



MCCL March for Life

Virtual MCCL March for Life urges protection for unborn, compassion for women

The annual commemoration will return to the Capitol next year

BY PAUL STARK

ON JAN. 22 MCCL HELD a virtual March for Life to commemorate lives lost to abortion and to affirm that human rights belong to all members of the human family. The online event marked the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions, which nullified state laws protecting unborn children from abortion.

"Although we couldn't gather at the state Capitol this year because of COVID-19, we will never forget the unborn lives taken by abortion, the women who have been hurt, the families that have been wounded," said MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "Today we remember the devastation of abortion and stand in solidarity with unborn children and their mothers."

The MCCL March for Life has been held each year since 1974, the first anniversary of the Court's rulings. This is the first year without an in-person gathering at the Capitol in St. Paul, which was not feasible because of the pandemic. **A number of MCCL chapters, however, held smaller in-person gatherings in their own communities.**

Elected officials participate

U.S. Representatives Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach, and Pete Stauber all shared remarks during the virtual MCCL program, and Rep. Jim Hagedorn sent greetings as well (but could not be included because of the production timeline). Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Deputy Senate

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MCCL pushes bill to ban tax-funded abortion in Minnesota

Positive Alternatives funding, assisted suicide also expected to arise

BY PAUL STARK

THE NEW SESSION of the Minnesota Legislature began in January with a divided Legislature and a range of possible bills that could impact right-to-life issues.

"With many lawmakers working remotely because of COVID-19, this will be a challenging session for everyone," says MCCL Legislative Director Austin VanDerHeyden. **"But we will work hard to push pro-life measures forward and to stop legislation that would threaten innocent human life."**

Following the 2020 elections, the House is still controlled by Democrats and the Senate by Republicans, but pro-lifers now have bare majorities in both chambers. Gov. Tim Walz, however, is not pro-life.

Tax funding, licensing bills

MCCL is backing legislation to ban taxpayer funding of abortion. Since the Minnesota Supreme Court's Doe v. Gomez ruling in 1995, taxpayers have bankrolled elective abortions through the state's

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We're optimistic that—with your help—2021 will be a lifesaving year

BY LEO LALONDE

WITH JOE BIDEN in the White House, many pro-lifers are feeling down. And that's understandable.

We shouldn't get discouraged

Biden has already signed executive orders to promote abortion around the world and here at home (see page 3). We know that he's committed to unfettered and tax-funded abortion. **His administration will cause real harm to unborn children.**

And yet we shouldn't get discouraged. There are lots of ways that pro-lifers can make a lifesaving difference in 2021.

The new year started for us with an unusual MCCL March for Life (page 1). Though we couldn't all gather in-person at the Capitol, we still spoke out on behalf of unborn children and their mothers. **Through our virtual program (and some smaller local gatherings), we remembered all that has been lost to abortion over the last 48 years, and all that continues to be lost each and every day.** And we recommitted to our mission of protecting babies in the womb and supporting their mothers.

Legislation, education to save lives

How are we going to do that this year? Start with our legislative efforts. In the state Legislature, pro-lifers now have narrow majorities in both the House and Senate. Although the governor isn't pro-life, we will work to advance pro-life measures—and to stop anti-life legislation from reaching the governor's desk (page 1).

We ask you to call and email your own lawmakers to encourage them to prioritize the cause of life. They need to know that this issue matters to their constituents!

In Washington, abortion supporters now maintain control of both chambers of Congress, but the margin is very narrow. If pro-lifers commit to contacting their elected representatives in Congress, we can help block the worst legislation from getting through—especially an effort by abortion advocates to repeal the lifesaving Hyde Amendment (page 3).

Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court has clearly shifted in the right direction over the last few years. A 6-3 decision in January to reinstate an FDA rule preventing dangerous mail-order abortions is proof of that (page 3). **We are hopeful that the federal courts are positioned to allow states to enact greater and greater protections for unborn children and their mothers.** That's cause for optimism!

