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2017 MCCL FALL TOUR Your latest look at life issues

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BY BILL POEHLER

MCCL IS COMING TO YOU! Will you join us and other pro-lifers for this important local gathering?

YOUR ANNUAL REFRESH

MCCL understands that informed pro-life citizens are the best at sharing the message of life and helping to protect the vulnerable. We want to make sure you have access to all you need to be an effective pro-life citizen in your family, school, church, business and community.

That's why we never stop bringing the latest trends, data, statistics and strategies to you and everyone who will listen.

The Fall Tour is for you. We'll hit the refresh button and give you a quick pro-life update. Because you are our most valuable resource.

ABORTION ADDRESSED

In our lively PowerPoint presentation you will learn the latest on abortion and hear strategies for saving more lives. What opportunities lie ahead? What are possible obstacles? **Find out how your involvement can help to establish greater protections for unborn children and their mothers.**

UNDERSTAND ASSISTED SUICIDE

We will examine the various means being employed by proponents of assisted suicide to overturn our state law that protects the sick, the elderly, the disabled and the poor from abuse. **We will take you past the rhetoric of "choice" and expose the true agenda of assisted suicide and euthanasia advocates.**

You may find this material disturbing, but it represents a very real threat to lives in Minnesota—and it isn't going away. We will help you understand the issue, the life-affirming arguments against legalization, and how you can help save lives.

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Nearly 10,000 Minnesota lives lost to abortion in 2016

Slight uptick overall, huge gains for Planned Parenthood

BY BILL POEHLER

AFTER DECLINING IN NINE of the previous 10 years, abortion numbers in Minnesota rose slightly to 9,953 last year, according to the state's 2016 Abortion Report. **The annual total fell the previous year to its lowest level since 1974.** The abortion rate rose to 8.6 percent.

The 2016 increase of less than one percent follows a general trend of fewer abortions statewide since MCCL helped to enact the Woman's Right to Know informed consent law in 2003, and the Positive Alternatives law, which took effect in July 2006.

Abortion industry hurting

The 28 percent decrease in abortions over the past decade has been problematic for most of the state's abortion industry. Planned Parenthood has managed to increase its market share by increasing its abortions in most of the last 10 years, but other facilities have seen sharp decreases in overall numbers.

"Minnesota's five abortion centers have worked hard to reverse the national trend of fewer and fewer abortions," said MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. **"Women are returning away from abortion and from the state's unlicensed abortion facilities, and that puts pressure on their bottom line."**



Planned Parenthood kills more

Planned Parenthood continues its abortion business expansion despite trends of declining abortion numbers. As Minnesota's largest abortionist, Planned Parenthood grew its

market by a staggering 11.5 percent last year and controlled a greater portion of the market.

Planned Parenthood increased its abortions by 44 percent from 2012 to 2016, and more than doubled its abortion business since 2001. Planned Parenthood's annual abortion numbers have increased every year but one since 2006.

In stark contrast, annual state abortion totals fell in all but two of those years. **Planned Parenthood's 2016 total of 5,629 abortions was by far its highest number ever,** and a record market share of 56.5 percent of all abortions performed in Minnesota.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Join us in your community this fall

BY LEO LALONDE

WE'RE HEADED YOUR WAY! Our 2017 Fall Tour is for you, and I hope you will take an hour to hear this critical update from one of our staff.

GET THE LATEST

We want you, our members and Chapter volunteers, to be the most informed pro-lifers in Minnesota. We want you to be equipped not only to protect lives and defend the pro-life position, but to also explain to your friends and neighbors why they need to join MCCL in our lifesaving efforts.

That's why we will tour the state again this fall, bringing the very latest information on life issues to you.

The Fall Tour is your best opportunity of the year to invite friends to learn about MCCL and make a lifesaving difference.

FAST PACE, MUCH TO COVER

There is a great deal of material to cover in our one-hour program. We will give each of you a copy of the PowerPoint slides so you won't need to take a lot of notes during our concentrated presentation.

