There’s Nothing Normal About Any of This

Michigan and other states are beginning to open back up for business as usual. We all hope the number of coronavirus cases doesn’t increase much, or even declines. Everyday features of life, like haircuts and restaurants that were forbidden, are things we can once again indulge in. Returning to normalcy feels good, doesn’t it?

For the issue of abortion, normalcy should not make us feel good. It should make us recoil in horror every day—if it were possible for a human being to live that way. This most abnormal act of taking the lives of our own children is sadly one of the few things unaffected by the pandemic.

Every catastrophe you read about in the news daily—be it a disease, violence, or a person erased—is mirrored every day in our own neighborhoods. Abortion remains the number one cause of death in America—if it was counted. Abortion kills more than cancer or heart disease, and certainly way more than COVID-19 ever could. In the Black community, abortion has taken more lives than every other cause of death combined since 1973.

We don’t read about abortions in the news, unless it’s a conflict over laws or someone’s opinion about the issue. There is no live report from outside an abortion facility where 10 people died today. Because this is all planned and typical, our society pretends those lives never existed or never mattered.

While abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood have been impacted by the pandemic, they are still quietly operating. Anecdotal reports from prolife sidewalk counselors and even abortion industry figures suggest abortions may have increased during the pandemic. Perhaps too many women are reaching the conclusion that a world aflame in negative headlines is no place to raise a child.

Now the prolife movement must return to normalcy after being shuttered by the pandemic, which means never letting abortion go unchallenged in our communities.

And yet, there is nothing normal about this “return to normalcy.” We’re still dealing with our petition drive to end dismemberment abortions, the most common late-term abortion procedure. Even though we submitted 379,419 signatures in December of 2019, we’re still going through a long process of the Michigan Bureau of Elections checking the validity of the signatures, with several strange and unprecedented stops along the way.

By now, the signatures should have been verified, our prolife majorities in the Legislature should have voted on it, and our dismemberment ban should be on the books in Michigan—without Governor Whitmer’s signature. Planned Parenthood would likely be in court right now, trying to block the ban—in normal times.

As we go to print, another abortion case in court will have an abnormal impact. The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in June v. Russo is expected any day. The case involves a Louisiana law that requires abortion facilities to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

We know that following a botched abortion, follow-up from the abortionist is atrocious. If you had a complication from a surgery and your surgeon tried to duck town without any meaningful follow-up, nobody would defend that. And yet, because of their ideological fanaticism, four Supreme Court justices are automatic votes to allow that to happen in the context of abortion.

All eyes turn towards Chief Justice John Roberts (and sadly, other “textualist” justices): will he stand with the U.S. Constitution and state medical regulations, or with Planned Parenthood and their profits? Will we have a new era of prolife effort, or once again be stuck in neutral because justices lost their way after moving to Washington, D.C.?

It is not normal that our government of laws, not men, is utterly dependent on the personal whims of a few individuals in robes. What will ultimately happen with our dismemberment ban? What will the Supreme Court decide tomorrow about critical issues with millions of lives at stake? At this point, who can guess?

The 2020 election is going to be about a great many of those critical issues. Where do we begin to restore normalcy? We suggest following Mother Teresa’s advice and starting with life: “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

In this issue, you’ll learn which candidates appearing on the August primary election ballot are prolife and are necessary to helping restore sanity to our legal system. Ultimately, though, simply voting for them is not sufficient to restore sanity. We can’t just rely on elected officials. It all starts with life and our everyday actions to either hold our culture accountable to the idea that every human life has inherent value, or to continue to blithely accept the “new normal” of death and disorder on a massive scale.

Never let abortion go unchallenged.
No Reason Not to Vote

Barbara Listing, President
Right to Life of Michigan

What’s so important about Tuesday, August 4, 2020? It is primary election day in Michigan!

As I sit at my computer writing this, I can just hear your question and commentary, “So what’s so important about this primary election? Why not just wait and vote in the important general election? I’m not going to waste my time on the primary election. I’m just too busy. I’ll get a chance to vote for my favorite candidate in November.”