This year, MCCL will also resume some of our educational activities that were impossible during the pandemic. Although our Legislative Dinner is postponed to 2022, and our Student Day at the Capitol can't take place this year because of Capitol restrictions, we're looking forward to our pro-life fair outreach this summer. **In August, our Life Leadership Camp will train the next generation of pro-life leaders (page 7).**

What you can do

We want to maximize our pro-life effectiveness this year. And to do that, you are necessary! Here are three simple things you can do:

1. **Contact your elected officials both in St. Paul and in Washington.** They need to hear from you that life must be valued and protected by our lawmakers. Contact information is listed on the back of this issue.
2. **Participate in or promote MCCL's programs and activities this year.** They include our upcoming Mother's Day Project (page 5) as well as Life Leadership Camp.
3. **Become an MCCL member if you are not already, and encourage others to join MCCL.** A simple donation is all that is necessary, and it allows MCCL to do all that we do. See page 7 or visit mccl.org/donate for donation information.

The pro-life movement has always been about faithfulness to the cause of life, in good times and bad. Even when we face setbacks, our pro-life educational and legislative work continues to make a difference. We haven't ended abortion, but we have saved many, many lives. **And every life is really, really important.** Even a single human being is worth it!

Let's be faithful

So let's take heart that, with your faithfulness, our pro-life mission marches on. **We'll keep being faithful until the life of every innocent human being, from conception until natural death, is respected, valued, and protected under our laws. MCCL**

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pro-life update

BY PAUL STARK

ON JAN. 28, President Joe Biden took multiple abortion-expanding actions that will impact unborn children both around the world and here in the U.S.

Via an executive order, Biden overturned the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy, allowing U.S. foreign aid funding to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion overseas. Biden also began the process of undoing the Protect Life Rule now governing the Title X family planning program. Reversing the policy will redirect Title X funding to places that perform or refer for abortion, like Planned Parenthood.

In addition, Biden withdrew the U.S. from the 2020 Geneva Consensus Declaration. That Declaration had affirmed "the inherent dignity and worth of the human person," stating that abortion is not health care and that sovereign nations have the right to protect unborn children from abortion.

"During the presidential campaign, Joe Biden made it clear that promoting abortion would be a priority in his administration and it would be done at the expense of taxpayers," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "It is not surprising that his first actions are to dismantle both international and domestic protections that have saved countless lives—and put taxpayer money in the pockets of abortionists."

Biden administration takes immediate action to expand abortion

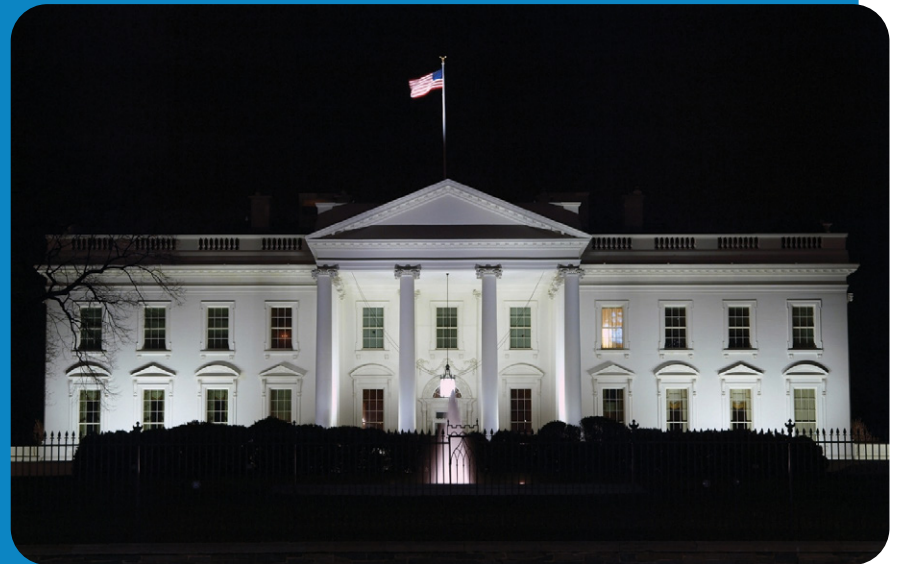
Hyde Amendment targeted in Congress

As a closely divided Congress begins its work in 2021, the Hyde Amendment could be on the line. The longstanding pro-life provision prevents most direct federal taxpayer funding of abortion through programs like Medicaid. Research by the Charlotte Lozier Institute shows that, over the years, it has saved more than two million unborn lives from abortion.