We will share with you the most current data and trends on abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, as well as the 2017 legislative session wins

and losses, opportunities to save lives in the coming year, what you can do to help save more lives, and more.

HELP US FIGHT

Lives are still lost to abortion—27 per day on average, every single day in Minnesota. This human tragedy must end, and you can help us.

We sometimes hear complaints from well-meaning folks that after 44 years, abortion is still legal. **Fatigue and discouragement can set in after such a protracted fight—unless people are informed about what is actually happening.** Mainstream media generally report positively on pro-abortion forces, but not on pro-life efforts.

WE NEED MORE LIVES SAVING LIVES

That's why the MCCL Fall Tour and our other programs are so crucial to efforts to save lives. When people learn that pro-life laws have driven down abortion numbers by nearly 50 percent in Minnesota, and that young people are being trained to pick up the pro-life mantle, they are much more likely to want to work with us.

The Fall Tour is your best opportunity of the year to invite friends to learn about the significant gains achieved by the pro-life movement, and how their involvement in MCCL will make a lifesaving difference. **We need to attract more members so that we can do more and save more lives.**

So—I urge you to attend your area Fall Tour meeting and bring some friends and neighbors with you. **You will be encouraged and challenged, inspired and motivated to keep up the fight for life.** We will win this battle. But we will need you and many others like you to ensure protection for every innocent human life. **MCCL**

EXEC. DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Latest Abortion Report shows that we have work to do

BY SCOTT FISCHBACH

EACH JULY the Minnesota Department of Health releases its annual Abortion Report for the previous year. The latest numbers aren't exactly thrilling.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GROWS

A total of 9,953 abortions took place in 2016, a slight rise over the 2015 total of 9,861. The number of abortions performed in Minnesota since the 1973 legalization of abortion is now 628,767.

The most disturbing trend is Planned Parenthood's increasing consolidation of the abortion market. Planned Parenthood performed its highest number of abortions ever (5,629) in 2016, and grew its market share to a record 57 percent of all abortions performed in the state.

MORE CHEMICAL, LATE-TERM ABORTIONS

A few other takeaways from the Abortion Report:

- **Chemical (RU486) abortions continue to increase each year, rising to an all-time high of 35 percent of all abortions in 2016.** These abortions are cost-effective for the abortion industry, but they pose greater health risks to women than first-trimester surgical abortions.
- Late-term abortions also increased in 2016, though they comprise only a small fraction of abortions. A total of 224 abortions took place at 20 weeks gestation or later in 2016, a 22 percent increase over 2015; the number of dilation and evacuation (D&E) abortions, which involve dismembering the unborn child during the second trimester, increased to 825.
- **The number of reported complications from abortion increased significantly to 151 in 2016 (compared to 92 in 2015).**

Another worrisome trend? The percentage of abortions funded by taxpayers increases almost every year. It's now at an all-time high of 43 percent, according to the Department of Human Services. **That's why our ongoing effort to ban these abortions—the bill was vetoed this spring by the governor (see page 5)—is so important.**

A LONG-TERM PRO-LIFE TREND

Despite the slight abortion increase last year, however, abortions have dropped in eight of the last 10 years—a decline of 29 percent just since 2006. **The 2016 total is the third lowest since 1974; the abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age) is the second lowest since 1973.**

And only 291 abortions were performed on minor girls in 2016, the second smallest number since the state began recording minor abortions in 1975. Minor abortions have declined 87 percent since their peak in 1980.

WE CAN'T LET UP

The overall trend in Minnesota is still a pro-life one. We are pushing the abortion numbers in the right direction. But it takes a lot of work. It takes diligence.

We have to continue to educate, to persuade, to assist. We have to change hearts and minds. And we have to enact more protective pro-life legislation—like the bill to ban taxpayer funding of abortion—that will help drive down the number of abortions.

