



## Free Speech Case Against Minneapolis Goes Forward

*(Editor's note — Much of this article is taken from an October 31 media alert by Tom Ciesielka of the Thomas More Society, the pro-life law firm representing Pro-Life Action Ministries in this case.)*

A U.S. District Court judge in the District of Minnesota has denied the City of Minneapolis' Motion to Dismiss a First Amendment rights lawsuit brought by life advocates over the city's abortion buffer zone. The court order, issued October 30, 2023, allows the federal lawsuit, filed in April 2023 by Thomas More Society on behalf of Pro-Life Action Ministries, to continue.

Judge Eric Tostrud denied the City of Minneapolis' Motion to Dismiss with respect to its challenges of the "freedom-

of-speech, free-exercise-of-religion, and overbreadth claims."

"Without a developed record, it is not possible to answer the 'narrowly tailored' question in this case at this motion-to-dismiss stage," Judge Tostrud wrote in response to Thomas More Society's charge that Minneapolis' regulation of First Amendment speech is unconstitutionally burdensome.

*(The November 2022 city ordinance prevents sidewalk counselors from being in the public area of the driveway at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Uptown Minneapolis to speak with those driving in. They are restricted to offering literature from the rest of the sidewalk and the street at that location.)*

The motion was granted with respect

to the freedom of association and vagueness claims.

In reality, this ordinance creates "an unconstitutional, content-based exclusion zone, created exclusively for the purpose of shutting down pro-life speech outside of abortion facilities," said Erick Kaardal, Thomas More Society Special Counsel. Besides restricting the rights of pro-lifers, "the young pregnant woman constitutionally loses by not getting the information she may want," said Kaardal.

"The ruling was based on the city of Minneapolis seeking to have the entire lawsuit dismissed. Having a judge rule that we are going to go forward was very good news for us," Brian Gibson, CEO of

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## One Pro-Abortion Demonstrator Limited by Harassment Restraining Orders

## Pro-Lifers Again Assaulted Despite Police Promises

by Debra Braun  
Education Director

Participants in the November 5 closing vigil of our 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign were once again assaulted and harassed by pro-abortion agitators, with the police again unwilling to control the counter-protestors, despite promises to the contrary. At our opening vigil September 27 outside Planned Parenthood (PP), the crowd could barely hear the special speaker, Dr. Haywood Robinson, because of constant blasphemies and taunts from two pro-abortion, bullhorn-wielding demonstrators who also interfere with the sidewalk counselors every week outside PP. A Pro-Life Action Ministries employee called the St. Paul police about the loud bullhorns, but when they arrived, they didn't even get out of their squad cars.

So Brian Gibson, CEO of Pro-Life Action Ministries, and Brian Walker,



**Regular pro-abortion agitator aims her very loud bullhorn at kneeling prayer supporters while one pro-lifer tries to protect her ears during our 40 Days for Life closing vigil November 5.**

Program Director, met with representatives of the St. Paul Police Department and were promised that if these two agita-

tors or other pro-abortion people showed

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## Guest Editorial

# Planned Parenthood Union Busters

by Tim Miller

Executive Director, PLAM Action

For people like me who are deeply involved in the political culture of Minnesota, there has been a growing story that even fictional writers would not write, saying it is too far-fetched to believe. And yet, the story unfolding is all too true.

About a year or so ago negotiations began between officials of Planned Parenthood North Central States (PPNCS) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). States included are North and South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. They are negotiating a first-ever union labor contract for Planned Parenthood employees.

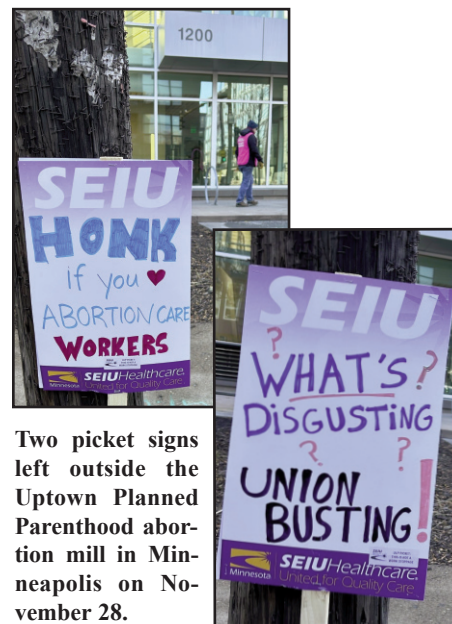
The irony is not on the face of a labor dispute. Groups form unions in industry all the time. It is, however, found in the players of this particular game. As stated, those of us in the political world know all too well that most labor unions are very supportive of abortion and have joined abortionists in multiple elections to get pro-abortion candidates elected as long as they also support union efforts. While politicians are not always in synchronicity on these two issues, almost all pro-abortion candidates and elected officials extol the virtues of unions...until now. There is emerging a classic case of “do what I say, not what I do.”