Yet many members of Congress want to repeal the policy, and have worked to build support for doing so. President Biden announced his opposition to the Hyde Amendment during the 2020 campaign. Pro-life members of Congress, however, have pledged to defend it. Reps. Jim Hagedorn, Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach, and Pete Stauber all signed a letter affirming their strong support for the measure. A Marist poll last month found that 58 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

safety measure that protects against dangerous at-home abortions," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "It's a very encouraging sign that the Court has allowed it to go back into place."

Mail-order abortions are not completely new. Planned Parenthood in Minnesota has participated in a pilot study to test the feasibility of such abortions, and some online abortion providers have subverted safety requirements to send chemical abortions in the mail. But the July ruling allowed



groups like Just the Pill to do so legally.

Because of the Supreme Court's decision, Just the Pill can no longer send abortions through the mail, but the group has begun offering abortions in rural areas through a mobile abortion clinic.

Abortion advocates also hope that the Biden administration will take action to eliminate the FDA requirement for chemical abortions.

Other life-affecting legislation is likely to come before Congress this year as well. You can contact your representative and Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith using the contact information on the back side of this issue.

Supreme Court halts mail-order abortions

On Jan. 12, the U.S. Supreme Court put a halt to mail-order abortions. **In a 6-3 ruling, the Court reinstated an FDA safety rule requiring that abortion drugs be dispensed at medical facilities.**

A lower-court judge had suspended the rule in July (citing the pandemic), allowing abortion providers to begin sending abortion drugs to women through the mail, even though this practice increased the health risks to women and expanded the number of unborn children who could be killed. **A new group in Minnesota, called Just the Pill, began a mail-order abortion operation last fall.**

"The FDA rule is an important and commonsense

National Right to Life issues abortion report

The National Right to Life Committee has released its annual "The State of Abortion in the United States" report. The report analyzes the latest abortion statistics, the impact of the Hyde Amendment, the activities of Planned Parenthood, federal and state pro-life legislation, and more. **National Right to Life estimates, based on a combination of Guttmacher Institute and CDC data, that more than 62.5 million abortions have taken place since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973.**

The report can be found online at nrlc.org/stateofabortion. **MCCL**



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2. To foster and increase protection of the right to life of mother and child.
3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.
5. To promote and encourage assistance in the care and rearing of children with birth defects.
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Baby items were delivered to the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center (pictured left and right) and other centers.

MCCL's Choose Life Drive collects baby supplies for families

TO MARK THE 25th anniversary of the devastating court decision that imposed tax-funded abortion in Minnesota, MCCL held a Choose Life Drive in December.

MCCL collected baby items—clothing, blankets, diapers (more than 4,000!), wipes, formula, and other items that mothers need most—from generous pro-lifers across the state and distributed them to pro-life pregnancy care centers that directly serve women.

This help is especially needed now. For many pregnant women, COVID-19 has made an already difficult situation even more challenging. They deserve so much better than government-funded abortion.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Choose Life Drive. You helped support women and babies! **MCCL**



Archbishop Hebda - Photo credit: Dave Hrbacek/The Catholic Spirit



MCCL's Ruby Kubista receives 'Champions for Life' award; Archbishop calls abortion 'the greatest human rights issue'

AT THE PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE on Jan. 22 at the St. Paul Cathedral, MCCL's Ruby Kubista was recognized as one of the 2020 winners of the St. John Paul II Champions for Life Award. The awards were presented by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, which holds the prayer service each year prior to the MCCL March for Life.

Ruby, who works as MCCL's chapter coordinator (among other roles!), has faithfully served in the pro-life movement for decades. She began volunteering with MCCL in 1979 and joined the staff in 1984. From creating pro-life coloring books for kids and organizing county fair booths to arranging Fall Tour meetings and mobilizing countless volunteers, Ruby has done it all.

Congratulations to Ruby! Her selfless commitment to the cause of unborn children and their mothers is unmatched.

