

Michigan Nurses For Life

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“An educational group for pro-life nurses”

Trump at 2020 March for Life: ‘Unborn Children Have Never Had A Stronger Defender in White House’

On January 24, 2020, Donald Trump made history by becoming the first sitting president to address the March for Life in person, telling hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers he was “proud to stand with you” to “protect the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential.”



Michigan Nursing Students Convention

By Mary Lou Temple, RN, MSN

The Student Nurse Convention was held Friday and Saturday, January 24-25 at the Burton Manor in Livonia. Marianne Boukamp redesigned the MNFL poster, while Mary Anne Barrett and Mary Lou Temple (all board members), represented Nurses for Life at a display table with pro-life literature related to abortion, the abortion reversal pill, the abortion breast cancer link, and end of life care, including assisted suicide. The pre-nursing and nursing students who stopped by were open and receptive. The universal response to seeing the 10-week-old baby feet pin was “awwww”! The afternoon speaker was a young man who received a heart transplant as an infant and another one in his early 20s...sounds like a great speaker for LIFE! We were grateful for the opportunity to share the pro-life message with the nurses who will take over after us and also “care for” us! The 2021 annual convention will be January 22-23 at the Embassy Suites, Livonia.



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Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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From the President

Dear Colleagues,

My message to you will be rather short this month. Certain national events have left little room for other news so there is little, besides what is in the body of our website, for comment.

I would like to take a moment though and consider that the March for Life this year marked the 47th such March. Several of you, like myself, attended the very first March and were so sure that our presence in Washington would alert the nation that the *Roe v. Wade* decision was a true travesty.

They say that with age comes wisdom. Well, if that is truly the case, we must all be very wise. Our nation has had 47 years to become wise to the tragic toll of over 61 million unborn babies lost to abortion and the creeping acceptance of doctor-assisted suicide, euthanasia and abortion up to the moment of birth and laws that say a child who survives an abortion need not be treated, but simply left unattended until he or she dies. *Roe v. Wade* has paved the way for embryonic stem cell research, cloning and the mixing of human and animal DNA.

This is not real wisdom. This is an abandoning of human compassion, kindness, justice—a violation of our very human nature.

I pray that there will be no more Marches like this. Not because we have given up, but because they have become unnecessary. Because as a society, a nation and culture, we have come to realize that killing human beings is no way to solve human problems.

And so we march.



Love Life, Diane

UPCOMING EVENTS!

FEBRUARY 2020

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MNFL MEMBERSHIP!

Be the Change - Featuring Ryan Romberger

Saturday, February 28 - 29

Call for locations and times: 248-816-1546

Crossroads Pregnancy Center Luncheon/Dinner

Friday, March 6 - Royal Park Hotel, Rochester

248-293-0070 x107

LIFESPAN Baby Showers

Sunday, March 8

Call for locations: 734-524-0162

Pregnancy Centers Regional Conference

Friday, March 13 - 9 am - 3 pm

Five Points Community Church, Auburn Hills

Registration questions: Sue, 586-783-2229

Annual LIFESPAN Dinner - Featuring Diamond & Silk

Tuesday, May 5 - San Marino Club, Troy

Reservations and information, call: 248-816-1546

Student Nurse to Graduate Nurse Transition

By Amber Gier, BSN, RN



Graduating from the BSN program at Oakland University in December of 2019 felt like an outstanding accomplishment and marked the start of my professional career. So many hard-working hours spent studying for exams, conducting research papers and preparing for quality improvement presentations felt like it had all led me to this moment.

At the conclusion of the 4.5 years spent at OU, I pondered if all the hard-earned credits and countless hours of classes prepared me to adequately be prepared for what was to come.

I wouldn't have that answer for another month until I accepted a nursing position at McLaren Macomb on the Cardiac Specialty Unit, a place where I had worked for two years leading up to my graduation date. I fell in love with the unit, built great rapport with the staff and found caring for cardiac patients fascinating. Already being familiar with the unit prior to my nursing transition helped me tremendously.

On my first day of orientation on the floor, I received vast praise on my accomplishment and felt a flood of support from my co-workers who had witnessed me grow from a nursing assistant, to a student nurse intern to, finally, a graduate nurse.