The case in point right now is of recently resigned State Representative Ruth Richardson (52B). In fall 2022, Rep. Richardson was hired by PPNCS as its new CEO while she was still serving in office. Upon this hire, there were calls by several elected officials for her to choose either Planned Parenthood or the House of Representatives, but not serve both. Why? In Minnesota law, an elected legislator cannot work as a lobbyist or with a firm which has a strong presence of lobbying in St. Paul. To be clear, PPNCS lobbies heavily in St. Paul each year. They were the chief architect of the new “PRO Act”, which Rep. Richardson voted for, that allows unrestricted and

unregulated abortion through live birth. PPNCS also received millions of new taxpayer dollars from the legislature, which Rep. Richardson also voted for. And yet, House leadership did nothing.

Then, suddenly there was an announcement by this very same union, SEIU, that they were removing their endorsement of Rep. Richardson for “union busting practices” at PPNCS. Shortly thereafter, Rep. Richardson resigned from the House of Representatives, after she voted to grow the abortion business in Minnesota. So, basically, breaking the law was not good enough to resign from the legislature, but union busting was. Huh?!

In late November, SEIU picketed in



Two picket signs left outside the Uptown Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Minneapolis on November 28.

front of PPNCS locations in Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, albeit before their killing factories were open for business, and they are threatening to go on strike if their demands for massive pay increases and “better working conditions” aren’t met. I’m not sure what better working conditions are when you are killing children, but that is up to the negotiators. While publicly the two sides are

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## Pro-Lifers Again Assaulted at Vigil (from page 1)

up for our closing vigil, that the same behavior would not be allowed. This time, as expected, even more pro-abortion counter-protestors came. At first there were eight police officers there, but half of them left about 30 minutes into the vigil, despite the 70 pro-life participants again being assaulted and harassed.

Besides the loud bullhorns in people's ears, several times one of the pro-abortion regulars pushed her way through the crowd for no reason except to cause trouble. The noise limit in that neighborhood is 80 dBA, but Brian Gibson was measuring the sound from the bullhorns, which averaged 93.5 dBA with spikes up to 121.3 dBA.

"At these levels, the sound becomes a weapon intended to physically harm our hearing and to obliterate our free speech rights," Brian said. He and another employee, Thomas Wilkin, along with some vigil participants, requested the assistance of the police, who were sitting in their squad cars in a lot across the street. The officers came over and told the two most aggressive demonstrators to stay out of the street and to stay away from the pro-lifers. When they disobeyed these orders, the police officers did nothing.

Then, towards the end of the vigil, more pro-abortion people in about 10 cars drove by PP several times with pro-abortion signs and blaring horns. The last time by, they stopped in the street near the vigil, continuing to blare their horns while holding up traffic. Some of them even left their cars in the street to confront the pro-lifers. Finally, after nearly 10 minutes, when a semi-truck driver

wanted to drive down that street, the police officers told the pro-abortion people to leave. Again, no one was arrested. We believe these non-arrest orders are coming from higher up in St. Paul, a city run by a pro-abortion mayor and city council.

"We made decisions regarding how we were going to conduct this prayer event based on what we were told by St. Paul Police officials," said Brian Gibson. "Our participants need not be subjected to screaming people with bullhorns at high volume within a few feet of us. That is not free speech. It is harassment and physical assault meant to shut down our free speech. We are looking into legal remedies."

### *Restraining Order Impacts "Caroling for Life"*

Five weeks later, on December 16, we conducted our "Caroling for Life" event outside the three local abortion mills that were open that day. One of the agitators again used her loud bullhorn to assault

and harass the carolers outside PP in St. Paul but she wasn't as close to them as she was at the previous vigils. Still, she screamed out song lyrics while the pro-lifers sang the Gospel through the Christmas carols.

