



ABORTIONS IN MINNESOTA CONTINUE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Abortion supporters advocate expanding chemical abortions following coronavirus outbreak

BY PAUL STARK

ABORTIONS CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED in Minnesota despite a rule halting all elective procedures in order to protect public health and free up crucial medical resources during the coronavirus outbreak.

"Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities continue to use much-needed medical supplies for their own elective abortions rather than to help meet the needs of those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "Abortion centers should follow the same rules as everyone else. We are all in this together."

Order ignored by abortion industry

Gov. Tim Walz issued an executive order in March to postpone all elective and non-essential surgeries and procedures in Minnesota. Yet the abortion industry is ignoring that order, and the Walz administration, so far, is choosing not to apply it to them.

"We believe all abortions, if women seek them, are essential," said Sarah Stoesz, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood North Central States, according to the Star Tribune.

Gov. Walz's order, Emergency Executive Order 20-09, follows recommendations from the CDC and other medical authorities that aim to minimize transmission of the coronavirus and conserve medical resources. The order states that "all non-essential or elective surgeries and procedures ... that utilize PPE [personal protective equipment] or ventilators must be postponed indefinitely."

Elective procedures, the order says, "can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of a patient." Examples of such a risk include "threat to the patient's life" and "threat of permanent dysfunction of an extremity or organ system." (Almost all abortions, according to data from the Minnesota Department of Health, do not involve such cases.)

Emergency Executive Order 20-09 makes no exception for abortion, which requires the use of personal protective equipment and which is clearly is a "non-essential or elective" procedure according to how those terms are defined. COVID-19 continued on **PAGE 4**

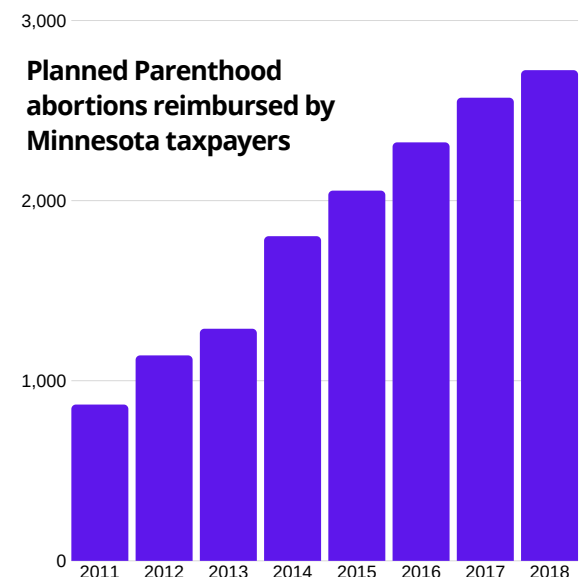
Tax-funded abortions level off in Minnesota as Planned Parenthood sees another increase

Planned Parenthood received more than \$600,000 from taxpayers for record-high abortion total

BY PAUL STARK

ABORTIONS FUNDED by Minnesota taxpayers in 2018 dropped 2 percent to 4,256 after rising each of the previous four years, according to a report released in April by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. **Planned Parenthood, the state's leading practitioner of abortion, increased its state-funded abortion total to a record-high 2,723.**

"Government reimbursement allows Planned Parenthood to bolster its abortion numbers with the offer of 'free' abortions to economically vulnerable women," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. **"This is an injustice to the helpless human beings whose deaths are bankrolled by the same government that is supposed to protect them.** It's an injustice to the women who aren't given the help they actually need. And it's an injustice to the Minnesota taxpayers who are forced to be part of it." **TAX FUNDING** continued on **PAGE 4**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the wake of the pandemic, MCCL's pro-life work has never been more important

BY LEO LALONDE

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF MCCL NEWS, the world has changed. The COVID-19 outbreak has affected everyone. And MCCL is no exception.

Our second of two 2020 Student Day at the Capitol events was canceled, and our Mother's Day Project was scaled back. The state legislative session was largely shut down, though an MCCL-backed bill to ban taxpayer funding of abortion was introduced prior to the outbreak (see page 4). We don't yet know how some of our other pro-life activities this year could be affected (see page 7).

