efforts, complete the online volunteer form.
www.grrtl.org/volunteer

Dinesh D’Souza Headsline Focus on Life Dinner

Dinesh D’Souza is a bestselling author and award-winning filmmaker. His documentaries are among the highest-grossing political films of all time. His most recent film, 2000 Mules, grossed more than one million dollars in just 12 hours.

A logical and relevant voice for life, D’Souza is sure to illuminate this critical moment in the prolife movement.

Monday • October 10 • 6:30 PM • $100 Per Person
DeVos Place Ballrooms • 303 Monroe Avenue NW • Grand Rapids
www.grrtl.org/dinner

Holiday Auction

The 2022 Holiday Auction will be online October 10 - 17.

With over 1,000 items available, there is something for everyone.

Visit www.grrtl.org and click on the auction link.

Bid on cottages, entertainment, dining, services, children’s items, sports and leisure, and more!
After nearly 50 years of marches, prayer, hard work, and elections, the overturn of the egregious Roe v. Wade ruling ought to have been celebrated with much fanfare. Yet the day came and went amid hushed conversations and a sense of foreboding. Prolife people seemed reticent to rejoice; perhaps with good reason.

The summer months were filled with trepidation. Pregnancy centers were vandalized. Trolls spewed vitriol on social media. Injunctions were passed by rogue judges to ensure that Michigan’s 1931 abortion ban would not take effect. The highest lawyer in the state vowed not to uphold this law to protect the unborn. The governor vetoed $16 million from the state budget that would have supported life-affirming initiatives. People vehemently disagreed with one another about which candidates to support during the primary election. And the Reproductive Freedom for All coalition succeeded in getting enough signatures to place a proposal on the ballot to enshrine anything-goes abortion in the Michigan Constitution.

Despite the end of a federal stranglehold on prolife efforts, the work ahead to ensure a prolife climate in Michigan is insurmountable unless we work together.

It is time to remove our current governor, elect an upstanding attorney general, support an ethical secretary of state, choose honorable judges, place prolife politicians in Lansing, and resoundingly defeat the abortion ballot proposal. This can only be accomplished if we put aside our differences, rally toward a common goal, and vote collectively to protect the unborn and the vulnerable.

Vote prolife on Tuesday, November 8. For a personalized list of prolife candidates visit: www.rtl.org/legislation/ballot

President’s Ponderings from Laura Alexandria

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Fire Up for Fall

Churches are instrumental in promoting the value of all human life. With a ballot proposal looming, there has never been a more crucial time to educate and motivate the faith communities.

Grand Rapids Right to Life will host Fire Up for Fall this September. It is a lunch-and-learn gathering for current and potential church representatives to strategize on how best to engage church members on the life issues.

The goal is to help create a culture of life and inform local congregations about educational opportunities, youth activities, fundraisers to support prolife agencies, and family-friendly events.

Thursday • September 22 • 12:00 NN
Online RSVP Required
www.grrtl.org/fireup
The End of Parental Rights in Michigan

If voted into law, the Anything-Goes Abortion Amendment would spell the end of parents’ ability to be involved in their children’s lives on all matters related to pregnancy.

This ballot proposal would affect countless state laws and eliminate every abortion regulation. Its horrific language could be permanently enshrined in Michigan’s Constitution if enough voters fall for this deceptive amendment in November.

The proposal would create an unlimited right to “all matters related to pregnancy.” The proposal never distinguishes between children and adults, and backers of the amendment claim these unlimited reproductive rights begin “at birth.” Supporters of this proposal exhibit a callous and troubling disregard for children.

The language in the proposal states no law related to pregnancy can restrict an “individual’s autonomous decision-making.” If a child wants to have a secret abortion without her parents’ knowledge or permission, no law can contradict that autonomous decision.

The amendment would also eliminate Michigan’s laws requiring screening for abortion coercion, waiting periods, and informed consent. That means a young girl in a bad situation could be whisked into the abortion facility for a same-day abortion, no questions asked, and no accountability following it.

The Michigan Constitution should not enshrine a child’s right to do anything they want related to pregnancy. The Michigan Legislature should not be prevented from intervening in the abuse of children. Basic legal protections, like age of consent laws in Michigan, should not be repealed.

Protect parental rights and vote NO on this radical abortion amendment.

To understand the ballot proposal to enshrine a right to abortion in the Michigan Constitution visit:
www.grrtl.org/2022

A Plethora of Scholarships for Prolife Students

Grand Rapids Right to Life offers opportunities for students to be boldly prolife and to earn monetary prizes.

By writing a prolife thesis, middle school and high school students can compete in the Prolife Essay Contest. The deadline to enter is December 1.

Five students can earn a scholarship to be applied to a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC. The deadline to apply is January 1.

Prize money is given to the top three students who prepare and deliver a speech at the High School Oratory Contest. Registration due by March 1.

By volunteering with Grand Rapids Right to Life, a high school senior will be presented with the Prolife Youth Award. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Three high school students are eligible for a scholarship to attend the LEAD Summer Program in Lansing. The deadline to apply is April 1.

One high school senior who has exhibited outstanding prolife leadership will earn the DJ Zarnosky Life Leadership Award. The deadline to apply is May 1.

Calendar of Events

Life in the 616
Thursday, September 15, at 4:00 PM
RSVP Required

Fire Up for Fall
Thursday, September 22, at 12:00 NN
RSVP Required

RLM Annual Conference
Thursday, September 29, at 9:15 AM
Conference Center of DeWitt

Life Chain
Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 PM
44th Street, Grand Rapids

Prolife T-shirt Day
Tuesday, October 4
www.grrtl.org/store

40 Days for Life
Thursday, October 6
GRRTL Prayer Day at Vigil

Focus on Life Benefit Dinner
Monday, October 10, at 6:30 PM
DeVos Place Ballrooms

Holiday Auction
October 10 - 17
Online and Phone Bidding

Prolife Essay Contest
Deadline: December 1
www.grrtl.org/students/essaycontest

March for Life Scholarship
Deadline: January 1
www.grrtl.org/students/marchforlife

March for Life in Washington, DC
Friday, January 20
Bus Trips Available

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Prolife Heroes

Noah & Hannah: Boldly Standing for Life

Noah and Hannah Trulock always had a love for the unborn. Raised by parents who actively participated in the prolife movement, it was just a matter of time before this dedicated couple would connect with Grand Rapids Right to Life.

In 2019, Grand Rapids Right to Life formed an informal Young Professionals for Life group and Noah and Hannah became an integral part of their gatherings. Through activities and fellowship, these Millennials began to brainstorm ways to make an impact for life in the Grand Rapids community.

Noah and Hannah took an immediate liking to political involvement and legislative activities. They gathered signatures for the End Dismemberment Abortion Petition Drive, attended several Defund Planned Parenthood rallies, and attended the Vote Life Summer Picnic.

They volunteer to interview candidates seeking the Right to Life of Michigan PAC endorsement. For elections, they go door knocking and distribute voter guides at the polls. On social media, they defend the need to vote prolife.

Noah and Hannah are an inspiration to get involved and to be boldly prolife.