The other regular agitator, Derek, was not there because of the presence of a prayer supporter who in the past had been especially targeted by Derek for harassment, so she had obtained an Harassment Restraining Order against him, which prohibits him from being within two blocks of her for two years. In addition, Brian Gibson has an order preventing Derek from using a bullhorn within 20 feet of him for two years. So Derek interfered with our caroling outside the Whole Woman's abortion mill in Bloomington, but a local ordinance there prevented him from using a bullhorn. (A few days later, Derek moved to Colorado, after two years of harassing us. Please continue to pray for his conversion.)

At the Bloomington location, we caroled in front of the building as women arrived and then went to the back of the building closer to the waiting room to fin-

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## Caroling for Life



Bloomington



St. Paul



Robbinsdale

## Caroling for Life (from page 3)



ish the caroling event. A group of about 30 also sang carols outside the Robbinsdale abortion center. There was no interference there from pro-abortion demonstrators.

### Caroling in Duluth and Central Florida

Our affiliate in Duluth, Minn., had a wonderful time caroling outside the abortion mill there on December 14. Thankfully, no babies were being killed that day! According to a report from the leaders there, "There were 25 of us, singing praises to Jesus our King. We also had cookies and hot chocolate for people passing by, and there were many big smiles on the faces of homeless folks we see on a regular basis."

And the manager of our branch in Central Florida, Michele Herzog, reported on their December 23 caroling outside the AWHC abortion mill: "What a won-



Photo by Amber Carroll

derful Caroling for Life we had singing Christmas carols, reading scripture, praying and trying to save little Christmas babies from the horrible death of abor-

tion! Thank you to everyone who came out to sing Christmas carols in the midst of such darkness! Glory be to God in the highest!"



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## Babies Saved

As this newsletter was being written, we had documented 41 babies saved through the efforts of Pro-Life Action Ministries in 2023! To read some of these stories, go to [www.plam.org](http://www.plam.org) and click on "Babies Saved".

We've also had MANY situations lately where we might have been instrumental in saving the baby, but we just don't have enough information to document as official babies saved.

### Shower Held for Mom and Baby Saved from Abortion

by Michele Herzog  
Central Florida Branch Manager

"We have changed our minds!" These were the words coming from two women as they were driving out of the AWHC abortuary in Altamonte Springs, Fla. months ago.

As their vehicle slowly approached us, they rolled their window down as we were offering help and literature and asking them to speak with us. The driver, who turned out to be the sister of the abortion-bound mama sitting in the passenger seat, began thanking us for being there. She said that her sister was not going to go through with the abortion which had been scheduled, and she again thanked us, with a huge smile on her face!

At this point we were elated, and shared with them how we would love to throw a baby shower and be there for mama during her pregnancy, and of course, after the baby was born.

They again shared how thankful they were for us being there for them and the baby, and drove off with plans of us meeting with them for lunch that week, which we did, and other times as well during the pregnancy.

And, as we had promised the sisters, we held a baby shower recently, and what a joyful celebration of life that was with loving Christians from this area, pouring forth presents and prayers for baby and mama! And then in December, the precious baby, who had once been slated to

die at that horrible place of death, was born, and what a beautiful baby boy he is! GLORY!

We give God all the glory for intervening on behalf of this child, and are ever so mindful of yet another little miracle baby saved from the brutal act of abortion. These little lives matter to the Lord, and because faithful servants gave of their time to stand on the sidewalk in front of the AWHC abortuary that almost fateful day, a child was saved, a child was born, and a mama knew people cared. For that we cry "Hallelujah," and pray that God will use this child in a great and mighty way.



This little boy was saved from the AWHC abortion mill in Central Florida this past summer and was born in December! Our sidewalk counselors hosted a baby shower for his mother before his birth (photo below).



### "My Baby DOES Have a Heartbeat!"

by Andy L., volunteer sidewalk counselor

On Tuesday, November 28, I called out to a girl walking into the St. Paul Planned Parenthood (PP), "Look at your ultrasound, look at your son or your daughter's heartbeat before you make any choices today!"

Shortly after, she came back out and I called out the same thing to her. She came driving out and rolled down her window. She told me she was there for an abortion but I couldn't hear much more than that with all the passing traffic, so I asked her if she'd be willing to meet me over at the Holiday gas station so that we could communicate better since my hearing isn't very good.

