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DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION OUTLAWED!

On the last day of the 2020 legislative session, August 13, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 814 through the final round of voting. ***Dismemberment abortion has been outlawed in Nebraska!***

State senators passed LB 814 with 33 voting “Yes,” 8 voting “No,” and 7 “Present-Not-Voting” and ended the practice of dismembering living, preborn children in the womb.

This landmark pro-life victory could not have happened without the grace of God and the incredible support, prayers, and advocacy of thousands of citizens across Nebraska.

Nearly every procedural obstacle was put in front of LB 814 to try to prevent its passage.

- Senators had to vote to pull the bill out of committee in order for the bill to even have a chance to be debated by the full legislature;
- Pro-abortion senators mounted a filibuster during every round of debate, requiring 33 senators to vote to break the filibuster at each round;
- Planned Parenthood and the ACLU mounted aggressive campaigns to try to kill the bill;
- And the suspension of the legislature due to COVID-19 limited the time frame for LB 814 to pass to the narrowest possible margins.

But God gave us a path forward, pro-life senators stood strong, and the voices of Nebraskans who desire to see all life cherished and protected in our state were heard loud and clear.

Thank you for engaging with us, praying fervently for the advancement of the bill, and taking action to contact senators at the appropriate times. Your action and prayers made the difference. We celebrate this victory and remain committed to creating a culture of life in Nebraska so that all life is cherished and protected. To God Be the Glory!




HISTORIC PRO-LIFE VICTORY!

Thank you to Senator Suzanne Geist and 32 other Nebraska State Senators for defending life with LB814 and voting to end dismemberment abortion in our state!



LONGTIME, INFLUENTIAL PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE PASSES



With great sadness, the Nebraska Right to Life Board of Directors announced that longtime Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin passed away peacefully surrounded by family on

August 22, 2020, following a prolonged battle with cancer.

"Julie loved life and dedicated her life to defending those unable to defend themselves. She fought, with great passion, for unborn children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities," said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life Committee President. "Julie's indomitable spirit made a difference in the lives of untold numbers of human beings who are alive today because of her efforts. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed."

Schmit-Albin served as Nebraska's Executive Director from 1989 to 2020. She also represented Nebraska on the National Right to Life Board of Directors. During her 31-year

tenure at Nebraska Right to Life, she organized local chapters, educational events, legislative activities, and political outreach, including the Nebraska Right to Life PAC Voter Guides, Nebraska State Fair booth, Pro-Life Legislative Day, and the Nebraska Walk for Life. The annual Nebraska Walk for Life event is the largest and longest-running First Amendment demonstration in the state.

Governor Pete Ricketts recently recognized Schmit-Albin's contributions to the state by awarding her with an honorary admiralship. "For several decades, Julie was a fierce and courageous champion of human dignity," said Governor Ricketts. "Motivated by a heartfelt compassion for preborn babies, she effectively advocated for public policy that reflects Nebraskans' pro-life values. As we mourn her loss, we also cherish her legacy. Inspired by her work, we'll continue to build a culture that values and respects the lives of babies waiting to be born."

In 2019, the Lincoln Journal Star recognized Schmit-Albin as one of the city's 30 most influential women. Throughout her career, Schmit-Albin worked with hundreds of lawmakers and other policy organizations to enact dozens of life-saving, pro-life laws in the Nebraska Legislature. Schmit-Albin's most recent advocacy efforts on LB 814 put an end to dismemberment abortions in Nebraska. She

was also involved in the passage of the 2008 Human Cloning Prohibition Act, the 2009 Mother's Right to See Her Unborn Child Ultrasound Bill, the 2011 Webcam Abortion Ban, and the 2010 Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—a first of its kind in the nation. Former Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg worked with Schmit-Albin during his time in public office and defended Nebraska's partial-birth abortion ban in the United States Supreme Court.

"Julie was a tenacious advocate for vulnerable, unborn children," said Lt. Governor Mike Foley and former Nebraska State Senator. "I will always admire her willingness to stand strong and accept the slings and arrows that came her way as she carried out her mission in life with such dignity and resolve."

Julie committed her entire career to advancing the pro-life movement, saving preborn lives, & empowering women. The pro-life laws she worked to enact in Nebraska are a testament to her resolve and legacy. She will be dearly missed by the many people she touched and the generations of pro-life activists she inspired.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR UNBORN ABORTED BABIES:

Saturday, September 12, was known nation-wide as the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn prayer vigils were held across the US, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters.