But we do know that our pro-life work is as important now as ever. **We won't ever stop advocating for the lives of vulnerable members of the human family.**

Threats to life during the crisis

Abortions are being performed during the pandemic even though they are elective and non-essential procedures. **MCCL issued a press release to the media and worked with pro-life legislators to urge the governor to shut down abortion centers—and we called on our members to contact the governor too.** Vital medical supplies should be used to save lives, not end them.

But abortions still continue. And not only are abortion advocates defying calls to cease non-essential procedures, they are also advocating an expansion of abortion—they think that the outbreak is a good reason to loosen restrictions on chemical abortions.

In addition, **some in our society have advocated the rationing of care for COVID-19 patients on the basis of age, disability, or the judgment that some lives are less valuable than others.** This is a threat to the right to life that belongs

to all of us.

These developments really highlight the importance of elections—of the people we choose to represent us in government. Many states with pro-life governors are working to stop abortions during the pandemic, while states with governors who support abortion are letting practitioners like Planned Parenthood continue with business as usual!

Election will have lasting effects

Elections make a big difference. And the 2020 election this fall will have lasting effects for the cause of life.

The presidential race is huge (see page 5), but so are races for Congress and the state Legislature. **The outcome of the election will influence whether or not we can enact pro-life laws and policies at both the state and federal levels.** And it will affect the composition of the Supreme Court and other federal courts for decades to come—determining whether the courts will allow protections for unborn children or whether they will wipe protections out!

Simply put, lives are at stake in November. This is why MCCL's election activities this year will be so important. **It's why we'll do everything we can to inform Minnesotans about where candidates stand on the issue of life.**

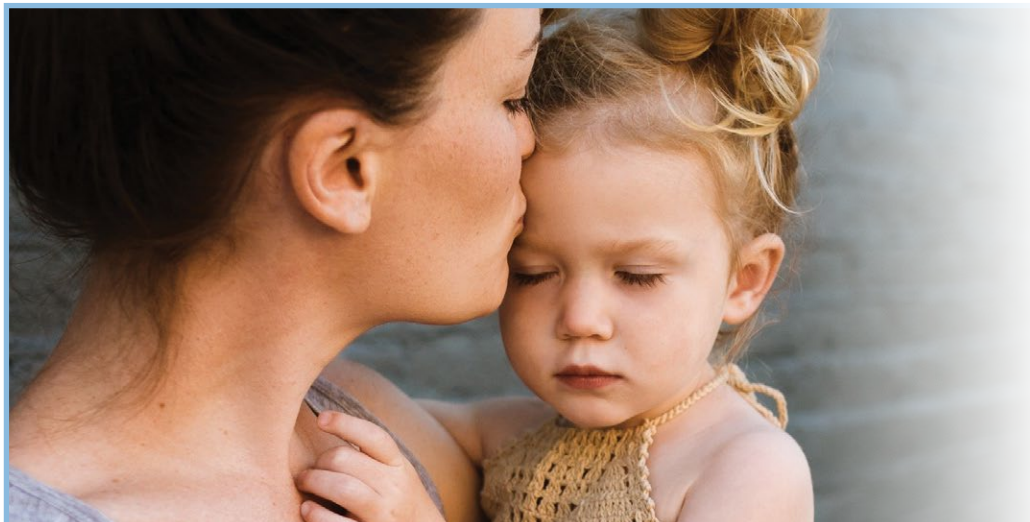
Four things you can do

How can you help the pro-life cause during this frightening time? Let me offer four ideas.

1. **Pray for pregnant women, unborn babies, and those working to protect them.** They need our prayers during an especially difficult time. Pray also for all whose lives are endangered by the coronavirus—often those who are elderly, disabled, or have preexisting health conditions. Every life is precious!
2. **Contact the governor's office.** Politely ask that abortions be suspended like other elective procedures during the pandemic. (See page 1.)
3. **Connect with MCCL.** Follow us on social media to find the latest updates about what's going on—and share those posts with others. Check out the resources on our blog at mccl.org/blog.
4. **Support MCCL.** Many of you have lost your jobs and are dealing with the uncertainty of the current crisis. But if you are in a position to help, consider sending a gift to strengthen MCCL's pro-life advocacy and election efforts through this crucial year. (See page 7.)