I met her there and then got the full story. Her abortion appointment was actually THE NEXT DAY, so PP sent her home (and into our hands). There were three prayer supporters out there with me at this time; they make ALL the difference! I told her about Wakota (pregnancy help center) and about a great pro-life advocate who works there. She shed some tears and told me she was praying to God to help her with her situation and that this was the answer to her prayers.

When I was walking away, I realized I had forgotten to ask what made her change her mind, so I ran back to her car and asked. She replied that when I had said, "Look at your son or your daughter's heartbeat before you make any choices," she thought to herself, "My baby DOES have a heartbeat!" Thank you Lord for these moments!

## PP Union Busting

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saying they are working together, actions (as I said before) are proving a little different. “Do what I say, not what I do.”

Here is where the irony also lies. The DFL Party, the singular purveyors of abortion laws, received its name in the

1970s when Democrats and two smaller parties formed one larger party – Democratic, Farmer, and LABOR. Also, turnover for workers at PPNCs between June 2021 and June 2023 was 44%. And yet, former Rep. Richardson doesn’t care about the workers enough to negotiate with them. Just get to work and kill those babies for profit!

I ask you to pray for all of these peo-

ple. When hypocrisy abounds, people start thinking, and when they start thinking, the Lord can work Truth into their lives. Also pray that if there is a contract, that the cost of it slows Planned Parenthood in their future expansion plans. Even better, maybe these employees go on strike and no abortions can occur for a period of time! Go union!

## Pray for . . .

### Sen. Kelly Morrison

Kelly Morrison has been one of the most pro-abortion members of the Minnesota Legislature since 2019. In early November, she announced that she was running for Congress in Minnesota’s District 3.

Morrison is an ob-gyn and although we have not been able to verify that she kills unborn children herself, it would seem unlikely that she does not, given her high profile as an abortion leader in the state. She was behind all the pro-abortion laws passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023 and she recently released a list of 27 other Minnesota ob-gyns endorsing her for Congress. Included in this list are known abortionists.

Morrison doesn’t just support killing people at the beginning of life. She is the chief author of pro-assisted suicide legislation in the Minnesota Senate. Assisted suicide is often euphemistically called Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD), and the American Medical Association (AMA) recently voted to continue opposing it. The retained AMA policy states in part, “Euthanasia is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”

Please pray that Morrison would “do no harm” as a physician, repent of all her efforts pushing the pro-death agenda, and turn to Christ for forgiveness and healing.

### Listing Abortionists

A hallmark of our ministry has been confronting the evil of abortion with the

love of Christ. This approach has included publicly identifying who the abortionists (and pro-abortion leaders) are. The practice of placing the names of abortionists in this newsletter has a twofold purpose: to ask for your heartfelt prayers for their conversion and to inform you so that you are not patients of those committing abortions.

The criteria for placing someone on this list is that the individual is directly involved in committing abortions and that this has been reasonably verified. We have resoundingly condemned any sort of physical or psychological threats to anyone involved in abortion. Our desire is for the love of God to permeate the lives of those associated with abortion, that they will turn away from the harm they inflict and become followers of Christ as so many before them have done. Please pray for the following abortionists:

#### Minnesota

Julie Amaon, Carol E. Ball, David Baram, Christy Boraas-Alsleben, Kristi Borowski, Robin Bresette, Thomas F. Campbell, Nicole Chaisson, William Cliby, Peter D’Ascoli, Norman Davies, Sean Dowdy, Kathryn Eggleston, June Fahrman, Abimbola Famuyide, Kimberly Fischer, Hope Frisch, Melvin Frisch, Lynn Hagedorn, Marilee Hanson, Amy Hertz, Judith Johnson, Liz Jordan, Christopher Klingele, Audrey Lance, Kristin (Schmalz) Lyerly, Mary Mahoney, Catherine McKegney, Joseph Nelson, Judith Ney, Robyn Oliver, Jessika Ralph, Donna Randall, Razel Remen, Carl Rose, Anuja Singh, Carrie Terrell, Sarah Traxler, Kenneth Trofatter, Wendy White, Timothy O. Wilson

#### Central Florida

Kirk Brody, Candace Cooley, Gary Dresden, James Gengalbach, Darwin Jackson, Malcolm Jones, Michael Loss, Sujatha Prabhakaran, Jose Raul Quintana, Virgil Reid, Harvey Roth