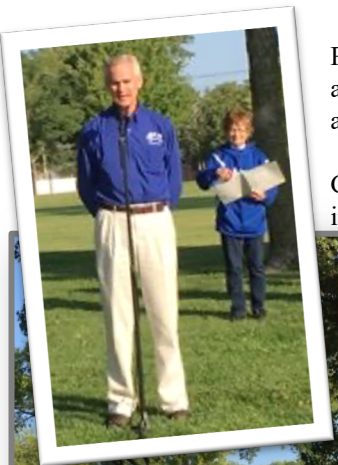
South Central Nebraska Right to Life, Life Runners - South Central Chapter Hastings and St. Cecilia High School Teens for Life participated in our first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at

Parkview Cemetery in Hastings, NE at the monument dedicated to the Unborn, put up by the Knights of Columbus.

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley was our guest speaker. Two of our state senators (Senator Halloran and Senator Murman) were there. About 50 people attended. Channel 4 Local TV showed up as well as the Hastings Tribune and a Tribune Photographer, taking interviews, filming & taking photos.

This event reminds us of the need to remember the unborn aborted babies and the importance of protecting the unborn from abortion. As Lt. Gov. Foley said, "If we don't get this life issue right, our country will fall."

By participating in the National Day of Remembrance, and visiting our local memorial, you are helping to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepening your own commitment to ending the injustice of abortion.



WHY ABORTION IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ISSUES:

While this article is written from a Catholic perspective, the message it conveys translates well into other faiths as well ...

As voters of faith take time to discern which issues should be our priority when we vote, one issue always seems to come to the fore: abortion. That should hardly be surprising, as abortion — among all of the issues in our country — is unique: both in its prevalence and in its taking of completely innocent lives.

Still, some try to downplay the importance of this issue. Those who support pro-abortion candidates often point to the importance of other issues to justify that support. Some may reference the “seamless garment” approach, which looks at a basket of issues that affect human life, and then argue that abortion is just one of those important issues.

For example, sometimes Catholics who wish to conveniently overlook Joe Biden’s position on abortion will point to the resumption of the federal death penalty by the Trump administration as a sort of equivalence. There are many issues that Catholics should be concerned about, but that does not mean that some issues are not more pressing than other ones.

In the United States in 2020, moral equivalence when it comes to abortion just does not hold up. Over the past decades, the Catholic Church has increasingly condemned the death penalty. In the United States, there were five federal convicts executed this year. In the same span, nearly 1 million children will be aborted.

Immigration, hunger and poverty are all important, too, but none of them will result in anywhere near the loss of human life that abortion does. Not even close.

Nor do any of these other issues make parents complicit in the deaths of their own children.

Abortion is both qualitatively and quantitatively different from other issues.

It is qualitatively different from other issues because abortion results in the death of the innocent. Blameless children are wiped out just for being conceived. Abortion denies our inherent, God-given dignity as human beings, and it brings violence and death into the family.

It is quantitatively different from other issues because the sheer numbers of lives lost are staggering. The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute estimated that there were 862,000 abortions in the United States in 2017. Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention listed the leading cause of death in the United States as heart disease, at 647,457 deaths. More than 200,000 more American lives were lost to abortion that year, and it is completely preventable.

Throughout the violent 20th century, massacre after massacre took hundreds of millions of lives. In those countries where one group was exterminating millions of its neighbors in killing fields, gulags, concentration camps or in their homes, would that not have been the preeminent moral issue confronting those nations?

How would we react if nearly 1 million “born” lives were being legally taken each year in a violent fashion? Would it then become a moral priority for those who wish to downplay the issue of abortion? Perhaps a large segment of the population can look the other way here because the unborn are so small and so invisible. They remain out of our sight.

But there is something deeply wrong with us as a society — and with our reasoning — if we do not make preeminent the full protection of the unborn — as human beings — under the law.

We should rightly look at abortion as the government-sanctioned atrocity of our time & voting for pro-life

Politicians and legislation is a peaceful way to bring this atrocity to an end.

Too often, those who argue that we should not be so focused on a single issue when voting want us to look away from the nearly 1 million lives taken in abortion each year.

Unfortunately, that seems to include many Catholic supporters of Joe Biden, a baptized Catholic, whose broad support for abortion includes proposing to codify *Roe v. Wade*, enshrining the institution of abortion in federal law. Such advocates are misguided. The unborn are uniquely vulnerable and are killed legally so often that their deaths outstrip the No. 1 natural cause of death in America. They are more at risk than any other group in the United States.

Voters should understand the gravity of the situation and act accordingly when they vote - in races local and national - in November.

Love says, “Your existence is good, I delight in you,” and, “I want the best for you. I will sacrifice for you.”

