

MoM/HC Pro-life Meeting  
3/7/22  
7 PM

Attendance: Angela Schmollinger, Deb Waldera, Shirley Gerlach, Pat Loehlein, Deacon Dennis Chlebeck, Mark Geis, Mari Geis, Barbara Grundmann, Dann Grundmann, Tom Nevins, Tom Dunne, Naomi Rath, Mary Ksiazek, Don Parker (Zoom)

Opening prayer led by Deacon Dennis - Prayer for Life

Last Monday 2/28/22 Senate voted on Women's Health Protection Act

- All Republicans, plus 1 pro-life Democrat, voted against moving bill forward.
- Leadership has gotten Republicans to stay together in their votes, even when not all of them agree.
- If we had lost on other votes (like budget bills), the pro-abortions policies would have been instituted.

In MN legislature, we have introduced a major bill. Senate File 3561 - Bill to regulate chemical abortions

- Regulate – you can't ban them, but they can be strictly regulated to protect the unborn and babies' health.
- When chemical abortions were first introduced in US, 3 doctors visits were required by FDA for process of procedure. Followup visit was also required.
- Currently, doctors are not even required to be present for appointments.
- Abortion industry wants to make abortion pills more available in case Roe v. Wade goes away.
- This new bill being introduced will require 2 in person doctor visits, and also gives women some power to do civil remedy (they or family members on their behalf could sue the facility that did the abortion).
- HF-3900 - governor would veto it if we tried to pass it this year, so hopefully next year we have a pro-life governor.
  - In the meantime, we're doing educational campaign to warn women about the risks of chemical abortions becoming apparent in studies.

MN House is pushing equal rights amendment referendum to go on the fall ballot this year. We are asking legislature to amend constitutional amendment to have abortion neutralization amendment that says nothing in this article shall grant or deny a right to abortion or funding thereof. Prevents a court from using an equal rights amendment to say abortion is a woman's right and can't be taken away.

- If amendment does not go on, we'll ask legislature to vote down equal rights amendment.

Bills have also come up to strictly limit campaign “free speech” - problem with these bills is that they don’t limit the free speech of the media, just groups like us - they take away the voices of the unborn

#### Past Events Recap

- Letter writing campaign (173 letters sent to President Biden)
- Coffee & Donuts
- 40 Days for Life (week 1)
  - Booklet provided by Deacon - Barbara will work on printing copies for walkers - A Collection of Pro-Life Prayers

#### Upcoming Events

- Holy Childhood Bake Sale - April 9th & 10th after masses
  - If a baked goods contribution will be given, it must be brought to the Church on the 9th after 2 PM - Church Hall
- 40 Days for Life continuing
  - Upcoming Thursday 3/10/22 will be cold (20 degrees) - bundle up!
- St. Joseph Adoption Novena - March 10-18
  - Link will be posted on Pro-Life Corner
  - Also available on Relevant Radio
- Mother’s Day Flower Sale/Baby Shower Diaper Drive
  - Carnations too small
    - Idea to go with long stemmed roses & carnations
      - Order ahead of time - add extra percentage
    - Naomi will call Flowerama to ask if they would give wholesale or discount pricing for single stemmed roses & carnations - how do they sell (batches of 20?) 60 of each? quotes?
- Holy Childhood Baby Shower
  - Options for Women East - suggested donation receiver - Deb Waldera has a good contact there
  - Barbara will volunteer Angela to Judy to see if she needs help with posters

Financials - January, 2022 - \$3317.00

#### Next Letter writing campaign

- Idea to make the next one about stopping chemical abortion
- Find out from Don Parker what the best focus would be

#### Fathers Day

- Could we come up with something to do for Father’s Day
  - Pancake breakfast
    - Check in with Dick Forliti for consultation
  - Free will donation
  - Will need volunteers for serving - youth

- Do letter-writing campaign at same event - it will be right on the cusp of the big supreme court decision.

Catholics at the Capitol

- Date TBD

Rosary Garden Prayer Service

- May 15th, 2022 - 1pm

Idea to put together Pro-Life booklet of prayers - Mary Ksiazek

Final Prayer