#### Is Your Doctor Involved in Abortions?

#### Does Your Doctor Prescribe Abortifacient Birth Control?

Ask your doctor if he/she does abortions or refers for them, or prescribes abortifacients such as the Pill, Ortho Evra (the “patch”), Depo-Provera (the “shot”), Nuva-Ring, the “morning-after pill,” implants, or the IUD. All these methods (and others) can cause very early abortions by thinning the lining of the uterus so that if breakthrough ovulation occurs (which is possible) and a new life is conceived, the young human being may not be able to attach to the uterine lining and therefore he or she dies. These methods can also be very dangerous, even deadly, to the woman. If you would like the names of completely pro-life physicians, see [www.onemoresoul.com/nfp-directory](http://www.onemoresoul.com/nfp-directory). In Minnesota, you may also call our office at (651) 771-1500.

#### Natural Family Planning

For information about the safe, effective and morally acceptable methods of **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**, contact One More Soul at: 1-800-307-7685 or [www.onemoresoul.com](http://www.onemoresoul.com). One More Soul has resources to help people understand how children are a great blessing from God, and how contraception is very harmful to women, and their marriages, and consequently to families, Church and society.



## Regular Prayer Times Outside the Abortion Centers

Join a group below or start your own prayer time outside an abortion center. We *strongly* encourage prayer groups from all denominations. If you would like to have your group listed here, contact Debra Braun at (651) 797-6364.

### Central Florida

**All Women's Health Center (AWHC)** 431 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. (Rosary) St. Margaret Mary, Barbara (407) 647-9230

Thursday 9:30 a.m. (Rosary) St. Mary Magdalen, Larry (407) 453-4583

Second Friday (Third Friday in January and July) 10:30-12:30 (Rosary)

St. Paul Catholic Community, Leesburg

**Planned Parenthood** 11500 University Blvd., Orlando

Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Rosary), Gerry (914) 837-7008 or Bernice (407) 310-8732

**Orlando Women's Center (OWC)** 1103 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando

Wednesday 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Rosary) Respect Life Ministry, Our Saviour's Church,

Gene Rasmussen (407) 967-0992

Second Saturday 8:30-11:30 a.m., Holy Name of Jesus and Ascension K of C groups from

Melbourne, Ray (321) 427-5582

Third Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Respect Life Ministry, Our Saviour's Church,

Gene Rasmussen (407) 967-0992

Third Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m., St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

### Duluth

**WE Health Clinic** 32 E. First St. (Building For Women)

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Marie Opsahl (320) 384-6292

Wednesday Following 9:00 a.m. prayer at First Presbyterian Church, 300 East 2nd St., Duluth

Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m., Sarah Winandy (715) 969-4506

### Rochester, Minn.

**Planned Parenthood** 1212 7th St., NW

Call Maggie (507) 951-2316 for details.

(Abortions are usually committed on Mondays).

### Twin Cities

**Brooklyn Park Planned Parenthood** 7532 Brooklyn Blvd.

Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Rosary) Life Matters, St. Stephen's, Anoka (Abortions are done Fridays.)

**Eden Prairie Planned Parenthood** 582 Prairie Center Dr.

Fourth Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet) Ashley (303) 746-2574

"Prayer at Tower Square"

**Little Canada Planned Parenthood** 91 Viking Dr., W.

Second Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-noon, St. John's Culture of Life Committee

Third Saturday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan (651) 490-0247

Please join us in praying and/or holding signs.

**St. Paul Planned Parenthood** 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul

Monday through Saturday 7:20 a.m. (Rosary) Bob (612) 247-1166

Thursday 5:00 p.m. (Rosary) Bob (612) 247-1166

Third Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Rosary) All Saints Church, Lakeville, Mary Bocek (651) 528-4617

Friday 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Rosary) led by a priest of the Archdiocese

Friday 3:00-3:30 p.m. (Rosary) Legion of Mary

First Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary, Chaplet, Silence) A Community Caring for Life,

Michael Gross, gross-me@outlook.com

Third Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Cathedral of St. Paul Knights of Columbus #14752,

Al Rohweder (612) 417-6613

**Richfield Planned Parenthood** 6527 Lyndale Ave., S.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (Rosary) Helen (612) 822-8360

**Robbinsdale abortion center** 3819 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale

Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) led by Rev. Thomas Dufner

**Whole Woman's** 8053 E. Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington

Wednesday Approximately 9:00 a.m. (Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet). For details, contact

Bernadette (952) 941-8079 or Kathy (952) 356-9530 (Leave a message if no one answers.)