Every summer, when the Abortion Report comes out, we see just how many lives are at stake. We can't let up. **MCCL**

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Planned Parenthood credibility lost

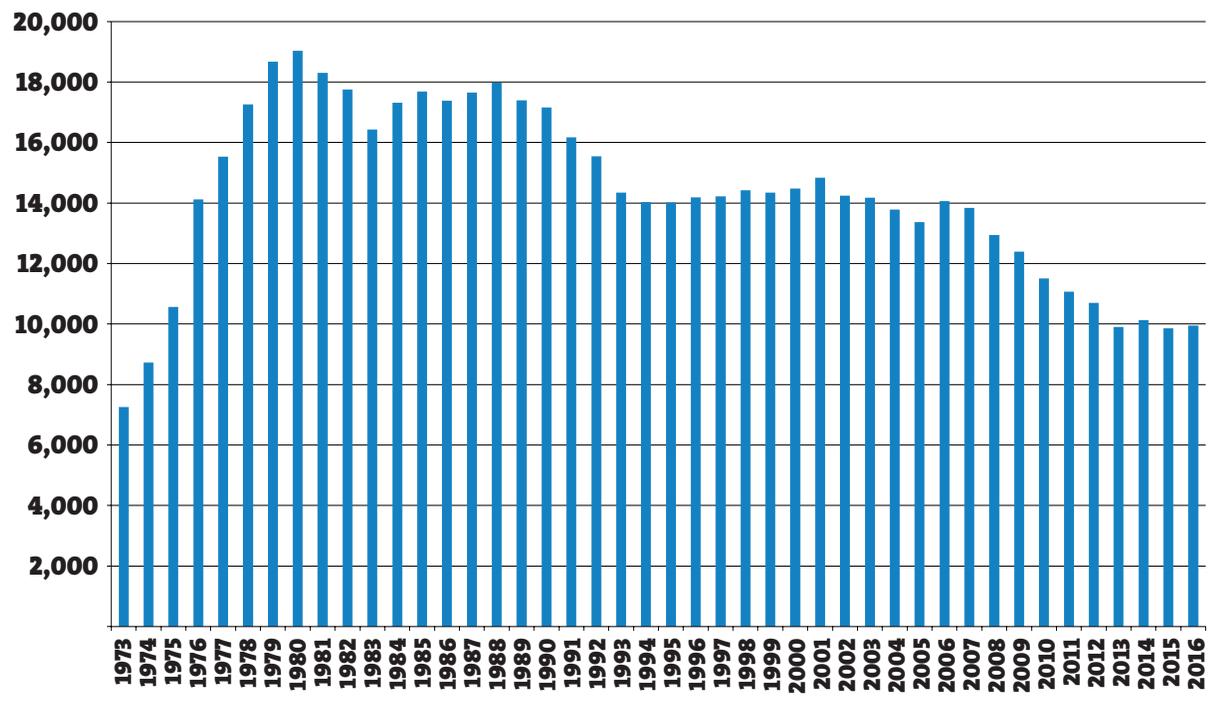
“This data confirms once again that Planned Parenthood means abortion,” Fischbach said. “As an organization that takes credit for the overall decline in abortions, Planned Parenthood has lost all credibility. **Its clear goal is to perform as many abortions as possible, and it does so year after year.**”

The 2016 report shows that more than half of abortions were performed on women in their 20s. A total of 11,585 women received the Woman’s Right to Know informed consent information, meaning up to 1,632 women chose not to abort after learning about fetal development, abortion risks and complications, and abortion alternatives.

Fewer abortions on minors

The report shows some hopeful signs. Last year’s 9,953 abortion total was the third lowest since 1974. **Just 291 abortions were performed on minors, accounting for 2.9 percent of the total.** This is the second lowest number since the state began recording minor abortions in 1975 and represents a decline of 87 percent from their peak in 1980, the year prior to passage of Minnesota’s Parental Notification law. **MCCL**

ABORTIONS BY YEAR 1973 - 2016




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Boys create fundraisers for MCCL
They found fun ways to protect life!

