

## Maternity of Mary Pro-Life Monthly Meeting

Date: 4/5/21

7 PM

Meeting is being recorded.

Deacon begins with opening prayer.

### Legislative Huddle (MCCL) - Don Parker

Dparker@mccl.org

- State level
  - Bill to challenge states to ban abortion funding - abortion funding brought into MN legislature in 1994
    - When state and federal levels do not fund abortions,  $\frac{1}{5}$  of those abortions actually happen.
  - Bill to stop funding abortion clinics
  - Bill to require inspections & licensing of abortion clinics
    - Help bring more to light the real atrocities that go on inside
  - Bill to legalize assisted suicide - watching this closely
  - Bill - Positive Alternative - state help funding crisis pregnancy centers (pregnancy resource centers) - centers could get up to \$250,000 in grants to provide services to help save lives
- Federal level
  - President Biden gave more funding to Planned Parenthood & operations/groups that set up abortions overseas
  - More money for Planned Parenthood in the Covid relief bill and there could be more money provided to PP in other bills too
  - Potential free speech provisions may rise up that would limit the free speech of the Church
  - Changing the Equal Rights Amendment
    - Abortion Neutralization Amendment
- National level
  - Most legislation has to be passed by 60 votes
    - Should help with keeping big pro-choice moves at bay until we have a new makeup of the senate/house
- Tom asked about the filibuster elimination - if it's gone, it would only take 50 votes to pass legislation

Barbara has asked what are the urgent things that could be done in our community as Calls to Action

- Don can send list of call to action items & contact info for legislators
- One of the biggest things is to call, write, or email our legislators and ask them to support ending taxpayer-funding for abortion

- This message needs to be sent strongly and consistently
- Of all the threats right now at the federal level, it's the filibuster elimination
  - We need to try to preserve the filibuster!!!

Reiteration of Don Parker's email address for questions and/or more info: [Dparker@mccl.org](mailto:Dparker@mccl.org)

Suggestion made: We could put together pre-stamped envelopes and forms to give parishioners to send to legislators to try to speak out and let them know where we stand

Still looking for a Pro-Life Committee member to communicate pro-life legislative updates for the community - info to be put into bulletins and on Pro-Life Corner.

March overview:

- MoM Bakeless bake sale - success - no tally yet, but it was a good fundraiser
- Holy Childhood also did a bake sale
  - Raised \$878 this year
  - Annual event
    - MoM may look into doing next year's bake sale in line with HC?
- March for Life - will be more active in the Fall
- Jericho March/Good Friday Prayer Service

Upcoming Events

- Blessing of items
- Memorare Talley on Relevant Radio
- Catholics at the Capitol - Thursday April 15th, 2021
  - We cannot get a bus
  - Limo services suggested
    - Over \$400 - too much
  - Result - we're back to looking at carpooling if people need rides
    - Masks will be required in the carpool vehicle
    - Notify group if you need a ride or have space to give a ride
  - Don't forget to register, as it is required
    - Registration comes with breakfast, but not lunch
    - If financial assistance is needed for someone to attend, the Pro-Life group will help with sponsoring
- Mother's Day
  - Diaper Drive
    - Donations of diapers will be taken Mother's Day weekend
    - Diapers will be donated to the Women's Life Care Center
  - Flower Sale
    - Volunteers needed for helping with Flower Sale & donations
    - Help needed Friday night before Mother's Day to help with making the corsages
      - Doors 2 & 3?

- Signs?
- Beautiful flyer design by Angela Schmollinger
- Sponsored by MCCL
- Pool with Holy Childhood or work with Holy Childhood to promote event?

#### Financials

- Current financials for Pro-Life Group
  - \$1328.00 + Bakeless Bake Sale

#### Roe V. Wade movie - presentation by Angela Schmollinger

- We want to show the film in some aspect to the community
- The makers made the film available to view in certain ways
- Poll sent out during Pro-Life meeting to find out if we should show this movie somehow
  - 91% vote for yes
- Sub committee needed
  - Reach out to Angela Schmollinger if willing and able to help with Roe V. Wade movie sub committee

#### Category Champions by Charisms (CCC)

- Still need
  - Fundraising/events lead
  - Historian
  - Legislative lead
  - Recruiter

Next meeting: May 3rd, 2021, 7:00 PM

Tom Dunne - last note:

Philomena House has moved locations

- Lost the rental house where they were
- Not sure yet where they're moving
- They're in desperate need of volunteers who are consistent
  - The plea for volunteer help has been put on the Pro-Life Corner

Closing Prayer by Deacon Dennis