Thursday 10:00 a.m. (Rosary) Bloomington/Richfield Marian Council Knights of Columbus

Tom Mantel (952) 835-3945

**Woodbury Planned Parenthood** 1795 Radio Dr.

Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Divine Mercy Chaplet) Transfiguration Church, contact Phil for details:

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## Lawsuit Goes Forward

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Pro-Life Action Ministries, told *Alpha News* November 9. "We believe the city has seriously infringed upon our free speech. We're looking forward to winning in federal court."

The case is now in the discovery phase with a jury trial scheduled to begin on December 30, 2024. Meanwhile, side-walk counselors continue to reach out to pregnant women at that location despite the restrictive ordinance. Please join us!

*More background information: At the October 16 hearing before Judge Tostrud, an attorney for the city of Minneapolis, Tracey Fussy, seemed impatient with the First Amendment arguments being made by Peter Breen of the Thomas More Society. At one point, she exclaimed, "It's five words — Stay out of the driveway!" Trump-appointee Judge Tostrud was the second judge assigned to this case. The first was Biden-appointee Jerry Blackwell, a friend of pro-abortion Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose son, Jeremiah Ellison, is a Minneapolis Councilmember who voted for the pro-abortion ordinance. Judge Blackwell finally recused himself two days before the first hearing was scheduled, citing the code that states, "Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."*

**To keep up with the MANY developments in the pro-life movement, check out these websites for daily updates on the life issues!**

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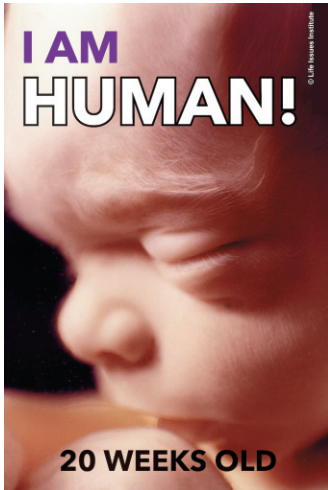
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## National News Briefs

\* An analysis by the German Institute of Labor Economics estimated that pro-life laws enacted in various states in the U.S since *Dobbs* have resulted in an annual 32,000 babies saved!

\* The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether the abortion pill, mifepristone, can continue to be sent through the mail and given to women without an exam and other restrictions. (Another young mom, Alyona Dixon, recently died after taking the abortion pill.)

\* The Supreme Court declined to hear the case of a "buffer zone" from Westchester County, N.Y., which could have overturned the 2000 *Hill* case which had upheld a Colorado buffer zone. However, the N.Y. law had been repealed with the support of PP when a sidewalk counselor appealed it to the Supreme Court.

\* An anti-sidewalk counseling, anti-pregnancy center state law in Illinois was permanently enjoined, with the agreement of the state's pro-abortion attorney general.

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## Calendar of Events

### Twin Cities

**February 14 - March 24 — Twin Cities 40 Days for Life Lent 2024**

**March 18 - 24 — Jericho March** (Watch for details.)

**March 29 — All-Day Good Friday Prayer Vigil** (Watch for details.)

**Weekly — "Living the Gospel of Life" show with Brian Gibson and Angela Erickson**

Relevant Radio, 1330 AM, Twin Cities, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, or listen online at:  
[www.plam.org/radio-show-archives](http://www.plam.org/radio-show-archives)

### Central Florida

**January 20 — Roe v. Wade Commemoration**

Remembering the 63+ million children killed during the nearly five decades under the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. Call (407) 230-2557 for the location and time of this event.

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children" Days**

Call (407) 230-2557 for dates, time and location.

Parents, bring your children to make signs, do LIFE sidewalk chalk art, pray and sing!

### Duluth

**March 23 — Jericho March and Rally**

10:00 a.m., in front of the Building For Women, 32 E. First St.

Pray, sing and march for the end of abortion and the saving of souls!

Let the voice of life and the innocent ones be heard in the streets proclaiming truth and life!

If you have a shofar or another instrument, please bring it.

**Every Thursday and Friday — Prayer and witness (sidewalk counseling on**

**abortion day)** 8:00 a.m., in front of the Building For Women, 32 E. First St.

(See page 2 for contact information to obtain details about any of these events and other ongoing daily and weekly activities. See also "Regular Prayer Times" on page 7.)