BY VERONICA FAYE

LOCAL SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY host fundraisers for students to give back to the community. A couple of elementary school students in western Minnesota, **however, found that their school’s campaigns did not align with their pro-life beliefs.**

Collin (age 12) and his cousin Michael (age 7) have families that discuss abortion openly and their parents are adamant about supporting pro-life groups and political candidates. But all of their school’s fundraisers contradicted their convictions by supporting pro-abortion organizations or embryonic stem cell research in some capacity. Some of the funds even went to Planned Parenthood.

Disappointed in their options, Collin and Michael decided to start their own fundraiser!

FUNDRAISING MADE FUN

Over Easter break, the boys independently organized pledge fundraisers for MCCL. Michael decided to ride his bike around their property a certain number of times for each dollar pledged.

Collin raised money through his creative fundraiser Pogo for Pennies. He broke his personal record of 1,200 consecutive jumps. **Together, Collin and Michael raised more than \$700 to donate to MCCL’s pro-life work!**

As Collin’s mom, Stacy Johnson, expressed, “It was an excellent experience for them to know that they can and will make a difference in the lives of others.” **MCCL**



Thanks, Collin and Michael, for caring for unborn babies!



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3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.
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We will cover other topics as well. You will learn how pro-life laws are saving lives in Minnesota, our latest legislative efforts and how we are training young people for future pro-life leadership. You will also receive our popular packet of materials.

COME AND LEARN!

So please come! Set aside one hour this fall to discover how you can help protect life. And bring a friend!

We want to get this vital information to as many people as possible this year. We rely on people like you who will respond and bring others. Make a point of helping to fill the room where we will meet in your area. You can make this the most effective and purposeful Fall Tour ever.

The 2017 MCCL Fall Tour begins Sept. 11 and continues through Oct. 24. Speakers from MCCL will come to you in 30 different towns and cities across the state. Check out the list of Fall Tour locations on this page (and at mccl.org) and find the one nearest to you. Then invite others to join you in becoming energized and mobilized to save lives.

It's a small amount of your time to maximize your impact as a lifesaver. Come and be educated, inspired and empowered to take a stand for life! **MCCL**

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2017 FALL TOUR SCHEDULE

All meetings at 7 PM unless otherwise indicated; see mccl.org for latest information.

ALBERTVILLE	Sept. 25
St. Alberts Church.....	Parish Center, 11400 57th St. NE
ALEXANDRIA	Sept. 18
Senior Community Center.....	414 Hawthorne St.
AUSTIN	Sept. 27
Knights of Columbus.....	211 First St. SE
BEMIDJI - 11AM	Oct. 7
St. Philip's Catholic Church.....	Social Hall, 702 Beltrami Ave. NW
BENSON	Sept. 17
Church of St. Francis Xavier.....	508 13th St. N
CROOKSTON	Oct. 3
Evangelical Covenant Church.....	520 Fisher Ave. NW
CROSSLAKE	Sept. 24
Immaculate Heart Catholic Church.....	Social Hall, 35208 Co. Rd. 37
FERGUS FALLS	Sept. 19
Trinity Lutheran Church.....	1150 W Cavour Ave.
GRAND RAPIDS	Sept. 25
Grand Rapids Area Library.....	140 NE Second St.
HINCKLEY	Sept. 26
St. Patrick's Catholic Church.....	203 Lawler Ave. S.
INTL FALLS	Oct. 6
St. Thomas Aquinas Church.....	810 Fifth St.
LAKEVILLE	TBA
All Saints Catholic Church.....	Social Hall, 19795 Holyoke Ave.
LITTLE FALLS	Oct. 12
Our Lady of Lourdes.....	lower level, 208 W Broadway
MANKATO	Sept. 13
Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.....	DeSmet Hall, 105 N Fifth St.