Thank you!

I hope you and your family stay safe. We are so grateful to you and to all of our pro-life supporters who continue to make our work on behalf of vulnerable human life possible. **MCCL**



Let's give moms our thanks!

MOTHERHOOD REQUIRES unbelievable sacrifice, even when (perhaps especially when) a woman decides to place her child into the arms of a loving family. Whether motherhood was planned or unplanned, whether a mother placed her baby for adoption or adopted a child, we hold all mothers in our hearts and prayers.

This Mother's Day, make a point to express your thanks to your own mother—the one who gave you birth and/or the one who raised you—and to honor the other mothers in your family, church, and community.

Moms, we thank you!

pro-life update

THE MCCL FEDERAL PAC, MCCL's political action committee that supports pro-life candidates for federal office, has made endorsements in a number of 2020 races.

For U.S. House, the Federal PAC has endorsed **Jim Hagedorn** (Minnesota's 1st Congressional District), **Kendall Qualls** (3rd District), **Tom Emmer** (6th District), **Michelle Fischbach** (7th District), and **Pete Stauber** (8th District).

For U.S. Senate, the Federal PAC has endorsed **Jason Lewis** in his race against incumbent Tina Smith, a former Planned Parenthood executive. For U.S. President, the Federal PAC has endorsed **Donald Trump** in his race against Joe Biden. (See page 5 for more on the presidential race.)

Information about these candidates will be included in MCCL's Voter's Guides later this year. The Federal PAC is a separate, segregated fund of MCCL.

Supreme Court hears major abortion case

On March 4, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a major abortion case that could substantially affect the ability of states, including Minnesota, to enact commonsense protections for unborn children and pregnant women. June Medical

Services, LLC v. Russo is a challenge to Louisiana's 2014 "Unsafe Abortion Protection Act," which requires abortion practitioners to obtain admitting privileges at a nearby hospital.

"Abortion has too often been exempted from the safeguards that apply elsewhere. The Supreme Court should allow us to pursue those reasonable measures," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "We are hopeful that the Court will get out of the business of dictating which medical regulations are permissible and move instead toward allowing greater protection for unborn children and their mothers."

A ruling in the case is expected by the end of June.



Congress fails to pass pro-life bills

On Feb. 25, a minority of U.S. senators blocked two significant pro-life bills from advancing. (The pro-life Senate majority lacked the 60 votes needed to end the filibuster.) One bill would have protected unborn children after 20 weeks, when substantial medical evidence shows they can experience pain; **the other would have ensured ordinary care (the same care as other babies at the same age) for infants who survive abortion.**

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith voted to defeat the

two pro-life bills, while Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who was running for president at the time, did not vote (although she had opposed similar bills in the past).

Later, on Feb. 28, a motion to consider the born-alive measure was also defeated in the U.S. House. Minnesota Reps. Jim Hagedorn, Tom Emmer, Collin Peterson, and Pete Stauber voted in support of the anti-infanticide bill, while Reps. Angie Craig, Dean Phillips, Betty McCollum, and Ilhan Omar voted against it.

St. Paul, Minneapolis declare pro-abortion day

The St. Paul City Council voted to make March 10, 2020, "Abortion Providers Appreciation Day" in St. Paul, and the mayor of Minneapolis declared the same in Minneapolis. **It's part of a nationwide celebration by abortion supporters every March 10.**

In a statement in response, MCCL called the celebration "deeply sad and troubling" because it "fails to recognize that abortion practitioners are in the unjust business of taking innocent human life. It fails to recognize that abortion practitioners don't provide pregnant women and their children with compassionate support in the midst of their often-difficult circumstances, as pro-life pregnancy care centers do. **It fails to recognize the pain and suffering that abortion brings to many women, men, and families.**"

Abortion facility moving to Bloomington

Whole Woman's Health, a Minneapolis abortion facility that's part of a multi-state chain of abortion centers, is moving its operation to Bloomington in the southern suburbs. The new location is on the east side of 35W just south of 494.