Abortion says, “It would be better you didn’t exist,” and, “I want the best for me. I will sacrifice you for myself.”

Abortion is the antithesis of love.
- Lila Rose



The Pink & Blue Baby Flag display was displayed recently at St. Michael’s Catholic Church (left) & Peace Lutheran Church (above) in Hastings. Thank you to those who helped install our display!

OCTOBER IS PRO-LIFE MONTH: SEE OUR ACTIVITIES!



On Sunday, October 4, 2020, from 2-3 PM, approximately 306 Christians lined the sidewalks of Burlington Ave and 2nd Street, forming a LIFE CHAIN in the shape of a cross. This stand of peaceful and prayerful solidarity by the Hastings community was made to communicate that abortion is wrong and we are opposed to the killing of pre-born children. Life Chain has been held yearly in Hastings since 1992.



Although we couldn't host our Pro-Life & Pie Event this year due to COVID-19, we still managed to take the Pro-Life message to the public! We added 5 new billboards this year, in addition to our 12' x 24' Billboard that rotates in the city of Hastings. Thank you to Senator Steve & Ann Halloran for posting a pro-life billboard on your property – and to Larry & Connie Consbruck for adding 4 new billboards to yours!



Now is the time to speak for those that cannot speak for themselves.

VOTE for the Pro-Life Candidate who will protect and legislate for the Unborn and the Elderly – and whose record has shown he will do so!

If any candidate is Pro-Life, they would most likely be trusted on all other issues.

Calendar of Events – 2020:

- **October 18** – UNPLANNED movie, Hastings Museum, *Hastings*
- **November 9th** – SCNRTL Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, Meeting Location TBD – *ALL welcome!!*
- **December TBD** – Pro-Life Tree with the Festival of Trees, Hastings Museum, *Hastings*
- **December TBD** – National Night of Prayer for Life, Location TBD, *Hastings*
- **January 16** – Nebraska Walk for Life, The State Capitol, *Lincoln*
- **January 17** – Sanctity of Life Sunday
- **January 29** – National March for Life, *Washington D.C.*

REMEMBER:

Voter Registration Deadline is Friday, October 23.

You must register when you turn 18, have a name change, or have a new address.

SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA RIGHT TO LIFE BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Amanda Frasier
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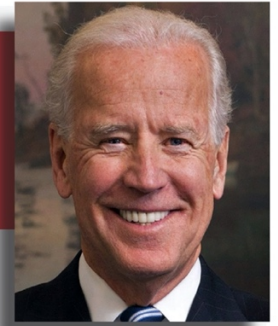
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Where do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



For President

Donald Trump

Joe Biden

Abortion on Demand

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 61 million abortions.

President Trump has proven his pro-life commitment. As president he has appointed pro-life advocates in his cabinet and administration, restored the “Mexico City Policy,” and he has pledged “to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life.”

Joe Biden supports the current policy of abortion on demand. Joe Biden voted for the Harkin Amendment to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, which allows abortion for any reason. Joe Biden supports the Democratic platform of unlimited abortion even through birth.

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions after the unborn child is capable of feeling pain from abortion.

In his 2019 State of the Union speech, President Donald Trump called on Congress to “pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother’s womb.”

When asked about prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain, Joe Biden said, “I’m not going to interfere with that,” which would allow abortion through birth.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

President Trump opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortion. His administration issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions. He also cut off funding for the UNFPA due to their involvement in China’s forced abortion program.

Joe Biden supports using tax dollars to pay for abortion. Joe Biden says he supports elimination of the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden voted for taxpayer funding of overseas pro-abortion organizations.

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

The fundamental documents of American democracy and freedom, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, have given us essential principles to be respected by the courts such as the “unalienable” right to life.

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint one to three justices to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Donald Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

Joe Biden pledges that his judicial nominees would “support the right of privacy, on which the entire notion of a woman’s right to choose is based.”



Note new date!

Save the Date

**NEBRASKA WALK
FOR LIFE**

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021

10 a.m. State Capitol

11:30 a.m. UNL Student Union

**Join the largest, longest-running
First Amendment demonstration against
abortion in the state!**

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TWO SHOWINGS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th at 4pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th at 4pm

Hastings Museum Theatre

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All Abby Johnson wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood and one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

Seating is limited. Doors open 15 minutes prior showtime.

Due to the movie's rating, parents must be present
with any minor age 16 and under.



*Concessions are not open. No free popcorn. Capacity is limited to 100 people.
Attendees must wear masks at all times while in the Hastings Museum
and Theatre. Space between family groups required.
Any changes according to current DHM's will be enforced.*