During the Jan. 22 prayer service, Archbishop Hebda also spoke powerfully about the importance of protecting life. He called abortion "the greatest human rights issue that faces our global society in 2021," and later added that "there's no other work in the world or Church that is more important than defending life." **MCCL**

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Medicaid program. In 2018 alone, \$1.03 million in taxes paid for 4,256 abortions. Unborn children, low-income women, and taxpayers are all harmed by this policy.

The MCCL-backed bill, authored by Rep. Marion O'Neill (R-Maple Lake) and Sen. Carrie Ruud (R-Breezy Point), would, if signed into law and then challenged in court, give the courts an opportunity to revisit and reverse the Gomez decision. Similar legislation has been introduced in recent years; twice it passed through the Legislature but was vetoed by then-Gov. Mark Dayton.

MCCL also plans to support legislation to license and inspect abortion centers. Unlike other facilities that perform outpatient surgery, these centers are not licensed or inspected by the state. The proposed measure would ensure that they are held to basic health and safety standards—and that conditions dangerous to women's health, such as those uncovered in abortion centers in some other states, never occur here.

Funding for Positive Alternatives

MCCL will work to preserve funding for the Positive Alternatives Act, which provides grants to life-affirming programs that offer help and positive alternatives to abortion for women and their families. Since the program went into effect in 2006, it has supported more than 68,000 families, according to the Department of Health.

Two years ago, an effort to cut funding for the program was defeated. This year, funding could again be targeted.

MCCL will also oppose any legislation that undermines existing pro-life protections. That will likely include a bill to legalize assisted suicide. People are currently protected by law against assisted suicide in Minnesota.

Contact your legislators

"Please contact your own state representative and senator in the coming weeks," says VanDerHeyden. "Urge them to prioritize the protection of life and to ensure full funding for Positive Alternatives, and to make sure the dangerous practice of assisted suicide never gets a foothold in our state."

Contact information is included on the back side of this issue of MCCL NEWS. The latest information about MCCL's legislative agenda will be available online at mccl.org. **MCCL**

MCCL's Mother's Day Project: *Thank moms and support pro-life efforts*

MCCL'S MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT is a loving way to honor mothers with flowers and thank them for the most precious gift they could ever give their child—life itself. The Mother's Day Project also provides financial support for MCCL's pro-life work.

Churches and community groups all across the state make it an annual tradition to honor mothers on this special day. Please join our efforts to spread this life-affirming message. **Last year's project was scaled back because of COVID-19; we expect that the program will resume in full this year.**

Seven options for your group

We offer seven different options to groups and MCCL chapters for your fundraiser. Choose as many as you like:

1. **Orchid corsages** come in beautiful shades of pink, yellow, peach and cream, and are pre-assembled so there is very little work involved. **Each corsage comes with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button.**
2. **Carnation corsages** are the most cost-effective for groups; they come in a variety of colors and include a "Thanks Mom for Life" button. With the help of 5-10 volunteers, each group assembles the corsages on the Friday or Saturday before Mother's Day. **The MCCL office provides the instructions and the dry floral supplies** for the assembly of each corsage.
3. **African violet plants** in a 4-in. decorated pot include a "Thanks Mom for Life" button and a plastic cover.
4. **Mini rose bushes** in a 4-in. pot include a "Thanks Mom for Life" button.
5. **"Thanks Mom for Life" buttons** add a

finishing touch to any Mother's Day project. With a new design each year, the "Thanks Mom for Life" buttons can be acquired separately for a suggested donation, without a corsage order.

6. **Dry floral supplies** can be ordered through the MCCL office by groups that purchase their flowers locally. Instructions, supplies, and "Thanks Mom for Life" buttons are part of this option.
7. **Single, long-stem carnations and roses** are also available as a simple way to honor mothers. "Thanks Mom for Life" buttons also come with these options.

Raise funds, thank moms

The MCCL Mother's Day Project is a significant fundraiser for MCCL's lifesaving efforts.