Whole Woman's Health, which offers abortions up to about 24 weeks of pregnancy, performed 2,020 abortions in 2018 (the second-highest total in the state, behind only that of Planned Parenthood). **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.
6. To promote enlightened care and assistance to mother and child in crisis pregnancies.
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TAX FUNDING continued from **PAGE 1****Court ruling imposed funding**

Planned Parenthood has increasingly cornered the abortion market in Minnesota—and has capitalized on the availability of state funding. **The group's tax-funded abortion total has skyrocketed 214 percent since 2011 even as tax-funded abortions at facilities other than Planned Parenthood have dropped 46 percent over the same period.** Planned Parenthood now performs a record-high 64 percent of all such abortions.

Minnesota law prohibited public funding of elective abortions until a 1995 state Supreme Court decision (*Doe v. Gomez*) required Medicaid funding of abortion for pregnant women who receive state assistance. Tax-funded abortions have trended upward ever since. A large body of research, including a literature review by the Guttmacher Institute (which is aligned with the abortion industry), has shown that the availability of public funding leads to more overall abortions than otherwise would take place.

The 2018 tax-funded abortion total is the third highest ever and a 26 percent jump since 2013. **Taxpayers reimbursed abortion practitioners \$1.03 million for abortions in 2018 (down from \$1.06 million in 2017); Planned Parenthood accounted for a record-high \$614,445.** Since the 1995 ruling, taxpayers have spent more than \$26 million on more than 90,000 abortion procedures.

Efforts to ban funding

"The people of Minnesota never agreed to pay for abortion. No governor or legislature ever made that decision. The Court imposed abortion funding on the basis of an erroneous and implausible reading of the Minnesota Constitution," says Fischbach. "Minnesota should be better than this. Killing unborn children isn't a public good deserving of public support."

MCCL has frequently worked to pass legislation that could give the Court an opportunity to revisit and reverse its 1995 decision. A bill to ban taxpayer funding of abortion passed through the Legislature in 2011 and 2017, but it was vetoed both times by then-Gov. Mark Dayton. A similar MCCL-backed bill has been introduced this year (see article on this page). **MCCL**

Honor fathers with MCCL ad

FATHERS PLAY a vitally important role in the lives of their children. **You can honor the fathers in your life and community by placing the 2020 MCCL Father's Day print ad in your local newspaper or church bulletin.**

The ad is available in color or black and white, and can be sized to fit any publication. The ad is available at no charge from MCCL; however, most newspapers will charge you to run it.

Simply contact Paul at the MCCL office at pstark@mccl.org. We will email the ad directly to your newspaper or church. Please provide the publication's advertising email address when you contact us.

COVID-19 continued from **PAGE 1****Contact governor's office**

"There is no medical justification for singling out abortion for special treatment at the expense of patient safety and the safety of those dealing with this crisis," says Fischbach. "Public health, not an ideological commitment to unfettered abortion, must come first."

A number of other states have worked to make clear that policies postponing elective procedures apply to elective abortion. Some of those states are facing ongoing lawsuits from the abortion industry as a result.

As this issue of MCCL NEWS goes to press, Minnesota's elective procedure postponement is still in force, and yet elective abortions continue. **Minnesotans can contact the governor's office to urge that the governor's order be applied to abortion just as it is applied to other elective procedures.** You can contact his office online at mn.gov/governor/contact or by phone at 651-201-3400.

A push to expand abortion

Meanwhile, some abortion supporters have advocated the removal of certain regulations on chemical abortions in order to make them easier to access during the outbreak. A recent letter signed by a number of state attorneys general (including Minnesota's attorney general, Keith Ellison) asked the FDA to lift restrictions and allow mifepristone (RU-486) abortions using telemedicine. **Planned Parenthood in Minnesota is already participating in a clinical trial in which abortion drugs are sent to women in the mail.**

Yet chemical abortions pose documented health risks to pregnant women, and those risks increase when women go through the process without a medical practitioner present.