My response: Unfortunately, your favorite candidate may not be on the ballot in November. They may not make it out of the August primary election.

Because of the way our legislative districts are configured, in many districts a wide majority of voters always support the Republican candidates, and in others an equally wide majority always support the Democrat candidates. As a result, in those districts with such heavy majorities voting for one political party, whichever Republican or Democrat wins the primary election, that person will be the only viable candidate on the general election ballot. He or she will almost automatically be the winner in the November election.

While this is a unique year, summertime in Michigan normally means family vacations, time at the beach, and a busy tourist season. Yes, many distractions, so mark your calendars now to vote on August 4th or apply early for an absentee ballot.

In past years, less than 20% of eligible voters took the time to cast a ballot in the primary election. But this year, things have changed. A new law creating “no reason” absentee voting means more and more people will select this “at home and mail in” voting. So encourage your prolife family members and friends to secure their absentee ballot. Doing so means they won’t forget to vote or even skip voting because of summer vacation plans.

In making your voting decisions, see pages 5-8 for a list of RLM-PAC endorsed candidates. Volunteers from across the state have spent thousands of hours interviewing candidates in order to make the most informed choices possible for these endorsements.

Be an advocate for the unborn; “Start With Life” when voting on Tuesday, August 4th.

Abortion is Not Life Sustaining

What does it mean to “sustain life”? A dictionary will use words like support, nourish, or keep up to define “sustain.” Many things are needed to sustain life, from basics like food and water to higher needs like purpose and community. These are needs common to every human being.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has a different definition of sustaining life. She believes abortion is life sustaining.

In the worst days of the pandemic, frontline medical personnel were forced to reuse personal protective equipment. While they struggled in some areas to deal with a wave of sick patients, abortion facilities continued using up scarce resources while abortions continued as if no statewide emergency existed.

While people were waiting for cancer scans, heart surgeries, joint replacements—all because of Governor Whitmer’s executive orders—they could have gotten an abortion easily, for absolutely any reason.

To defend the waste of needed equipment and blatantly unfair treatment of outpatient surgeries, Governor Whitmer declared abortion is “life-sustaining.” She used those words on a podcast as part of her vice presidential aspirations.

What is the opposite of “sustain”? Words like stop, harm, deny. Abortion stops a pregnancy by harming the unborn child, denying their right to life.

In Governor Whitmer’s mind, the unborn child has zero human dignity. The only question she considers is what will help the woman’s future? If keeping the child helps her lifestyle, do that. If killing the child helps her lifestyle, do that instead.

We mostly shut down the state’s economy on the premise that we must sacrifice our lifestyles to protect the weakest among us. Governor Whitmer clearly agreed with that, as do many other Michiganders who support abortion.

So where is the disconnect? How can we say 40 million Americans losing their jobs is worth it to save many lives, but we must allow killing human beings as an alternative to continuing a pregnancy and then pursuing adoption?

We can see the patient who dies from pneumonia. We can see the unemployed person who dies from opioid overdose. Because we can’t see a baby being meticulously dismembered in the womb with our own eyes, many of us can pretend it never happened—and has no long-term consequences for anyone else involved.

Abortion does not sustain life; it sustains the banality of evil, at the cost of more than 25,000 Michigan lives every year.
Capitol Report: Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste

“Never let a crisis go to waste” is the modus operandi of many abortion supporters, and they haven’t disappointed during this pandemic.

Many are aware that Governor Whitmer banned “non-essential” medical procedures while simultaneously declaring abortion “life-sustaining.” So, while others couldn’t have knee replacements, abortions continued unabated. According to reports from sidewalk counselors, they were even busier than normal. The abortion report next year will parse that out.

Behind the scenes, Attorney General Dana Nessel has also been hard at work protecting abortion. She—along with 21 other attorneys general from around the country—penned a letter to the Food and Drug Administration encouraging them to drop the abortion pill’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), which is the heightened safety requirement that prevents the abortion pill from being distributed at pharmacies. They reasoned that by dropping the REMS, telemedicine abortions could expand—thus keeping women safe from coronavirus. Several pro-life organizations penned their own letter to the FDA defending the REMS, including Right to Life of Michigan.