To receive more information, contact the MCCL office at 612-825-6831 or mccl@mccl.org. **We expect that the Mother's Day Project order packets will be mailed in mid-March; the deadline for placing orders is in early April.**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9. This Mother's Day, please help honor mothers in your community with this positive message of life! **MCCL**



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Honor mothers with MCCL ad

IT'S NOT TOO SOON to begin planning for Mother's Day on May 9! MCCL's Mother's Day print ad is a meaningful way to acknowledge mothers of all ages. **It is a loving reminder of their sacrifices on behalf of their children.**

The ad is available in full color or black and white, and can be sized to fit any publication. (Last year's ad is pictured above; a new ad will be made available for 2021.) **The ad materials are available at no charge from MCCL;** however, most newspapers will charge you to run it.

Simply contact us at pstark@mccl.org or by calling the MCCL office. **We will email the ad directly to your newspaper or church; this will provide the best quality reproduction.** Please provide the publication's advertising email address when you contact us.

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Majority Leader Mark Johnson, and Sen. Michelle Benson, chair of the Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, also participated.

"Government's primary responsibility is to protect life," said Sen. Benson (R-Ham Lake). "And it's even more important that, when someone doesn't have their own voice, that you be a voice and that I be a voice for them."

More than 62 million unborn human beings, including more than 660,000 in Minnesota, have been destroyed since the Court's Jan. 22, 1973, decisions. Abortions in Minnesota have dropped nearly 50 percent since their peak, but about 10,000 still take place each year.

"You can never give up," said Sen. Gazelka (R-Nisswa). "We've made a number of positive

steps, a number of little things that we've done, and I think we're convincing more and more of the next generation how precious life is."

"I want you to know that we are in this fight with you," said Rep. Daudt (R-Crown). "We are here standing up for life, and we can't do that without your support."

Rededication to protection, support

The March for Life program noted the challenges many pregnant women have faced during the pandemic, as well as the recent efforts to expand chemical abortions, even at the expense of women's health. "That's why the loving work of pregnancy care centers is more important now than ever," said MCCL's Robyn Swiderski.

MCCL Legislative Director Austin VanDerHeyden explained MCCL's support in the new legislative session for a ban on taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota. MCCL will also work to preserve full funding for Positive Alternatives, which provides grants to programs that help pregnant women and new mothers. (See article beginning on page 1.)

"Today, on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, let's rededicate ourselves to protecting the unborn and supporting their families," concluded Swiderski.

Watch online

Thanks to everyone who joined our virtual March for Life. **The program is still available to watch online at mccl.org/march.** The March for Life will return to the Capitol in 2022. **MCCL**

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YOU CAN HONOR LOVED ONES by making a contribution in another person's name to advance the cause of life. Your gift to MCCL's Tribute and Memorial Program will enable MCCL to continue and/or expand our vital pro-life efforts on behalf of unborn children and other defenseless human beings.

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Pro-Life 101

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ABORTION CAN'T COEXIST

DEC. 10 WAS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. It marked the anniversary of the United Nations' adoption of the landmark Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Most everyone today believes in human rights. Defenders of abortion are no exception—they typically consider abortion itself such a right. **But the very concept of human rights actually poses a fatal difficulty for their view.** Here's why.

The basis for rights

Consider the *basis* for possessing human rights. What does an individual need to have in order to possess them? What's the criterion? The straightforward answer is that the criterion is being human or having a human nature. Humans have rights because of *what they are*. Indeed, the United Nations' Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) explicitly defines human rights as "rights we have simply because we exist as human beings."

If that's true, then human rights are both universal and equal. They belong to *all* human beings because all humans are human. And they belong to all human beings *equally* because all humans share equally in their humanity.

As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights puts it, humans bear "inherent dignity" and "equal and inalienable rights ... without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status." The OHCHR says rights are "inherent," "universal," and "equal."

What does this mean for abortion? The science of embryology shows that human embryos and fetuses are living human organisms—members of the species *Homo sapiens*—at the embryonic and fetal stages of development. They are the same kind of being as each of us. *We* were once *them*.

If embryos and fetuses are human beings, and if all human beings have human rights, then unborn human beings have human rights.

BY PAUL STARK

This article appeared in the December 2020 issue of NRL News.



