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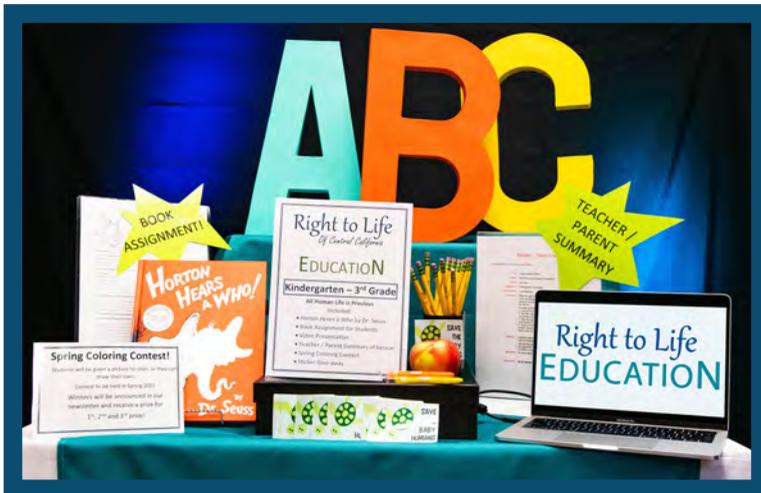
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Back to School



By John Gerardi



K - 3 Education Package

Right to Life EDUCATION

Since Covid-19 limited our ability to engage in our in-person educational ministries, we at Right to Life are excited to present our new distance-learning compatible educational packages!

We have designed these age-specific educational packages to be a fun and creative way to learn about the topics of the dignity and sanctity of human life. With each package, you will receive a course outline, pre-recorded video for educators to review in advance, a book on the importance of life, handouts for students, class assignment prompts for teachers, and a fun give away.

The topics of discussion will vary depending on grade levels and range from young-child appropriate lessons on the importance of every person, to high school-level discussions defending the pro-life position and learning the history of legal abortion in the United States.

For example, grades K-3 will receive a copy of Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears a Who* for the class, stickers for each student, a video of our presentation, a teacher outline, a simple assignment encouraging students to write a "letter" to Horton about why they value life, and a parent summary.

High school classes will receive a copy of Randy Alcorn's wonderful pro-life apologetics book *Why Pro-Life? Caring for the Unborn and Their Mothers*, student and teacher outlines for the talk, a video of the presentation, a short essay prompt on "arguments against abortion," and the magazine *Stay Woke*.

We also have unique education packages available for grades 4-5 and 6-8.

Right to Life educators will be available for Zoom-based interactions with students, Q&A sessions, and more. We encourage teachers, educators, and parents to contact us for these pro-life education packages. These packages are a great pro-life teaching tool to use both at school and home including religious education classes.

If you are interested in bringing Right to Life to your school, youth group, Confirmation class, or homeschooling "pod," get in touch with us! We are here to serve you. All of our educational packages are free of charge, as part of our core ministry of education.



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The upcoming November elections will have a major impact on abortion policy in our state and throughout the country, and we at Right to Life want to highlight a few key issues for our supporters. While Right to Life is a 501(c)(3) and cannot support or oppose candidates or parties, we can take positions on ballot initiatives, support pro-life principles, and highlight the issues at stake in the election:

1) **Proposition 14: Vote No!** There is a California ballot initiative this year that touches on the abortion issue, and which deserves our fervent opposition: Proposition 14. This is a \$5.5 billion bond measure (that is, a loan that the taxpayers must pay back with interest, thus costing over \$7 billion) to fund the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). CIRM is the state-funded center for embryo-destructive stem cell research. It takes cells from early-stage human beings for research purposes, killing the embryos in the process.

In addition to loss of life, this program is an enormous waste of money. The San Francisco Chronicle reported in 2018 that CIRM had developed zero FDA-approved treatments or cures with the initial \$3 billion it received from California taxpayers in 2004. This ballot measure is a waste of life, a waste of money, and deserves fervent opposition.

2) **Abortion at federal law: Vote Pro-Life!** The presidential race could have an enormous impact on federal abortion law. With the new vacancy on the Supreme Court resulting from Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death, and the Republican commitment to fill that seat in the next weeks with a pro-life nominee to the Court, various Democrats have called more stridently for many of these policies. Vice Presidential nominee Kamala Harris has called for numerous extreme abortion policies: funding abortion directly with federal taxpayer dollars, overriding pro-life laws passed by individual states, and "packing" the Supreme Court with more pro-choice Justices by expanding the total number of Justices on the Court. Joe Biden's advisers have endorsed deregulating the abortion pill so that it can be shipped in the mail and ingested at home rather than in clinics, which would massively increase abortion access. Mr. Biden personally pledged to continue suing the Little Sisters of the Poor and other pro-life groups for their refusal to provide abortifacient contraception in their health insurance plans, and he has largely radicalized all of his former, more moderate, stances on abortion policy. President Trump's record is imperfect also: he has failed to cut off federal funding for embryo-destructive stem cell research, leaving in place Obama-era regulations to that end. We hope and urge him to change those policies.

