



## **I Matter Too! Be a Voice for the Voiceless**

### **Issue 1 2024**

Abortion protections: The new constitutional projections for abortion access and other reproductive rights took effect Dec. 7. The amendment declared an individual's right to "make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions" and passed with a strong 57% majority. However, the amendment did not repeal any existing Ohio laws, providing an opening for Republican elected officials and anti-abortion groups to renew their efforts to halt, delay or significantly water it down.

Attorney General Dave Yost, a Republican who opposed the amendment, put out a legal analysis before the election saying certain laws would not be constitutional if Issue 1 passed. But Yost isn't taking legal actions that would provide cover for doctors who don't know what to do about laws like the 24-hour waiting period. When asked about it, Yost said, existing state laws still stand for now. Yost said absent a court order, laws should be presumed to be valid until they are challenged.

**What's next?** There are already court challenges and legal experts say there will be more.

**So, you see my friends, not all is lost.** Let us renew our efforts to end abortion. All things through prayer and petitions to the good Lord to guide us and strengthen us in spreading His word, "THOU SHALT NOT KILL". **Contact your representative and encourage them to keep looking at laws and do what they can to curb abortion. Also read next item and contact your legislator concerning S.3612**

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written an appeal to legislators to oppose S.3612.**

"Each person's life is a unique gift and has immeasurable value from the moment of conception, and it is for that precise reason that the Catholic Church cannot condone procedures such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) that result in a loss of life at a massive scale." For this and other deeply troubling problems with the bill, we strongly oppose the Access to Family Building Act (S. 3612).  
Go to WEBSITE: [WWW.USCCB.ORG](http://WWW.USCCB.ORG) for complete letter.

## **CANFIELD FAIR 2024**

Yes, we are looking ahead to the Canfield Fair. Last year we were able to have a booth in the Commercial Building besides the one in the Medical Building. A donor made this suggestion and paid for all those expenses including the rental. Because it was such a success we are trying to raise the money to obtain our spot again this year. Having a spot in the commercial building allows us to take donations and sell merchandise if we have it. We reached many people with the Pro-Life message who do not visit the Medical Bldg. Please consider donating to RTLMC and help us to continue this all important message. Also, let us know if you would want to work a short shift (like 3hrs.) at our booths. Call Sally at 330-799-6160.

## **ROE VS WADE COMMEMORATED**

The 51st Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade was observed recently, nationally, and locally. Thousands traveled to Washington for the National March, on Jan.19th; and our local observance downtown (at the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building) drew a small crowd (MOST importantly, WE WERE THERE)..Our sincere thanks to all who participated. Also, the annual Mass for Life Jan. 14th at St Columba Cathedral downtown with a Pro-Life exhibit afterwards, drew a big crowd; our sincere thanks to our Pres. Don Priester who set up our exhibit/table, as in previous years.

## **CARNATION SALE**

Our annual major fund-raiser, the Mother's Day and Father's Day weekends Carnation Sales will be taking place again this year, at local churches. We take care of ordering & delivering of flowers, & you would get volunteers to sell them in your churches (\$1/ea...6/\$5...\$10/doz)..or some churches order from us, & just give them out. If you would like to participate, please call Jan (330-503-9544 by April 10th), and she'll gladly help you with the arrangements.

## **WHITE CROSSES**

With the arrival of Spring and warmer weather, we'll be resuming our White Crosses Memorial to the Unborn project...please call us at (330-799-6160 for info and we'll help you make the arrangements.

## **PRO-LIFE BILLBOARDS**

Our Pro-Life billboard project has been suspended locally; please check our website for future updates.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 27th-Men's Rally in the Valley  
Stambaugh Auditorium
- May 11-12th-Mother's Day Carnation Sale
- June 15-16th-Father's Day Carnation Sale
- Canfield Fair-Aug. 28th-Sept.2nd
- National Day of Remembrance-Sept.14th
- National Life Chain- Oct. 6th
- (more info will be available next issue for the last 3 events)

## **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

We are always in need of donations, to keep us going financially, so we can continue our pro-life work.. We were unable to continue to mail newsletter to the over 2,000 due to lack of funds. We've gone digital and put the newsletter on our website, [www.rtlofmahoningco.org](http://www.rtlofmahoningco.org) and only mail hard copies now to about 75 donors, 3 times a year. PLEASE CONSIDER sending in \$5, \$10, or whatever amount you can, to Mah. Co, Education for Life (tax deductible) and Membership Fee of \$15 individual or \$20 family to Right to Life of Mahoning County (non-tax-deductible). and mail to: ***Right to Life of Mahoning County, PO Box 1074, Ygstin, OH 4450***  
***THANK You and MANY BLESSINGS!***