Right to Life Adams County Right to Life of Adams County Newsletter

# LIFE NOTES JANUARY 2021

Memorial Drive Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm St. Peter Church Parking Lot 2600 Maine Street Quincy, IL

If you wish to support us in any way donations are welcome

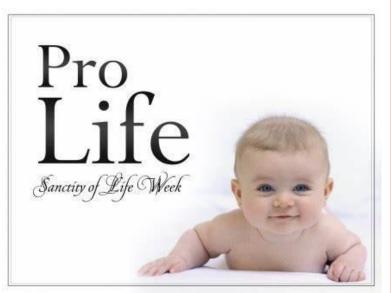
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Right to Life of Adams County board members & volunteers are needed to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves

### **RESOURCE CENTER**

109 N. 8th Street Quincy, IL 62301 217-224-LIVE (5483) Hours: Open by chance or by appointment. Call 217-257-0533 or 217-985-3833 http://rtlac.org

BOARD MEETINGS 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 4:00 PM September – May No meeting in December Meetings are open to everyone

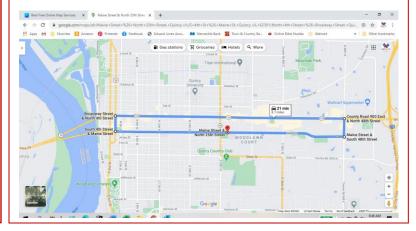


### Memorial Drive January 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm

Our Memorial Walk will be a Memorial Drive this year due to Covid-19. In another difficult decision, the board decided to make the change because we care about your safety and wellbeing, but we still want to stand, or in this case drive, for life. Thank you for your support during this challenging time for our organization and our community.

The drive will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Please arrive at St. Peter Church parking lot by 1:15 pm so that we can begin our drive promptly at 1:30 pm.

We will furnish Pro Life flags to be attached to side windows of cars. Please feel free to decorate your car with a pro-life message.





FOR YOUR 2020 SUPPORT PRAYER EVENT ATTENDANCE CHURCH CONTACTS FINANCIALLY NO-DINNER DONORS

To conserve on mailing costs, receipts will only be mailed for donations of \$250 or more. (per IRS regulations)

If you do not receive a receipt, but would like one, please contact us.



This year Right to Life of Adams County has several important goals, one of which is reaching more people with the pro-life message. To do that, we need help with community events, fundraisers, educational programs, and our dinner. Volunteering can be a wonderfully rewarding way to make your community a better place for unborn children and their parents. Dedicated volunteers are the driving force of our efforts in Adams County. Below are ways you can help the unborn.

**1.** Pro Life church contacts in <u>all</u> churches in Adams County. This person(s) will promote the pro-life cause in their church. They will encourage their church to participate in Right to Life events through announcements, church bulletins, etc.

We have contacts in the churches below, but we need one in every church.

Calvary Tabernacle	St. Edward
Faith Journey	St. Francis
Life Point	St. James Lutheran
St. Anthony	St. Peter
St. Brigid	St. Thomas

2. A volunteer with marketing experience to help promote and market our events.

**3.** Take pro-life training offered by RTL of Adams County to be prepared to talk with family, friends or to become a pro-life spokesperson.

4. Board members.

### Happy New Year

Every year in our January newsletter we appeal for membership dues and donations. This is not something we like or want to do. In fact, it is our least favorite thing to do. But since the world requires us to use money, we must ask you for your help financially. 2020 has been a hard year financially for many. We are supported only by donations, Pennies and More for Life, and our annual dinner. Volunteers and board members are also needed.

Thank you to all our members who have faithfully supported our efforts over the years. To those of you who have not become members of RTL yet, we hope that you will consider doing so this year.

### Dues and Donations are tax-deductible

Right to Life of Adams County is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation.

Please return this form with your dues, donation and/or volunteer information to: Right to Life of Adams County

P. O. Box 12 Quincy, IL 62306

NAME	Volunteers are Needed Check the Ways You Can Help
ADDRESS CITY STATEZIP	The unborn are in constant need of volunteers. Without volunteers Right to Life of Adams County would not exist. Please Volunteer!
PHONE	<b>Prayer Partners</b> Pray daily about sanctity of life issues, especially abortion.
My dues are enclosed \$ (\$20- individual / \$35- couple) Please accept a larger donation that includes my dues \$	<ul> <li>Pro-Life Church Contacts</li> <li>Be a liaison between your church and Right to Life.</li> <li>Inform your church of upcoming RTL events.</li> <li>Encourage church members to become involved in pro-life issues.</li> <li>Church</li> <li>Dogwood Parade</li> <li>Help with the entry and/or walk in the parade.</li> </ul>
Thank you in advance for your dues. To save on mailing costs, thank-you notes for dues will not be mailed.	<b>Adams County Fair</b> Staff the booth during late afternoon and evening hours.
<u>If you do not receive a receipt for a 2020 donation</u> <u>and you would like one,</u> <u>please call the office and leave a message.</u> <u>We will mail it to you.</u>	☐ Action Alerts I would like to receive Action Alerts by email. Email address

### **2021 RTL Events**

We hope the events below will be held but may be postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19

### Sanctity of Human Life Week

**Memorial Drive** January 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm **St. Peter Church Parking Lot** 2600 Maine Street Quincy, IL

A memorial drive to commemorate the Supreme Court decisions that made abortion legal on demand in our country.