Michigan’s ban on telemedicine abortions was lifted in 2018 when former Governor Rick Snyder vetoed the bill that would have made the ban permanent. Due to the coronavirus, Planned Parenthood in Michigan accelerated the expansion of telemedicine abortions. In just 10 days, they expanded telemedicine abortions to all nine of their clinics that currently offer the abortion pill, and all their clinics in Michigan will offer telemedicine abortions by the middle of July.

Dana Nessel wasn’t satisfied with attempting to influence the FDA and expand the abortion pill. She joined with 15 other attorneys general in yet another letter to the FDA encouraging them to drop their ban on the use of fetal tissue for research. They cited the need to develop a vaccine to coronavirus. Last June, President Trump signed an executive order banning the use of fetal tissue research at the National Institutes of Health. The pro-abortion attorneys general—along with their supporters in the media—claimed fetal tissue is imperative to finding a vaccine for coronavirus. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, several of the vaccines currently being worked on are in fact using fetal tissue cell lines, including one from Johnson & Johnson which received grant money from the Department of Health and Human Services; this is very disappointing.

Again, several pro-life organizations wrote to the FDA to point out the fetal cell line being used by several pharmaceutical companies and encouraged the administration to reject those who do. Right to Life of Michigan also sent a letter to the FDA encouraging the use of ethical vaccine production.

In the meantime, here in Lansing, Right to Life of Michigan is monitoring bills as they move to address the pandemic, the dam break in Midland, and other emergencies to make sure bad legislation doesn’t sneak through in everyone’s hurried attempts at dealing with these important issues.

In addition, we have been monitoring the development of the situation at nursing homes where it was discovered patients with COVID-19 were being placed in the same facility with healthy patients. Inquiries and committee hearings are ongoing.

To add to the suspense, the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in June v. Gee on Louisiana’s abortion facility regulations is expected any day now, and it could have wide-reaching implications for our legislative agenda.

As always, stay tuned!

Embracing life’s challenges and opportunities.

2020 Annual Conference
Right to Life of Michigan

Thursday, September 24, 2020
8:15 a.m. registration
9:00 a.m. program
3:00 p.m. closing

Eagle Eye Golf & Banquet Center
15500 Chandler Rd., Bath Twp, MI 48808

Registration
Includes continental breakfast, luncheon/annual meeting, two general sessions & workshops. Visit RTL.org to register online.

$25 Student(s)
$45 Group (4+)
$55 Individual(s)
$65 After Sept 10

General Session I:
DAN COMPTON
Abortion Survivor and Prolife Advocate

General Session II:
BARB LISTING, PAUL MILLER, AND CASEY KREINER
Our Voices Our Votes: Making the Difference
Are Prolife People Single-Issue Voters?

The following is adapted from a speech by M.J. Dominic-Athanasius, son of Leisa Marie Carzon, president of Plymouth Right to Life

“You guys are all single-issue voters and you need to get your priorities straight.”

This was the sentiment of one author who claimed that prolifers suffer from what she called “a single-issue martyrdom complex”—that we feign moral superiority, and that we misunderstand the holistic person and the teachings of Christ when we vote for a candidate based on one issue. In this speech, I will address the logic necessity, and resulting freedom of rightly-ordered priorities, and how this logic debunks the myth that prolifers are single-issue voters.

Listen to the contradiction of these two thoughts: “I agree that it should be illegal to kill or harm a newborn infant...” and, “I voted against the Born Alive Bill partially because I have concerns about how it would criminalize women’s reproductive care.” This absurd contradiction was an e-mail response from a U.S. Senator we wrote to regarding his refusal to support Senator Sasse’s Born Alive bill. Note that the Senator readily agrees that it should be illegal to kill or harm a newborn, but decided that the issue of women’s reproductive care should supersede protection of the newborn baby’s life. In other words, he prioritized what he calls “reproductive care” over life.

