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Meet our two faces of the Teen Pro-Life Generalion! Ashley & Siena!





Ashley C.

Ashley C. - 17 yrs. old

Q: What does pro-life mean to you?

A: To me, being pro-life means fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves and creating an understanding for those unborn children who deserve to live.

Q: How do you get your pro-life information? A: I get my pro-life information from RTLCC because ever since I was little, I have spent lots of time in their office, and as a result, I was able to learn about the cause. Furthermore, I also learn about pro-life information by educating myself on the matter.

Q:What are ways you get involved with pro-life issues?

A: I get involved in pro-life issues by paticipating in the Culture for Life club at SJM High School, which is dedicated to spread awareness about the pro-life movement and raise money for the cause. Furthermore, I also participate in RTLCC's annual auction, which raises money and supports the pro-life cause.

Q:How are you an example for the future pro-life

generation?

A: Í am an example of the future pro-life generation because I educate myself on the matter and demonstrate the perspective of a pro-life person through non-judgement and understanding.

Siena B. - 15 yrs. old

Q: What does pro-life mean to you?

A: Everyone has the right to life, from conception to natural death, and it should not be taken away.

Q: How do you get your pro-life information?

A: From my family, my Church and events like the Walk for Life.

Q:What are ways you get involved with pro-life issues? A: Walk for Life and talking to people at my school.

Q: How are you an example for the future pro-life

generation?

A: I stand up for what I believe even if it's the unpopular opinion. If it's what's right, then stand up for it!



Siena B.

We are excited to see the faces of the next pro-life generation. Teens can follow us at Teens4LifeCC (Instagram), join us at our fair booths, get involved with pro-life clubs, contact your legislators, volunteer for 40 Days for Life each spring and fall, collect items to donate to moms who choose life and request educational presentations for your school or youth group. These are several ways for teens to get involved and stay informed.

Visit RightToLifeCA.com and click on our "Teen" tab for more resources and information.









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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 - October 31 40 Days for Life Campaign

October 6 - October 17 Fresno Fair

October 29 - October 31 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

November **Opening of Obria Medical** Clinic

December 3 **Christmas Dinner & Auction**

Director's Note

Chemical Abortion and Telemedicine: What You Need to Know about New Threats to Life



While most Americans are unaware of it, 41% of abortions in this country are not performed surgically, but via chemical or so-called "medication" abortion. The process of chemical abortion involves a pregnant woman orally ingesting two medications over the course of a roughly 2-day period. The first is mifeprex or mifepristone, the "abortion pill" proper. This pill alters the lining of the woman's uterus in order to cut off the developing fetus' "life support," thus resulting in the child's death. The second, misoprostol, artificially induces labor, resulting in the woman expelling the fetus in a fashion similar to miscarriage. The process is only approved for women who are 10 weeks pregnant or less. To be clear, this is different from the morning after pill.

Until earlier this year, FDA restrictions on the chemical abortion process required that the first drug, mifepristone, be ingested in a clinical context under observation from healthcare professionals. Throughout the Trump administration, pro-abortion activists urged that those restrictions be lifted, due to a desire to increase abortion "access" for women who live far from an abortion clinic or lack transportation. President Biden has approved this change as an "emergency" procedure in light of the COVID pandemic, but there is no doubt these changes will become permanent.

This brings us to a more frightening prospect: **telemedicine abortions**. The future of abortion provision—which is already reality in some states—is that abortion can be accomplished almost entirely via a smartphone. After a positive pregnancy test, a woman will download a telemedicine app to her phone and begin chatting through the app (via a HIPAA-secured server) with a nurse practitioner for Planned Parenthood, who will prescribe chemical abortion. The medication will then be mailed to the woman's door. No need for an abortion claim, no need for a car: abortion has now become as simple as getting an Amazon Prime package, health concerns be damned. In this setting, there is no opportunity to perform an ultrasound to see if the pregnancy is under 10 weeks, if the woman is experiencing an ectopic pregnancy, or to provide support. Women will be aborting their children entirely by themselves in their homes, with no required outside support.

According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, the number of abortions has increased in more than 20 states in 2019 which coincided with the increased usage of chemical abortions. We must fight against this. Pro-life entities like the Obria Medical Clinics of Central California are utilizing telemedicine to chat with women via smartphone apps before Planned Parenthood can get to them. Pro-life states are outlawing telemedicine abortion services and shipping abortion pills via mail. There are illegal sites where women are accessing black market abortion pills and having them mailed without a prescription. Pro-lifers must defend our children and our communities from the scourge of chemical abortion.







33rd Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

Fresno Convention Center, Ernest E. Valdez Exhibit Hall

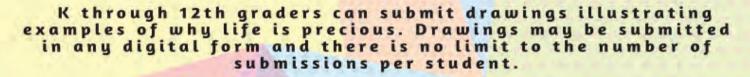
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Doug & Therese Swinehart

Please visit our website for sponsorship opportunities and information. We look forward to seeing you there!



Want to show off your creativity and writing skills?



4th through 12th graders can submit a writing sample answering the question "What Does Standing Up For Life Mean To You?" The essay must be between 100 and 300 words. Poetry with the same title may be submitted.

Submit entries to Linda@righttolifeca.org between Sept. 1- Nov. 1st

Gift cards will be given to the winner of each grade level every person who submits will recieve a free gift.

Right to Life

40 Days for Life Sept. 22nd - Oct. 31, 2021







Outreach Activities







Outreach Center Mid June - September 2021

- Number of Volunteers at Sidewalk: 94
- Number of informational bags handed out: 232

- Mothers choosing Life: 5
- People coming into the Outreach Center: 4

Birthday Parties



Friends of RLCC celebrating Baby B's B-Day!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

> 40 Days for Life Sept. 22-Oct. 31 Fresno Fair October 6-17

Contact George at 559-785-1065 / george@rtlcc.org Madera Fair Sept. 9-12, 2021





Right to Life will offer educational presentations at Catholic schools and Confirmation programs throughout Fresno this academic year. Contact us if you want us at your school or church!