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Executive Director John Gerardi

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Obria is a national chain of pro-life women's prenatal and reproductive health clinics. They are leading the way as one of the most innovative pro-life, prenatal health clinics in the nation. In the next 24 months, Right to Life of Central California will be bringing an Obria clinic to Fresno that will offer resources for women that include:

- Well Woman Exams / Pap Smears • Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound • Prenatal Care • STD / STI Testing and Treatment
 - Breast Cancer / Cervical Cancer Screenings
 - Natural Family Planning - Contraception Education
 - Abortion Alternatives - Pregnancy Option Education
 - Abortion Pill Reversal • Post-Abortion help
 - And many more services!

The Obria Medical Clinics of Central California are moving closer to establishing its first clinic in 2021 and beginning its educational endeavors throughout the Valley. We are working closely with partners in major local hospital networks who are willing to provide Obria with suitable clinical space for its work. We are also working on integrating Obria's health education efforts into Right to Life of Central California's work.

Now that Obria is a separate corporation from Right to Life, we encourage those who are interested to support its work. To set up donations, contact Obria CEO John Gerardi at john@rtlcc.org, or call us at 559-229-2229. Make checks payable to Fresno Obria Clinic, 1742 E Griffith Way, Fresno, CA 93726.

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Meet Our New Board Chair!

By Kevin Goering

My family returned to the Fresno area after a 15 year absence about 6 years ago. Since then we have been involved with Right to Life. My wife Sarah first introduced me to the organization at a Christmas fundraiser and I was immediately inspired. While she has stayed involved in the organization over the years, it was evident from that very first interaction that this was a special community. The mission is centered on supporting those in need while coming from a place of love and support. The people in the community are selfless and when we come together, accomplish incredible things. I couldn't have been more excited when given the opportunity to join and help lead our board as we further expand this community and help more people in need.

This year has been tough for many reasons on many of us as a community. We have maintained momentum as a Right to Life community but are being dealt some tough setbacks. We, as a board and staff, have committed to reshaping our approach in these turbulent times. We have many ideas on new ways of operating and engaging with those in need and will be looking to you for even more input. We are coming from a place of strength and success, but we want to reach more men and women in need, save more babies, educate more children, and grow our pro-life community. We ask that you continue or even increase your support and interactions with the community as we need it more than ever.

I am incredibly excited and humbled to join this fantastic team as we continue to fight for life. I look forward to getting to know many of you better over the coming months, and thank you for everything you do as part of our team.

- Kevin Goering



Kevin Goering, wife Sarah and Ethan and Kennedy

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Right to Life THOUGHT

This Summer, Right to Life is introducing a new series of short, readily-shareable educational social media videos on various pro-life topics. If you've ever seen a "PragerU" video, it's a very similar format. These are our Right to Life Thoughts, hosted by RLCC director and pro-life attorney John Gerardi. We encourage you to share these excellent videos on social media, with young people, and to schools and in other settings. Topics covered include the history of abortion, abortion and the Constitution, particular California issues, and more.