ORTONVILLE	Sept. 20
Ortonville Community Center.....	200 Monroe Ave.
PARK RAPIDS	Oct. 2
Northwoods Bank.....	downstairs, 1200 E First St.
PIPESTONE	Sept. 11
Pizza Ranch.....	108 W Main St.
PROCTOR	Sept. 27
St. Rose Catholic Church.....	3 Sixth Ave.
REDWOOD FALLS	Sept. 21
Evangelical Free Church.....	1370 E Bridge St. (next to Pizza Ranch)
ROCHESTER	Sept. 28
Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.....	5455 50th Ave. NW
ROSEAU	Oct. 5
First Baptist Church.....	402 11th Ave. SE
SAUK CENTRE	Oct. 16
MN National Bank.....	upper room, 131 12th St.
ST. CLOUD	Oct. 10
Great River Regional Library.....	Array Rm, 1300 W St. Germain St.
ST. LOUIS PARK	TBA
Holy Family Catholic Church.....	5900 W Lake St.
ST. PAUL	Oct. 24
Maternity of Mary Church.....	1414 Dale St. N
VIRGINIA	Sept. 26
Holy Spirit Catholic Church.....	Social Hall, 311 Third St. S
WACONIA	Oct. 10
St. Joseph Catholic Church.....	Parish Center, 41 E First St.
WARREN	Oct. 4
Senior Citizen Center.....	110 W Johnson Ave.
WINDOM	Sept. 12
BARC Center.....	Library, 1012 Fifth Ave.

Student speaks on science & morality

Christine Chamberlain competes in NRL speech contest

BY BILL POEHLER

"HOW IS HUMAN VALUE determined and by whom?" asked Christine Chamberlain in her National Right to Life Oratory Contest speech. "If we get this wrong, we ultimately risk undermining and distorting our inherent, God-given human value."

Christine, a Corcoran home school student who will be a high school senior this fall, addressed the burgeoning field of bioethics in her speech, which she delivered July 1 at the NRL Convention in Milwaukee. **The national competition provides young pro-lifers an opportunity to examine an issue and present a three- to five-minute speech.** Students are judged by established standards of content and delivery.

MCCL TRAINS YOUNG PEOPLE

MCCL sends a young person to the national contest every year as one of our many programs that train and prepare teens for a lifetime of pro-life leadership. **Christine did not place in the final four, but found the experience valuable to her growth as an involved pro-life citizen.**

She ended her speech with a challenge applicable to pro-lifers of all ages. "Educate yourself. Keep current. **Engage the culture on these matters.** Start with your family, neighbors, coworkers and peers. Why? Because morality matters and morality sets the course for the culture." **MCCL**



MCCL sent Christine Chamberlain to the 2017 NRL Oratory Contest.

DEVOTED MCCL STAFFER

Tam Helmin

MCCL HAS LOST ONE of our beloved state office staffers. Tam Helmin passed away May 3 at her home in Osseo. She is survived by her husband, Simon.

She had shared her pro-life passion at MCCL for 30 years. Among her many contributions to our lifesaving mission, Tam helped to launch and maintain MCCL's social media presence with regular posts on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. She also monitored abortion industry statistics and worked with our Chapters.

Tam was a cheerful presence with a hearty laugh and we miss her dearly. **MCCL**



Tam Helmin

LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP TRAINS PRO-LIFE YOUNG PEOPLE

BY PAUL STARK

MCCL'S THIRD PRO-LIFE summer camp for high school students took place over four days in July. Life Leadership Camp (previously called Camp Joshua) provided students with a thorough pro-life education in a fun camp environment.

"I think it really helped open my eyes," wrote one student afterward. **"I am empowered to have more meaningful conversations with friends and to share**

what I've learned with others," wrote another. "I also hope to start a [college pro-life] club."

EQUIPPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The camp was held on Lake Koronis in Paynesville, Minn. **Students learned about abortion and assisted suicide, heard from expert guest speakers, and participated in various activities.** The goal of Life Leadership Camp is to train young people to be effective

pro-life advocates and leaders in their schools and communities.

One of the attendees concluded: "Coming to this camp made me more passionate to make a bigger difference."

You (or your high school student) can be part of Life Leadership Camp next summer. More information will be made available as next year approaches (and will be posted at www.mccl.org/camp). **MCCL**



MCCL shines at county fairs! *Volunteers share the message of life*

BY BILL POEHLER

VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN making MCCL shine at county fairs since 1971. Our biggest annual outreach covers 86 fairs this summer—a grand tradition for life!

More than three million people visit Minnesota county fairs each year, offering MCCL a vast audience for the positive message of life. And you make it all possible by your gifts and volunteering.

YOUR SUPPORT DOES IT

MCCL believes that everyone deserves to hear the pro-life message from a trusted source. **You enable us to deliver that message all summer long and persuade visitors to protect life.**

From 11-week unborn baby models and "Thanks Mom for Life" stickers to our new brochure on taxpayer funding of abortion, fairgoers receive pro-life resources that make an impact.

VOLUNTEERS SAVE LIVES

An undertaking of this scale requires a huge financial investment and many people to get involved.

Fortunately, MCCL has been blessed

with faithful volunteers who reserve booth space, order materials, set up and tear down, and take turns staffing their county fair booth. We estimate that 2,255 people are needed to fill all the shifts at the MCCL fair booths—and we appreciate all of them.

Thanks to each of you who has helped to share the pro-life message and save lives by volunteering at your local MCCL fair booth. Your dedication makes this outreach a success!

VISIT YOUR FAIR BOOTH

Have you visited an MCCL booth yet this year? If not, look for it at your county fair. And while you are there, thank the volunteers. They love to hear how much they are appreciated!

MCCL also hosts a booth at the Minnesota State Fair every year. Find us in the Grandstand Building!

If interested in volunteering or giving a donation to our county fair project or State Fair booth, please use the coupon on page 7 or contact the MCCL State Office at 612-825-6831 or mccl@mccl.org. **MCCL**

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

VETOES DASH HOPES FOR PRO-LIFE PROGRESS BUT WEBCAM ABORTION DATA WILL NOW BE COLLECTED

BY ANDREA RAU

UNFORTUNATELY, BUT NOT surprisingly, Gov. Mark Dayton had the last say on pieces of major MCCL-supported pro-life legislation in the 2017 legislative session.

Taxpayer funded abortions

For years, MCCL has encouraged legislators to pass bills to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions and to require abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected by the state, and this year was no exception.

Rep. Mary Franson, R-Alexandria, and Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, R-Big Lake, **led the charge to stop taxpayer funded abortions, which account for approximately 43 percent of all Minnesota abortions and cost the state about \$1 million every year.** Minnesota has covered the cost of abortions for low-income Minnesota women since a Minnesota Supreme Court case mandated it back in 1995.

Since then, MCCL and elected officials have worked together to try to overturn the life-destroying policy. The bill passed both the House and Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Dayton.

Facility inspections

Following revelations of horrific conditions in Kermit Gosnell's Pennsylvania abortion facility, MCCL has teamed up with elected officials to make sure such conditions could never exist here. Chief authored by Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, and Sen. Michelle Fischbach, R-Paynesville, a bill passed both the House and Senate that would have required that abortion facilities adhere to industry guidelines and be inspected by the state. Gov. Dayton also vetoed this bill.