When a mother is lying in a delivery room in a bed over here, and her newborn baby—a separate human being—is lying over there, failing to provide care for the struggling child can no longer be called a matter of women’s reproductive care, Senator—it’s called infanticide.

No, prolifers advocate are not single-issue voters. They are holistic voters who know that, among countless other important issues, life takes precedence. After all, a baby has to first be born in order to enjoy the social, economic, and political benefits of life.

Prolifers are pro-science and pro-healthcare: we celebrate and promote the advances in neonatal science and technology that strengthens the care for life.

We are pro-minority: we know that Black and Hispanic lives matter. Blacks and Hispanics make up 28% of the population, while having 55% of all abortions—double their percentage in society. That’s discrimination!

We are pro-education: in Michigan alone, we abort three classrooms full of children per day. If they were all here, that would mean over 20,000 more teaching jobs!

We are pro-women and pro-feminism: We want to spare women a lifetime of post-abortive pain and trauma. It’s also an ironic tragedy of epic proportions that abortion has been sold as a means to “liberate” women, yet unborn baby girls can be killed simply because they are female.

We want to advance freedom: to quote St. Thomas Aquinas, “There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just.”

We are pro-economics: President John F. Kennedy said, “Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.” We recognize that newborn baby grows up to become adults who get jobs, pay taxes, spend money, invest, innovate, and contribute to our society.

From this list, one can see that prolifers are multi-issue, holistic voters who simply prioritize correctly!

Recently, Planned Parenthood started a campaign promoting abortion, featuring a woman who told a group of young kids that adoption is worse than abortion! I refuse this lie. You see, I’m an expert on this subject—I am adopted. I wouldn’t even be standing here today if a brave woman hadn’t chosen adoption over abortion. Adoption is a solution—and I’m living proof!

In closing, up to now, my previous speeches have all been factual exhortations. But not anymore! This adopted pro-lifer is eligible to vote in the next presidential election and I will work to change hearts and minds. This multi-issue prolifer wants everyone to understand I am not opposed to abortion because I want to restrict the freedom of women. echoing Archbishop Fulton Sheen, I am opposed to abortion because I want to embrace their unique dignity, raise them up, to liberate them, to free them, and lead them to something better!
## 1st Congressional District

### Counties: Allegan (part); Kent (part); Lake; Mason (part); Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa

### Republican Primary

#### US Senate
- John James

#### US Congress
- Jack Bergman*

#### Michigan House
- 101 Jack O’Malley*
- 102 Daire Rendón*
- 103 Heather Cerone
- 104 John Roth
- 105 Ken Borton
- 106 Sue Allor*
- 107 John Damoone
- 108 Beau Matthew LaFave*
- 110 Gregory Markkanen*

#### Mason Co. Prosecutore
- Laureen Kneenbrink
- Chad DeRouin

#### Mason Co. Clerk
- Cheryl Kelly*

#### Mason Co. Commission
- 3 Jody Hartley

### Democratic Primary

#### US Senate
- Lisa Posthumus Lyons*

#### US Congress
- Bill Huizenga*
- Frank Garcia*
- 7 Phil Morse
- 6 Jody Hartley

#### Michigan House
- 72 Steven Johnson*
- 74 Mark Huizenga*
- 77 Tommy Brans
- 80 Mary Whiteford*
- 88 Luke Meerman*
- 89 Jim Lilly*
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- 2 Jim Money*

### Nonpartisan Ballot

#### 4th District Court of Appeals Incumbent [2]
- Michael Kelly*

## 2nd Congressional District

### Counties: Alcona; Alger; Alpena; Antrim; Baraga; Benson; Charlevoix; Cheboygan; Chippewa; Crawford; Delta; Dickinson; Emmet; Gogebic; Grand Traverse; Houghton; Iron; Kalkaska; Keweenaw; Leelanau; Luce; Mackinac; Manistee; Marquette; Mason; Menominee; Montmorency; Oscoda; Otsego; Presque Isle; Schoolcraft