The problems with exclusion

Defenders of abortion (including, ironically, many at the United Nations) don't want to accept that conclusion. They want to exclude unborn humans. But that means they need a criterion for human rights that unborn humans don't meet—something other than humanity. It could be a particular kind of physical appearance. It could be certain abilities or certain mental capacities. It could be that the attitudes or decisions of others determine whether someone has rights. Abortion advocates have argued for all of these.

Notice the implications if this approach is true. First, "human rights" becomes a highly misleading term. After all, that term suggests that there are rights we have simply by virtue of being human. And this view denies that. **On this view, strictly speaking, human rights don't exist.**

Second, rights become very exclusive. That's because any proposed criteria exclude not only unborn humans, but other humans too. If higher mental functions like self-awareness are key, for instance, then infants don't have rights. **That's a conclusion that some of the world's most academically distinguished and intellectually honest abortion defenders embrace.** But we should know better than to think killing newborn babies is okay.

Third, this view of rights is fundamentally egalitarian. Since we all differ from each other in the characteristics suggested as criteria for rights (we have greater or lesser cognitive ability, for example), we don't have equal rights. Some of us have greater rights and some of us have lesser rights. Some are superior and some are inferior. This is a horrifying conclusion, but it's unavoidable once we reject shared humanity as the basis for value and rights.

A grave dilemma

These problems leave abortion defenders with a grave dilemma. **They can believe in universal and equal human rights as articulated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, or they can stick to the idea that unborn humans are expendable.** They can't consistently have both.

Human rights and abortion just cannot co-exist. **MCCL**



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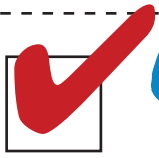
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In loving memory of longtime MCCL'er David Schmit

Dedicated MCCL'er David Schmit passed away late last year. He was an artist, teacher, committed pro-lifer, and the beloved husband of longtime MCCL leader and former executive director Mary Schmit. David will be greatly missed.



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MCCL's pro-life work is made possible only with the generous and faithful support of members like you.

Simply contact the MCCL office by phone or email to set up your monthly giving. Thank you!

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Students at MCCL's 2019 Life Leadership Camp

As pandemic (hopefully) nears end, MCCL's pro-life events will resume

MOST OF MCCL's normal pro-life activities are expected to resume in the summer.

Dinner, Student Day postponed

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the cancellation of a number of MCCL events over the past year. In the coming weeks, two more events will be affected because of pandemic restrictions and safety guidelines. **MCCL's biennial Legislative Dinner, which was scheduled for February at the Landmark Center in St. Paul, has been postponed to early 2022.** And MCCL's Student Day at the Capitol, scheduled for two different dates in March, has been canceled for this year (but will return in 2022).

Fair booths, youth camp coming

Yet we expect to continue our usual activities soon. MCCL's Mother's Day Project is planned in full for this

spring (see page 5). **And we plan to have educational pro-life booths at county fairs across the state this summer and at the State Fair (Aug. 26-Sept. 6).** You can support this pro-life outreach project by volunteering to help staff a booth at your local fair; contact MCCL for more information.

From August 8-11, MCCL will hold its annual Life Leadership Camp in Paynesville, Minnesota. **It's a pro-life summer camp for high school students that trains and equips them to make a difference as pro-life advocates and leaders.** More information—including registration information as the event draws closer—is available online at mccl.org/camp.

Mark your calendars

Keep an eye on all of MCCL's upcoming events. With your support, we're looking forward to sharing the pro-life message with more people than ever in the months to come! **MCCL**

2021

May 9

MCCL Mother's Day Project

June - September

MCCL county fair and State Fair booths

August 8 - 11

MCCL Life Leadership Camp

September - October

MCCL Fall Tour

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MCCL Choose Life Drive

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Prepare for your Mother's Day Project to honor moms and raise funds for pro-life work (see page 5).

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Contact your U.S. representative and senators and urge them to preserve the Hyde Amendment and oppose any pro-abortion legislation (see page 3).

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Encourage high school students to attend MCCL's Life Leadership Camp in August (see page 7).

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Become a monthly donor and bolster MCCL's pro-life work this year (see page 7).

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Connect with MCCL on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up-to-date with the latest pro-life news (see page 2).

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