While the governor may have had the last word on the 2017 legislation, **rest assured that MCCL and pro-life legislators will be back advocating for more pro-life legislation in 2018.**

In spite of the governor's vetoes, progress was made on other issues. **Most notable was an update to the annual state abortion report, which will now include information on webcam abortions if they are being done in Minnesota.** Special thanks to Rep. Abigail Whelan, R-Anoka, for her work on this issue over the last two years. **MCCL**

A GIFT FOR LIFE

MCCL offers you the opportunity to honor loved ones by making contributions in another person's name to advance the cause of life. Your gift to MCCL's Tribute and Memorial Program will enable this organization to continue and/or expand vital endeavors on behalf of defenseless people. These include pro-life presentations in public and private schools, community awareness programs, and other proactive efforts to educate the public concerning crucial life issues.

MCCL uses these funds to uphold and advance the rights of unborn children and other defenseless persons. MCCL will continue to work until all vulnerable people are assured of their rightful protection as valuable human beings.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT CARDS SENT

MCCL will send an acknowledgment card to the honored person or to the family of the deceased (without indicating the specific amount given) and a postcard to the donor to confirm receipt of the gift. Donors who wish to have their remembrances published in MCCL News need only to note a request for publication at the time of donation.

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PRO-LIFE 101: BY PAUL STARK

Don't circumstances sometimes make abortion necessary?

Answering pragmatic arguments for abortion

MOST PEOPLE DON'T LIKE THE IDEA of abortion. But many of them still think it could be necessary.

Women who are unexpectedly pregnant often face very difficult circumstances. They may struggle financially and feel unable to afford raising a child. They may experience relationship turmoil and lack support from the father and from others. They may have educational and career plans that now seem in jeopardy.

"Nobody knows a woman's specific situation," argues Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading abortion provider. **"We're not in her shoes."** The group cites polling data showing that 40 percent of Americans believe the morality of abortion "depends on the situation."

Thus abortion, many people feel, is sometimes needed for practical reasons—it is needed to bring about some better state of affairs (economically, professionally, emotionally) for pregnant women. Denying them the option of abortion is cruel. Or so the thinking goes.

Hardship doesn't justify killing

We should never dismiss or downplay the challenges that pregnant women confront. We should agree that these are serious concerns and that we ought to respond with understanding and compassion. **But pragmatic reasons for abortion all have one fundamental problem: They do not justify the killing of valuable human beings.**

May a poverty-stricken father take the life of his 10-year-old daughter if she drains the family budget? No. Should a woman drown her toddler after her husband abandons them? Of course not. May a man dispose of his elderly and dependent mother so that he can better pursue his career? The answer is obvious.

If an unborn child is a valuable human being with a right to life—like the 10-year-old, the toddler, and the elderly woman—then tough circumstances don't justify killing her either. "Hardship," writes moral philosopher Francis J. Beckwith, "does not justify homicide."

Unborn children count too

So does the unborn child have a right to life? Does she deserve our

respect just like everyone else? That's the real issue.

The science of embryology shows that the human embryo or fetus is a living member of the species *Homo sapiens* at the earliest stages of development. And all human beings—regardless of their age, size, ability, and dependency—have human rights. The young, small, and developmentally immature count just as much as the big, strong, and smart.

Pregnant women should matter to us. And their children should matter too.

How, then, ought we respond to the difficulties women often face? Killing isn't the answer. Killing isn't how a humane society solves its problems. **We can't make bad circumstances an excuse for authorizing and encouraging injustice.**

Instead, we have to actually address the bad circumstances. We have to support those who need help and provide positive alternatives to abortion.

We can make abortion seem unnecessary

Our society has the resources to ensure that women, children, and families flourish. Pregnancy care centers, maternity homes, government programs, and other forms of assistance can and do help women deal with the challenges of pregnancy and parenthood. Adoption, moreover, is a compassionate alternative that enables parents to relinquish responsibility.

And Minnesota's Safe Place for Newborns law offers a lifesaving option for new mothers who feel completely desperate. It permits women (or someone acting with their permission) to anonymously and safely surrender an infant to a hospital (or ambulance dispatched in response to a 911 call) within the first seven days of life.