### Pennies (or More) for Life Campaign Cancelled due to financial impact of Covid-19

An annual fundraiser held in our churches to give everyone the opportunity to thank God for the gift of life. Everyone is asked to donate at least a penny for every year of his or her life.

### **Dogwood Parade**

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am A pro-life entry in the parade

**Right to Life Concert** TBA Fairchild Family & Friends

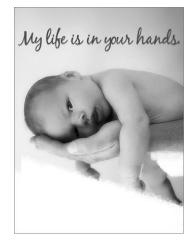
Adams County Fair July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> Information booth at the fair

### Life Chain

Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30-3:30 pm Location: Broadway from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16th Participants hold signs, stand, and pray silently for one hour.

### **Annual Respect Life Dinner**

TBA



## Ways to Make a Difference

### **Pray daily**

If abortion is to be overcome it will require spiritual warfare fought with humble and persistent prayer.

### **Be Informed**

Know the facts so you can respond to pro-choice There are many outstanding websites, questions. books, and newsletters. Websites: ifrl.org illinoisrighttolife.org lifenews.com

### **Be Active in the Political Process**

Contact your representatives and share your pro-life Sign pro-life petitions. Support pro-life views. candidates.

VOTE PRO-LIFE

**Attend Pro-Life Events** Show your support publicly.

Numbers Speak



After 37 years, the Right to Life of Adams County poster contest is taking a 1-year hiatus. Our hope is to lessen the burden on school personnel, parents, and students. However, we want to give everybody an opportunity to keep the pro-life cause in mind.

Therefore, we are sponsoring a pro-life coloring-page raffle. Schools that have participated in the past will be sent information. All others-home-school groups, Sunday school groups, PSR groups, all other classes and individuals-are encouraged to participate.

Go to our website-www.rtlac.org--to download coloring pages and contest regulations

R.I.P. "Doc" Dwain Preston October 13, 2020 RTL Essay Contest judge for 25 years!

# **PRO-LIFE vs PRO CHOICE FACTS and ARGUMENTS**

### Pro Life vs Pro Choice on the Nature of Preborn Life

Pro Choice: It's just a blob of tissue, not a baby.

Pro Life:

The preborn child has a heartbeat by the end of the third week. When surgical abortions are performed in the mid to late first trimester, the baby has arms, legs, feet, hands, etc.

### Pro Choice:

We don't know when life begins.

Pro Life:

Embryology textbooks and even pro-choice advocates concede that human life begins when the egg and sperm unite.

### Pro Choice:

Even though biological life begins at conception, we don't know when personhood begins.

Pro Life:

The point at which rights of personhood should be granted is not something we "know" or "don't know." It's something we decide. We grant rights to people we value and deny them to people we don't.

Pro Choice:

The preborn child doesn't have enough size, ability to feel pain, viability, self-awareness, etc. to be granted rights of personhood.

Pro-Life:

Such qualities develop over time. A newborn is smaller, less developed, less aware, and more dependent than a young adult, but that doesn't make him less of a person.

### Pro Life vs Pro Choice on the Rights of Women

Pro Choice:

It's my body, and I have the right to do with it what I want.

### Pro Life: Argument

When you are pregnant, there is another body ... the baby's body. Nobody should have the right to tear a baby's body into pieces.

### Pro Choice: Argument

Even if the preborn has an inherent right to life, this right is superseded by the mother's right to autonomy. Pro Life:

Nobody has an unconstrained right to autonomy. We require parents to use their bodies to care for their children. This responsibility lasts for 18 years.

Pro Choice:

If a woman is pregnant by rape, compassion demands that she be allowed to abort.

Pro Life:

As horrible as abortion [rape] is, the baby is still innocent of any crime. Nobody should be killed for the crime of another person. Abortion does not undo or mitigate the rape, and there is evidence that abortion further compounds the harm that has already been done to her.

### **Pro Life vs Pro Choice on Quality of Life Arguments**

Pro Choice:

If a baby is horribly deformed, it would be better to spare him from a life of suffering.

Pro Life:

Nobody has the right to kill another person because he perceives that the other person might have a low quality of life.

### Pro Choice:

It's better to abort a child than for him to live as an unwanted child.

Pro Life:

We would never kill a born child simply because his parents decided they don't want him anymore.

### Pro Choice:

Forcing people to have children leads to more child abuse. Pro Life:

Dr. Edward Lenowski, professor of pediatrics at USC reported that 91% of abused children are very much wanted before birth.

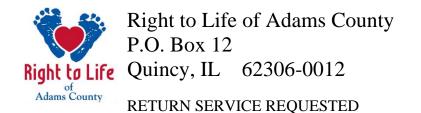
### Pro Choice:

If we end abortion, we'll go back to thousands of women dying from back-alley abortions.

Pro Life:

In 1960, Planned Parenthood reported that 84% to 87% of all illegal abortions were performed by licensed physicians. In 1972, the year before Roe vs Wade, 39 women died from illegal abortions. Each of those deaths was a tragedy, but every abortion is a tragedy, because it kills a living human being.

Excerpt from Alabama Alliance Against Abortion http://wholeworldinhishands.com/world/pro\_life\_vs\_prochoice\_arguments.html



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# **SEE YOU AT THE DRIVE**

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN
Membership Information Enclosed