I quickly noticed the group dynamic between the nurses. Nurses on my floor are quick to lend a helping hand when the business of the floor seems to dictate the priorities of the current workday flow. Although, between my having floor experience and the intensive program at OU, I felt as though I could never have been 100% prepared for what was to come. I credit OU for helping me develop basic skills of professional development as well as learning how to critically think.

As far as comfortability, however, I believe anyone taking the lives of people into their own hands for the first time and being fully comfortable must have something wrong with them. It was impossible to thoroughly comprehend the vigorous nursing routine without being able to experience it first-hand.

Every day is a new learning experience as I continue to dig deeper into the realm of hospital care nursing. As for my decision in choosing nursing as a career, I am over the moon about the journey I am beginning. I am absolutely in love with my career and the impact I can make on my patients. One piece of advice for all the senior nurses out there is to remember what it felt like to be me. Be patient with the new graduate nurses as we are still getting used to the clinical experiences of what is to come. Offer help and be that supportive nurse. It makes all the difference to each one of us while we take a group of lives into our own hands for the very first time. ♦

A Straight Line From Abortion to Assisted Suicide: Devaluing Babies Devalues Us All

By Maria Gallagher

I will never forget sitting in my seventh grade class, astonished at what my teacher had just written on the blackboard. She had drawn a line leading from the word "abortion" to the word "euthanasia." Her point was that taking a life in a mother's womb would inevitably lead to a lack of respect for the lives of the elderly.

This memory came back to me once when I was paging through *People* magazine. The publication included what would best be described as a promotional piece on euthanasia. (The magazine typically categorizes these stories under "human interest" and "health/dying.")

The article related how a woman "helped" her mother die. The piece included no counterpoint, making it sound as if taking the life of one's mother was the most natural thing in the world.

This is where legal abortion has brought us.

Not only have more than 61 million defenseless children been put to death, now grandparents are in danger of being sacrificed on the altar of "choice."

Pop culture's embrace of "disposable" human life is just one more reason why the pro-life movement is so important. From the corridors of state capitols to the halls of Congress, courageous individuals are fighting to protect the lives of the most vulnerable. The helpless targets needing protection include preborn children, unsuspecting seniors and people with disabilities.

Through education, we can do what my teacher did so long ago. We can show the younger generation that all human beings deserve protection—from the very dawn to the twilight of life.

Maria Gallagher is the Legislative Director and Political Action Committee Director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation and she has written and reported for various broadcast and print media outlets, including National Public Radio, CBS Radio and AP Radio.

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Oakland County Partners With Planned Parenthood

 n December 18, 2019, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved **\$500,000** for Title X reproductive health care services. Title X is a federal program that provides family planning and reproductive health care to low-income individuals. The board said it took its action as a result of new rules imposed by the Trump administration making Planned Parenthood ineligible to continue receiving federal funds as their clinics either provide or refer for abortions.


Oakland County Board Chairman David Woodward stated if the president is going to turn his back on women's health, Oakland County will not. "With these dollars, thousands will be able to continue to get the reproductive health care they want and need from Planned Parenthood."

Oakland County has several Federally-Qualified Health Centers which provide reproductive health care; however, they do NOT provide or refer for abortions. None of these clinics received funding.




Michigan Residents Say No to Dismemberment Abortion



 n December 23, 2019, **379,418** petition signatures were submitted and are being verified by the Michigan Bureau of Elections. This process may take several weeks to validate a sufficient number of signatures at which time the legislation will be sent to the Michigan Legislature. The Legislature has forty days to consider the ban. If there is a successful majority vote, the ban will become law without Governor Whitmer's signature.

Abortion Pill Reversal

 n January 22, 2020, a bill was introduced in the Michigan Legislature to ensure that women who are prescribed the abortion pill are given information about the abortion pill reversal protocol. Michigan abortion data shows that pill abortions have risen to 35% of all abortions.

Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Unveils Bill to Legalize Abortions Up to Birth

This past fall, Gov. Whitmer introduced legislation known as the Michigan Reproductive Health Act that would eliminate basically all abortion restrictions in the state including parental consent and informed consent requirements. It would also repeal a 1931 law that bans abortions but is not enforceable under *Roe v. Wade*. It is no surprise that Gov. Whitmer wants to follow New York's lead and allow unlimited abortion-on-demand in Michigan.

***We must always take sides.
Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.***
~ Elie Wiesel ~