The work of helping women has been and will always be a priority for the pro-life movement. **Dozens of pro-life centers across Minnesota (and thousands across the United States) serve pregnant women every day.** Their mission? Support women and their families. Meet their practical needs. Empower them for lasting success.

So no one feels like abortion is necessary. **MCCL**

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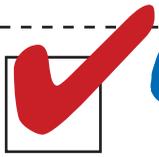


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WILL YOU HELP SAVE LIVES?

Nearly 1.8 million visitors attend the State Fair each year and many take home pro-life information, but **it is only with the compassionate help of our volunteers and friends like you that we can make this booth effective year after year.**

Like MCCL's booths at county fairs, the State Fair booth requires vast quantities of literature and materials that will effectively relay the message of life, distributed by an army of volunteers. A successful booth also requires significant planning and funding.

Please use the coupon at left to help support this very special pro-life effort. For your convenience we have enclosed a donation envelope in this edition of MCCL News.

BECOME A BOOTH VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to volunteer at this summer's MCCL State Fair booth, Aug. 24-Sept. 4, contact MCCL's State Office at mcl@mcl.org or 612-825-6831.

Please use the coupon to **help fund our huge State Fair educational outreach and save more babies again this year.** Thank you. See you at the Fair! **MCCL**

THE STATE FAIR—YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE!

Help fairgoers learn about protecting life BY BILL POEHLER



Children and adults find fetal models fascinating at the MCCL booth in the Grandstand Building.

THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR is all about enjoying life—and for dozens of MCCL volunteers, it's also about protecting life. You can be one of them.

The State Fair has become an extremely effective venue for spreading the pro-life message. **MCCL has presented a pro-life educational booth at the annual event in St. Paul since 1970.** With attendance of 1.8 million people, the fair is our single largest annual venue in which to share the message of life with Minnesotans.

Petition draws visitors

MCCL's lifesize, medical fetal models attract countless visitors. **Children, teens and adults are fascinated by the beautiful little babies;** many are surprised to discover how lifelike and human they appear even at the earliest stages of development.

Large numbers of people also pick up informative literature and pro-life buttons and sign our petition. **This year's petition calls upon**

Gov. Dayton to sign the bill to ban taxpayer funded abortions, which now account for 43 percent of all abortions in the state.

Volunteer in our booth!

MCCL needs more than 70 volunteers to staff the State Fair booth this year. You can help share the message of life with fairgoers. All you need, including how to engage people and answer possible questions, will be provided. No need to worry—you don't need to have all the answers, just a friendly demeanor!

Daily volunteer shifts are four hours long: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. You will be partnered with someone who has experience staffing the booth.

Let us know you would like to help by contacting MCCL at 612-825-6831 or mcl@mcl.org. Previous staffers are contacted first, but we're always looking to expand our staffing pool.

Thank you for volunteering to share the pro-life message! **MCCL**

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THIS FALL — JOIN US!**



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- Support MCCL's State Fair booth** to share the pro-life message with hundreds of thousands of attendees. (See page 7.)

- Make plans to attend the MCCL Fall Tour** beginning Sept. 11. Find the meeting closest to you and invite your friends. (See pages 1, 2.)

- Honor a loved one with a Tribute or Memorial** and help support MCCL's educational programs. (See page 6.)

- Support MCCL today** with a matching gift. Contact Jan at the State Office for further information.

- Volunteer at MCCL's State Fair booth** for a four-hour shift. Contact the MCCL State Office for information. (See page 7.)

- Donate your used vehicle or boat** to MCCL's "Cars with Heart" program and support our lifesaving efforts. To donate, visit www.carswithheart.com, and click on the "donate vehicle" button.

- Visit www.mccl.org and read our blog.** Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and YouTube and share our pro-life posts.

- Invite friends and family to become members** of MCCL and help protect and defend human life.

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