



Clark County Right to Life

from conception until natural death

CCRTL Board Meeting

Jan. 14, Tuesday 6:30-7:45 PM Wendy's at 13723 Mill Plain Blvd . Newcomers welcome.

Memorial for Victims of Abortion, Jan. 17, Friday

1-2 PM. Clark County Courthouse front steps. Family friendly event.

Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation Annual Conference,

March 1, Saturday 8:00—5:30, Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualitin , Oregon.

40 Days for Life

March 5-April 15.

More information about the above events can be found on our home page

<https://clarkrtl.org/home.aspx>

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A message of hope and help

Clark County Right to Life brings a pro-life message of hope and help to thousands in our community. This is accomplished through billboards, online resources, and local pregnancy resource packets. Each packet includes a local pregnancy resource card, an abortion pill reversal card, a 40 Days for Life card and a “This is not your only choice” street booklet. Each of these cards are folded, nested together, and placed in a Ziploc bag.



Once a year, new packets are assembled to replenish the supply (as they are given out during 40 Days for Life at the local PP abortion center and during the Clark County Fair at the CCRTL exhibit). A number of young adults at my church (Hockinson Apostolic Lutheran) have assisted with this task in the last couple years, so Gerry asked if we would be willing to help again. After a recent Bible study, we assembled the latest batch of packets.

As I was delegating tasks and setting supplies out, I soon noticed the new packets were being assembled in a different order than we've done in the past. My instructions had not been clear, so the new people who were helping had begun to assemble them in the order that made sense to them. I told them the packets were in the wrong order, however, they soon convinced me that the way they were assembling the packets (with the “This is not your only choice” booklet on the outside), conveyed our message in a more visually appealing way than our former method. As a result, we decided to continue assembling the rest of the packets in this manner.

Perhaps the ‘mistake’ was a blessing in disguise! Whatever the case, may God help us to stand up for the value and purpose of every human life. “Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from afar ; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.” Isaiah 49:1 KJV

William Gilkerson, CCRTL Board Member

A message from our Vice President, Dorothy Gill

Language, arguably the most basic and necessary tool of a society, was weaponized long ago in the attack on human life, infamously resulting in the popular use of the word choice to frame the abortion battle. Care and compassion suffered similar fates, twisted and wrapped around their complete opposite meanings to frame the assisted suicide/euthanasia battle. Exploiting a free people's fear of losing any rights, the death mongers effectively crafted their slogans. Defending rights = good, denying rights = bad. Yes, we all agree on that. But only if the right is truly endowed on the subject. A mother has no inalienable right to kill her child. A patient has no inalienable right to be killed by his doctor. Laws that allow direct killing of the vulnerable humans at the beginning and the end of life are as unjust as laws allowing slavery. Reclaiming the language that frames this debate is essential. We are the defenders, working to restore legal protection for life and fighting the laws that deny these rights. Be very vigilant in your speech, accurately contrasting your goals to the enemy's goals. One simple example of this is the CCRTL banner that reads "Washington State Law denies protection for babies' lives before birth". This kind of messaging returns accuracy and clarity to the language our society hears and is necessary to overcome obfuscation of the enemy. Dorothy Gill

Volunteering at the Clark County Fair...you may help save a life

My husband, Paul, and I volunteered at the Right to Life booth at the Clark County Fair in August. Our grandson Isaac came with us. It was our first time and we didn't know what to expect. So we



simply followed the process...greeting those who approached and smiling at those who looked away. Mind you, not many people did that, but it's understandable that a developing baby display might make some people uncomfortable. We met and spoke to many nice people that were supportive or just curious. Handed out information packets, baby feet pins, etc. During one discussion Paul said how powerful it would be to see our younger generation volunteering at the booth....advocating for the unborn and giving information and resources of loving support for expecting girls/women...and calling men to show respect and take responsibility. The focus for CCRTL is education and support. A small and mighty group of individuals sharing love, resources, and life-giving information. Please pray for this endeavor and for a swift end to Abortion. Stop by and say hello

at the Fair next Summer. Consider volunteering. In His love, Laurie Samwel

Remembrance of Abortion Victims Jan. 17, 2025 from 1-2 pm Our Roe v Wade Memorial at the Clark County Courthouse has always remembered the victims of abortion...the over 50 million lives lost before birth and hearts broken by abortion. When the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade in 2022 and returned abortion law to each state, we changed the title of our yearly observance....but not its heart and soul...still grieving over lost lives, hearts broken and a society increasingly indifferent to human life..still committed to the goal of every human life from conception until natural death..respected in deed, supported in need and protected in law. Gerry Parmantier, RN ret.