

Forward!

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT

A Letter From Our LEADERSHIP

On behalf of the Ohio Right to Life Board of Trustees and staff, please accept my deepest gratitude for your passion for life and your continued dedication to Ohio Right to Life. Without your prayers and financial support we could not effectively be a voice for the voiceless.

2020 has been a challenging year but throughout it all Ohio Right to Life has never ceased our life-saving advocacy. Through lockdowns and beyond we advocated for life by holding Planned Parenthood accountable for their disregard for human life and usage of vital PPE and sending Governor DeWine a list of guidelines on ethical rationing of health care items. We also launched our first of many Online Baby Shower Initiatives which provide additional support to local Pregnancy Centers whose resources have been stretched to the breaking point by the pandemic. Ohio Right to Life truly puts women and babies first!

During the 2020 election season Ohio Right to Life created numerous political advocacy resources and educational materials which were used by countless numbers of Ohioans. Our extensive online presence was massive and reached all four corners of our state. We conducted tele-town halls with officeholders and candidates while also distributing nearly 1,500 "Vote Pro-Life" yard signs to local chapters across Ohio. Most importantly we joined a national effort to ensure the United States Supreme Court had a pro-life majority. We truly believe that Justice Amy Coney Barrett is the fifth vote to overturn Roe v. Wade and we look forward to her pro-life opinions for decades to come.

Last but certainly not least we advocated for life tirelessly at the Ohio Statehouse- seeing three pro-life bills signed into law by Governor DeWine. Ohio Right to Life advanced legislation that requires all aborted babies receive a humane and proper burial proper burial. Additional pro-life legislation bans dangerous telemedicine abortions in Ohio as well. We also worked closely with legislators to make adoption more affordable for Ohio families. Simply put each law Ohio Right to Life successfully advocated for this year brings a new pro-life protections to our growing culture of life.

We have YOU to thank for the ability to be able to do this crucial and life-affirming work. Thanks to your dedication to the cause of life, Ohio's abortion numbers are down to record lows and for the first time since Roe v. Wade, we have a pro-life majority on the United States Supreme Court. Our time is now. We won't stop until we end abortion in Ohio and ensure that every life, from conception to natural death is supported, cherished, and protected under law.

2020 has been challenging for everyone, but as we look ahead to a new year of life-saving advocacy, it is our sincere hope that you will feel led to continue partnering with us. Regardless of what new challenges 2021 brings, we would be honored to face them alongside you. In this fight, your support and encouragement means the world. May God bless you and your family always.

For Life,



Michael Gonidakis
President



Current LEGISLATION

THE UNBORN CHILD DIGNITY ACT

SENATE BILL 27 | SIGNED INTO LAW DECEMBER 2020

This legislation would promote the dignity of the unborn through proper burial while strengthening Ohio's laws on informed consent. It would require the Ohio Department of Health to establish rules for the proper disposal of products of conception and define "humane disposal" as earthly burial or cremation. **Sponsor: Senator Joe Uecker**

THE TELEMEDICINE ABORTION BAN

SENATE BILL 260 | SIGNED INTO LAW DECEMBER 2020

This bill would prohibit the use of telemedicine for the purpose of providing abortion-inducing drugs. It would also ensure that abortion inducing drugs could only be provided in-person by the prescribing physician. **Sponsor: Senator Stephen Huffman**

THE FAMILY FORWARD INITIATIVE

HOUSE BILL 405 | SIGNED INTO LAW DECEMBER 2020

This legislation would make low-interest loans available to adoptive families to help alleviate the costs associated with adoption through a linked deposit program with the Ohio Treasurer's Office. **Sponsor: Representative Jon Cross**

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT

SENATE BILL 155 | PASSED BY THE OHIO SENATE NOVEMBER 2019

This legislation would strengthen Ohio's informed consent law by adding a requirement that abortion facilities inform women that chemical abortions can possibly be reversed to save their unborn baby's life. **Sponsor: Senator Peggy Lehner**

PRIORITY LEGISLATION: *The Human Life Protection Act*

HOUSE BILL 538 / INTRODUCED TO THE OHIO HOUSE MARCH 2020



**END ABORTION, —
Ohio.**

THE HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT

- + Bans abortion once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned
- + Already enacted in nine other states
- + Imposes fourth degree felonies on doctors who perform abortions
- + Provides immunity for mothers

Ohio Right to Life
promoting life

With the confirmation of Justice Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court of the United States, we have never been closer to overturning *Roe v. Wade*. At Ohio Right to Life, ACB's confirmation reinforced that the moment had come for a bold move forward for life: H.B. 538 the Human Life Protection Act. This piece of ORTL legislation is an abortion "Trigger Ban" which, if enacted, will make abortion illegal in Ohio if and when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. The Human Life Protection Act is now ORTL's priority legislation, and will be a focus of our legislative advocacy in 2021. SCOTUS' new pro-life majority has given Pro-Life Ohio the opportunity of a lifetime. Our time is now.