Right to Life EDUCATIO



Rosali C. & daughter & grand-daughter volunteering at the Madera Fair





If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call our Fresno area contacts. We have peer counselors with 20 years of experience and a licensed clinical social worker available to help. All calls and information shared are strictly confidential and our counselors are off site.

Fresno-area contacts: 1-833-776-0023 (English) 1-888-686-8537 (Spanish)

2021 Upcoming Retreat:October 29-31

For anyone currently struggling with a crisis pregnancy we can provide support and helpful resources. Our Rachel's Vineyard team is here to serve you.

The Physical & Psychological Consequences of Chemical Abortion By Patti Lometti, LCSW and Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator

Over-the-counter pregnancy tests enable women to detect pregnancies very early which have now led to a surge in the use of chemical abortions. More than 40% of abortions are now done this way and the percentage is likely to increase due to the use of telemedicine. Chemical abortion pills are advertised as a safe, convenient, and private way to terminate an unplanned pregnancy. They give women the false hope that this method will alleviate the stress that may be experienced with a surgical abortion and emphasize the ease of using these deadly chemicals.

The "myth" is that a chemical abortion is a safe medical procedure. Those who advocate for chemical abortions do irreparable harm and a great disservice to women. They send women home alone with no one to protect them from what they will experience. The process is four times more likely to require medical intervention afterward than a surgical abortion. Women are told that they will likely feel moderate cramping like a heavy menstrual period; however, most women experience unbearable cramping and excruciating pain.

It is alarming that the FDA has recently altered some of the safety protocols regarding the use of mifepristone and misoprostol for pregnancy termination. The lack of close medical supervision often contributes to a higher risk of severe infection, sepsis, hemorrhaging,

undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy, uterus rupture, incomplete abortion, and even death. The psychological and emotional consequences often include depression, anxiety, profound sadness, regret, guilt, grief, and can increase the likelihood of substance abuse and/or other self-destructive behaviors. In the aftermath of all abortion procedures, women lose part of themselves when their child has died.

The truly sad and extremely distressing aspect of a chemical abortion is that the woman becomes the abortionist and her bathroom and bedroom become the abortion clinic. Since the mother is performing her own abortion and often must see and handle her own child's body or body part, this is even more traumatic than a surgical abortion. The devastating consequence is that many women face a unique type of pain (traumatic memories, flashbacks, and intrusive thoughts and images) as they try to live day to day in the very place where their innocent baby died.

Grassroots agencies and women who have seen and experienced the devastating effects of chemical abortion are now trying to give a voice to women who have been emotionally, psychologically, and physically harmed by this procedure. We saw the agonizing scenes of Abby Johnson's chemical abortion in the movie Unplanned.

Pregnancy Resources of Right to Life



Evangel Home Vision: "A home where the cycle of crisis ends, where lives are reconciled to Jesus Christ, where families and relationships are restored and where the future holds hop for the next generation"

Evangel Home is a homeless shelter for women and women with children. Our motto is Christ leads, people care, lives change. We began changing lives in 1955 when our founder discovered there was no place for women to go when leaving a toxic environment. Today we still help women break the cycle of crisis and be able to become firmly established in society. We have grown over the years and own half the block where women can receive professional counseling, child care, chapel, emergency shelter, or long term programming.

For more Information please contact Sarah Dawson, Executive Director @ 559-264-4714 or director@evangelhome.org



Thank You to Our New and Continuing 300 Club Members!



Thank you all for your continuing support of our **300 Club**. Many of you knew our beloved former board member, employee, and supporter, Debby Bone, who passed away in October of 2020. Not only was Debby a staunch supporter of Right to Life, but she also founded the **300 Club**. Debby believed that there is widespread support of the Pro-Life movement in California and that, through grassroots efforts, we can save babies! She also knew that not everyone is able to contribute large donations, but if each person gave \$25 a month or any amount they are comfortable with, then together, we can continue the fight for life.

"We miss Mom every day, however, there are moments when we can feel her presence. Watching the 300 Club become what it has is one of those moments. It has Debby written all over it. We couldn't think of a more fitting legacy for our Mom than a fund that keeps the doors open for a cause she held so dear to her heart. Thank you for keeping our Mom's memory alive while protecting the unborn."

- Mary Grace Schurter, Daughter of Debby Bone

Our **300 Club** has been successful due to the support of members like yourself. So, thank you for your **300 Club** membership! With your support, we will continue to work hard to carry out our mission.

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Listen to the "Stories from the Sidewalk" segment with Linda Teliha the first Saturday of each month. Hear about the life-affirming work done at our Outreach Center next to Planned Parenthood.

Have a pro-life question you would like answered on the radio? Email: questions@RTLCC.org









FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Stop searching and start watching! Here are some Pro-Life movie titles you should watch.

MOVIES ABOUT FATHERS











"Show Me The Father" "Fatherhood"

Book Recommendation



Worthy of Wearing: How Personal Style **Expresses Our** Feminine Genius

In this beautiful, first-of-its-kind book, Nicole guides you through the steps involved in cultivating your personal style that celebrates your unique genius, mission, and vocation and that's reflective of a Catholic worldview. You'll learn how to perceive and appreciate your self-worth by owning your own story and celebrating your unique inherent dignity. You'll then learn how to integrate that identity with your faith life and personal style. When all three are combined, you'll be able to harness contagious confidence, which becomes the means through which you can connect with others and evangelize in a compelling way.



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