### Republican Primary

#### US Senate
- Susan Biesecker
- 3 Jody Hartley
- 4 Lewis Squires*

#### US Congress
- 1 James Riddlesperger
- 2 Greg DeJong*
- 3 Randy Meppelink*
- 4 Allen Dannenberg*
- 5 Kyle Terpstra*
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#### 4th District Court of Appeals Incumbent [2]
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#### 17th Circuit Court Non-Incumbent [3]
- Scott Noto

#### 20th Circuit Court Incumbent [1]
- Jon Hulsing*

### District Finder for Macomb, Oakland, Wayne Counties

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### 3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Counties:** Barry, Calhoun, Ionia; Kent (part); Montcalm (part)

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7th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Counties: Branch; Eaton; Hillsdale; Jackson; Lenawee; Monroe; Washtenaw (part)

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY

Eaton County Sheriff
Tom Reich

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US Senate
John James

US Congress
Tim Walberg*

Michigan House
Joe Bellino* 15th District Court Non-Incumbent [1]
Karen Fort Hood* 21st District Court Non-Incumbent [1]

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

1st Circuit Court Incumbent [3]
Christopher Murray* 15th Circuit Court Incumbent [1] Bill O'Grady*
Karen Fort Hood*
1st Circuit Court Non-Incumbent [1]
Sara Liznyai 12th Circuit Court Non-Incumbent [1] Craig Pappin

9th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Counties: Macomb (part); Oakland (part)

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY

Macomb Co. Commission
10 Robert Leonetti*

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US Senate
John James

US Congress
Charles Langworthy

Michigan House
Steve Marino* 24 Steve Marino* 25 Jazmine Early 36 Paul Smith 41 Adam Wiley Macomb Co. Sheriff
Terence Mekoski

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

Oakland Probate Court Incumbent [1]
Daniel O'Brien*

8th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Counties: Ingham; Livingston; Oakland (part)

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY

Ingham Co. Commission
1 Victor Celentino*

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US Senate
John James

US Congress
Alan T. Hoover

Michigan House
42 Ann Bollin* 43 Andrea Schroedter* 44 Matt Maddock* 46 John Reilly* 47 Robert Beazotte, Jr. 51 Mike Mueller*

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

1st District Court Incumbent [3]
Christopher Murray*
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10th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Counties: Huron; Lapeer; Macomb (part); Sanilac, St. Clair; Tuscola (part)

DEMOCRAT PRIMARY

Macomb Co. Commission
10 Robert Leonetti*

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US Senate
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Oakland Probate Court Incumbent [1]
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### 11th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Counties: Oakland (part); Wayne (part)

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1. 1st District Court of Appeals Incumbent [3]
   - Christopher Murray*
   - Karen Fort Hood*
2. 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent [15]
   - Edward Joseph*
3. Oakland Probate Court Incumbent [1]
   - Daniel O'Brien*

**12th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Counties: Washtenaw (part); Wayne (part)

**DEMOCRAT PRIMARY**

| Michigan House | 13 Bill Colovos |

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   - Christopher Murray*
   - Karen Fort Hood*
2. 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent [15]
   - Edward Joseph*
3. 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent [2]
   - Frank Simone
4. Oakland Probate Court Incumbent [1]
   - Daniel O'Brien*

**13th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Counties: Wayne (part)

**DEMOCRAT PRIMARY**

| Michigan House | 13 Bill Colovos |

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**NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

- 28th District Court Non-Incumbent [1]
  - Elisabeth Mullins

**14th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Counties: Oakland (part); Wayne (part)

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

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  - Edward Joseph*
- 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent [2]
  - Frank Simone
- Oakland Probate Court Incumbent [1]
  - Daniel O'Brien*

*Incumbent
21st Century Prolife Healthcare

“One day it just hit me that they are dead serious about taking over the healthcare system.”

That was the thought that inspired Mark Blocher to begin his latest venture, a nonprofit prolife clinic offering direct primary healthcare.

Mark has had a diverse list of adventures. He’s founded an inner-city medical clinic. He’s founded pregnancy help centers. He’s been a university professor. He’s been a chaplain with the state police. He’s a bioethicist who has written a book about the mind and the body together.