Sponsor: Representative John Becker

EFFECTING THE ELECTION *For Life*

Ohio Right to Life worked tirelessly to advocate for life during the 2020 election. Through targeted messaging, ORTL reached thousands on social media and via email, presenting comparison pieces on the candidates and urging Ohioians to vote pro-life first. Focusing on Ohio's critical Supreme Court races, Ohio Right to Life held tele-town halls with candidates and educated voters.

Ohio Right to Life traveled throughout Ohio, distributing nearly 1,500 pro-life yard signs to our local chapters and affiliates. These signs, designed by ORTL's team, encouraged Ohioans to protect the most vulnerable at ballot box and "Vote Pro-Life." Thanks to Ohio Right to Life's bold advocacy this election, pro-life candidates in both local and federal races won overwhelmingly in our great state, with Ohio's pro-life super-majority increasing in both chambers of the statehouse in 2020. Ohio votes pro-life first!



ORTL's Director of Communications, Allie Frazier, being interviewed by the BBC on ACB's nomination and Ohio's pro-life momentum.

Confirming ACB, ENDING ROE

Ohio Right to Life fostered a strong media presence during now-Justice Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation process. Through numerous interviews, Ohio Right to Life clearly communicated ACB's sterling credentials and the significance of her nomination for the pro-life movement.

Now installed to the highest court in the land, ACB's successful confirmation has given the pro-life movement a pro-life majority on SCOTUS for the first time since Roe v. Wade. We are now closer than ever to ending abortion.

OHIO'S 2019 *Abortion Report*

In October, the Ohio Department of Health released its 2019 Ohio Abortion Report which revealed that abortions in Ohio are at their lowest since record keeping began in 1976. A total number of 20,102 abortions were performed representing a decrease of 2% from 2018 and an over 30% decline over the last decade. Although there is still much to do, Ohio's vibrant culture of life is clearly advancing as more and more lives are saved from abortion.

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HAVE DECREASED
BY OVER

30%

HALF OF
OHIO'S ABORTION
FACILITIES HAVE
CLOSED

Closed!

NUMBER OF
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SIGNED INTO LAW:

25

EDUCATION, OUTREACH & *Events*

OHIO RIGHT TO LIFE AT THE 2020 MARCH FOR LIFE



OHIO RIGHT TO LIFE'S VIRTUAL ORATORY CONTEST



For the first time in Oratory Contest history, Ohio Right to Life's Annual Oratory Contest was moved to an online format. Kathleen Boylson (pictured) was our 2020 1st Place Winner. Ohio Right to Life is proud to be able to engage with young pro-life Ohioans and help them hone their skills as they continue to be a voice for the voiceless in these unprecedented times.

PRO-LIFE POLICY WITH RICK SANTORUM



ONLINE BABY SHOWER INITIATIVE



Online ENGAGEMENT

Ohio Right to Life's online presence continues to grow, engaging new supporters through our main website, ohiolife.org and on multiple social media platforms.

With well over 6,700 page views per month on average this year, ohiolife.org remains a consistent and trusted resource for all things pro-life in Ohio and beyond,

Ohio Right to Life also re-vamped our podcast, The Pro-Life Ohio Podcast, releasing a new 14 episode season this year. We interviewed special guests from Students for Life, SBA's Charlotte Lozier Institute, Heartbeat International and more, kept Pro-Life Ohio up to speed on the amazing work that pro-lifers are doing throughout the nation and informed listeners on how they can get better involved. The Pro-Life Ohio Podcast has garnered over 2,100 total listens.

Our posts and content on social media are also being shared online by many national pro-life organizations such as Susan B. Anthony List, Live Action, Students for Life, March for Life, and National Right to Life. A Facebook story we posted reached over 6,300 people and one of our most popular tweets garnered over 31,000 impressions on Twitter.

Each of our social media platforms enables Ohio Right to Life to engage our supporters in different ways. It allows us to tell our story and show the world who we are on a day-to-day basis.

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By the numbers



17,100+

Followers on Facebook



6,000+

Followers on Twitter



1,600+

Followers on Instagram



570+

Followers on Pinterest



48,900+

Views on YouTube

OVER 6,700

*Average Page Views
at ohiolife.org per month*

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