Baby Shower Update

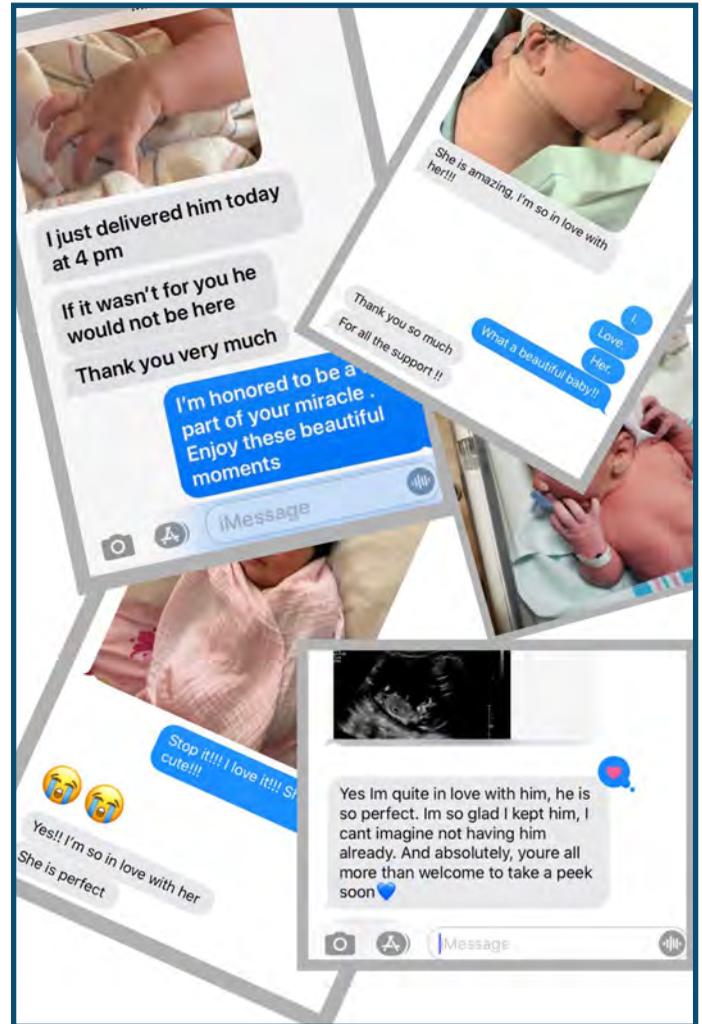
By Sarah Goering

We are grateful and happy to update our supporters about the young moms who recently had their babies. With your support, our community showered these mothers with not only supplies but also **LOVE**. Two baby boys were born, and one precious baby girl. From the moment they decided to walk away from Planned Parenthood, the mothers each expressed love for their unborn children. Your generosity has shown these women how important their lives are and their babies' lives are and helped these women get off to a great start with their babies. **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN THE BABY SHOWER.**

As you recall, these young women encountered our Outreach team outside of Planned Parenthood this spring, and were inspired and supported by our team to keep their babies. We were able to provide these women with resources and information during a stressful time. After having a moment to pause and think, these brave women had the courage to change their minds about having an abortion with no regrets. In fact, their decision to keep their babies reinforced their beliefs that life is precious and how temporary their initial fear was.

These women want to express how grateful they are to Right to Life of Central California and their supporters. Sarah Goering, Linda Teliha, and Monica King had the pleasure of delivering all of the baby items to these amazing women. As you can see, all of your donations made a positive impact in their lives. It was also a blessing for Linda, Monica and Sarah to realize how important and necessary their work is and why our presence next to Planned Parenthood is essential.

It takes a village. From these mothers to you, **“THANK YOU FOR BEING IN THIS VILLAGE”**. Again, we want to thank everyone for their prayers, donations, and support of this important ministry of Right to Life. Take a moment to read their texts. They are to **YOU**.



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through peacefully praying in front of Planned Parenthood.

COVID-19 has restricted our ability to host volunteers at our Outreach Center located next to Planned Parenthood. Therefore, we are encouraging our supporters to register for our online campaign. Our director will be sending out a daily email to encourage and support everyone during their prayer vigils. You will be able to pray from home and still support the campaign. **Visit: RTLCC.org/40Days to register.**

*If you have a small group that would like to pray at our Outreach Center, please call our office at 559-229-2229.

Rachel's Vineyard

Finding Hope, Healing and Peace

If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call our toll-free national hot-line today at:

1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463)

Call our Fresno-area contacts:

1-877-629-6626 (English)

1-888-686-8537 (Spanish)

Upcoming Retreats:

English | October 2-4 and November 6-8

For more information visit:

www.RTLCC.org/rachels-vineyard



Father's Day 2020 Cheer



Linda Teliha and Monica King delivering Father's Day cards at Nazareth House

Right to Life delivered 80+ Father's Day cards to our wisest fathers. Thank you Nazareth House for caring for them. We love you all!!!



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Please save the date to join us on
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32nd annual Christmas Dinner and Auction.
This will be a virtual event!

This year we are proud to be honoring the Cameron siblings (Suzanne Orlando, Paul Cameron, Andy Cameron, Marianne Angelillo, and Mark “Moke” Cameron) for all of their amazing work and support on behalf of Right to Life.

Please keep this date open so you can enjoy a fun online experience from the comfort of your own home while dining on delicious food. Even though we are not able to have our event in person, we are excited to highlight what we have accomplished this year. Your support allows us to continue our life-saving mission.

We will be sending out more information on how to view the event shortly.

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Please visit our website for further details and to register.

Contact kristen@righttolifeca.org with any questions.



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