"...they are dead serious about taking over the healthcare system."

Mark’s latest adventure truly began when he was starting out as a pastor in Montana one day in the early 1980s. One of the members of Mark’s church stormed into his office. The member had found a business card for an abortion facility tucked in her daughter’s jeans. Her daughter had been escorted across state lines by her school counselor to Washington, where she had an abortion. If the business card hadn’t been left in the laundry, her parents would never have known.

It became clear to Mark that abortion was not being addressed by laws, churches, or by society in general. Rather than simply wish someone else was going to do it, he decided to act.

Mark started local prolife groups in Montana, but it wasn’t long before he ended up moving back to the Grand Rapids area, where he grew up. He didn’t waste time making sure his fellow pastors were aware that there was a huge problem that wasn’t being addressed enough in their churches.

Mark said, “I asked those guys, ‘what are you going to do about abortion?’”

He continued beating the drums to get more people involved in directly addressing abortion as a crisis for young women. The result of his efforts was founding a prolife pregnancy help center in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan have grown directly out of it.

Pregnancy help centers have saved many lives by reaching abortion-vulnerable women. At first, many offered pregnancy tests along with diapers, formula, clothing, etc. In recent years, many centers have been going “medical,” offering ultrasounds, sexually-transmitted disease testing, and other health services. Mark was at the forefront of that change, which he said was difficult because of fears that adding “medical” services would invite legal scrutiny from pro-abortion officials looking to squash abortion industry competitors.

Despite these important advances, Mark believes there is still an unaddressed gap.

"Too often, what happens is when that mom says she wants to continue her pregnancy, we send her off to a Medicaid provider or someone else who doesn’t share a life-affirming view," he said.

Enter Mark’s “Healthy Tomorrows,” a program to help pregnancy centers provide client care. The program is part of his new direct primary care nonprofit, Christian Healthcare Centers. Mark foresaw networks of prolife healthcare centers supporting pregnancy centers with full-service maternity care alongside well-woman and well-child medical care.

Direct primary care is an alternative model for offering basic medical services at a doctor’s office. Instead of going to your doctor’s office and billing the services to an insurance company, patients pay a small monthly fee to receive unlimited primary care services. Because most health insurance plans have high deductibles, most insured patients wind up paying for basic medical care out-of-pocket anyway. The direct primary care “subscription” is designed to reduce the overhead for the clinic, freeing doctors and nurses from insurance paperwork to devote more time to seeing patients, and ultimately reduce the overall cost to the patient.

Direct primary care nonprofit, Christian Healthcare Centers, is important factor in helping women choose life. While pregnancy help centers see many patients and save many lives, there are still hundreds of thousands of women who have abortions who don’t set foot in them.

"Women are not abortion vulnerable only when they are pregnant," he said.

While providing a prolife continuum of care option for pregnancy help centers is important, Mark’s long-term goal is to reach young women before they even deal with a crisis pregnancy. He hopes the more patient-centered focus of the direct primary care model translates into doctors having meaningful trust and a long-term relationship with a woman who might have a crisis pregnancy.

Mark said, “Do you want her to call the campus health center, which will just ship her off to the abortion clinic? Or do you want her to talk to her doctor, who she's known all of her life?”

The rise of the abortion pill, RU-496, is one reason Mark believes it’s critically important for the prolife movement to reach women as early as possible. When abortion supporters say, “abortion should be between a woman and her doctor,” they don’t really mean it. Only 1.8% of women who had abortions in 2018 were referred to the abortion facility by their doctor, according to 2018 Michigan abortion statistics. Recently, some abortion supporters have conducted studies looking into selling RU-486 over the counter, with the false promise that abortion is as simple as heading to the pharmacy in your supermarket.

Currently, Christian Healthcare Centers offers pediatrics, family medicine, and OB-GYN care. They can provide X-rays, routine lab tests, ultrasounds, and dispense some medication on site. Mark said backing these services is their mental health counseling and spiritual care.

Mark’s vision extends beyond primary care, though his dreams exceed his current resources. His next step is adding outpatient surgical services. He believes even prolife birthing centers and hospitals could be possible. In many ways, developing a specifically prolife health care system is comparable to the original creation of hospitals in the Middle Ages as Christian centers of charity and health care.

Rebuilding our entire medical system from the ground up may be Mark’s long-term dream, but he’s always focused on a successful next step. His current goal is providing pregnancy help centers with the complementary prolife doctors and services to compete directly with Planned Parenthood, which often refers to pregnancy help centers as “fake clinics.”

“We want to do to Planned Parenthood what Netflix did to Blockbuster,” Mark said.

Based on Mark Blocher’s long list of past successes, he may just be able to do it.
2020 High School Oratory Contest Winners

The 31st Annual Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund High School Oratory Contest was held virtually the third week of May, due to the pandemic lockdown. We had 20 contestants who gave powerful speeches in defense of life. Our first-place winner was Bergen Johnson from Manistee and Mason County Right to Life. Our second-place winner was Ethan Huizen from Grand Rapids Right to Life, and our third-place winner was Blaze Cerbins from Holland Area Right to Life.

Bergen Johnson will compete virtually in the national contest, hosted by the National Right to Life Committee.

2020 Prolife Youth Award Winners

Each year, the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund recognizes high school prolife students for their work in the movement through our Outstanding Prolife Youth Award. The 2020 winners are great examples of passionate prolife advocates.

1st Place Winner: Laura Durocher, Grand Traverse Area Right to Life
Laura is a passionate leader in the prolife movement. She has been a member of her school’s Teens for Life club throughout high school, and currently serves as the club’s president. She has participated in many activities promoting the prolife mission including gathering dressers full of donations for the local Pregnancy Care Center, participated in the National Prolife Sidwalk Chalk Day and spread the message during a school-wide Prolife Social Media Day. She has attended Right to Life of Michigan’s Legislative Day, and volunteered with Grand Traverse Right to Life’s Focus on Life Dinner. She has stood against the injustice of abortion through praying outside of Planned Parenthood, participating in Life Chain Sunday events, and attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C. She plans to remain dedicated to the prolife movement as she moves on to college.

From Laura’s essay:
“If it weren’t for a witness from someone close to me who exemplified what it means to be prolife, I know I wouldn’t have become active in the movement. For this reason, I believe that the best way to inspire and promote a positive prolife message is to simply be prolife in absolutely every single thing that we do. As cliché as the age-old saying is, actions really do speak louder than words. No matter our age, status, or ability, as the next generation, we have a duty to defend life and express to others the sacred beauty of it. Whether it be something as simple as being nice to your class who looks lonely, or something as involved as attending the March for life in Washington, promoting a prolife message is all about doing simple, everyday things with a loving prolife heart.”
Preparing for Tomorrow

People who have completed their wills and/or living trusts, often tell us it was well worth their time and effort. They might even tell you they thought they were too young to have these documents drafted. Or, you might hear them say they procrastinated for years, but now that it is done, they don’t know what took them so long. Sound like anybody you know?

The truth of the matter is only 40% of adults have a will or trust. That is a very low number considering that one day, to put it bluntly—we’re all going to die.

We do not know when that day will come, but we will leave all our earthly possessions behind regardless of how we feel about that reality.

We need to be prepared. Completing a will or trust is one way we can prepare for ourselves and our loved ones. Consider talking to an estate planning attorney about how you can complete one of these two documents soon. If you would like more information, Right to Life of Michigan can help.

Information in this article is for the purpose of providing general answers to commonly asked questions. None of the information contained herein is intended as legal advice or legal opinion relative to specific matters, facts, situations or issues. Please contact an attorney for specific legal advice.

Thinking of others, supporting life

You can remember a deceased loved one or honor one of the special people in your life through a tax-deductible memorial or honorary contribution to the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund.

A thoughtful acknowledgment will be sent to the family or person you designate, while the gift amount will remain confidential. Visit RTL.org and click on the “Donate” button. Or, send a check with information about the memorial or honorarium to:

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