"The truth is that 'telemedicine abortions' would



expose the worst and most dangerous features of chemical abortions," explains Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., director of education and research for National Right to Life. "Besides potentially making a woman go through this horrific procedure all alone, encountering her dead child, unsure of whether her pain and cramping and bleeding are normal or whether she is bleeding to death, **it would potentially necessitate a trip to the emergency room, thereby endangering herself and further straining overtaxed medical personnel and equipment.**"

Adds Dr. O'Bannon: "Much better, in the time of pandemic, for the mother and child to stay safe, the mother at home and the child alive and growing in her womb." **MCCL**

Bill to ban taxpayer-funded abortion introduced in Minnesota Legislature

Measure aims to stop the government bankrolling of thousands of abortions

BY PAUL STARK

A BILL TO PROHIBIT taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota was introduced in the House and Senate on March 11. The measure, which is strongly backed by MCCL, aims to stop the government bankrolling of thousands of abortions in the state every year.

"It's long past time to finally end the taxpayer funding of abortion in our state," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "The Legislature should pass this legislation. The governor should sign it. And the Minnesota Supreme Court should uphold it—and reverse its erroneous 1995 *Doe v. Gomez* decision. We will keep working until this happens."

The legislation, H.F. 4404 / H.F. 4403 and S.F. 4271, is authored by Rep. Marion O'Neill (R-Maple Lake) and Sen. Carrie Ruud (R-Breezy Point). **In 2018, the latest year for which data is available, taxpayers reimbursed abortion practitioners \$1.03 million for 4,256 abortions,** according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (see article beginning on page 1).

Outbreak halts legislative work

Following the coronavirus outbreak, much of the Legislature's work was put on hold. The taxpayer-funded abortion ban is not expected to advance prior to the end of the legislative session in May.

Other bills MCCL backed this year include a bill to protect pain-capable unborn children and a bill to ensure the right of pregnant women to see their ultrasound. Both measures advanced through the Senate in 2019 but were blocked in the House. **MCCL**



Trump v. Biden race offers stark contrast on the right to life

Biden, reversing his previous position, now wants taxpayer funding of elective abortions

BY PAUL STARK



FOLLOWING THE APRIL departure from the presidential race of Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden stands as the only remaining Democratic candidate. **Biden, now the presumptive Democratic Party nominee, will face incumbent Republican President Donald Trump in the general election on Nov. 3.**

The two candidates offer starkly different approaches on the issue of abortion.

Trump's record

Trump addressed the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., earlier this year. "Every life brings love into this world," he told the crowd. "Every child brings joy to a family. Every person is worth protecting."

The Trump administration's pro-life actions include (but are not limited to):

- **The Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy**, which diverts U.S. funding away from groups that perform or promote abortion overseas;
- **The Protect Life Rule**, which states that Title X taxpayer funds may no longer go to places that perform or promote abortion, such as Planned Parenthood;
- **Nearly 200 judges (and two Supreme Court justices)** appointed to the federal courts who are likely to faithfully apply the Constitution and laws

rather than impose pro-abortion policies and strike down pro-life ones;

- **A rule separating out abortion coverage** from Obamacare plans, making it easier for consumers to know if they are paying for abortion and to opt out;
- **Support for pro-life legislative proposals** in Congress, such as protection for pain-capable unborn children and babies who survive abortion, and opposition to efforts to reverse or weaken existing pro-life laws and policies;
- **Enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights** of pro-life health care workers

Biden's promises

Biden, who supports abortion-on-demand, **promises the exact opposite of Trump's pro-life record.** He says he will repeal the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy in order to fund groups that perform or promote abortion overseas. He says he will restore Title X funding to Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading performer and promoter of abortion.

Biden says he wants to "codify Roe v. Wade," the Supreme Court ruling that imposed abortion-on-demand nationwide, and pledged in a debate earlier this year to appoint only judges who will continue to mandate legalized abortion and who will strike down protections for unborn children and their mothers.

Last year, in a reversal of his own longstanding

position, **Biden announced that he wants to repeal the pro-life Hyde Amendment and institute federal taxpayer funding of elective abortions.** (The Hyde Amendment, which limits such funding, is estimated to have saved more than two million unborn lives.)

On his campaign website, **Biden also promises that his Justice Department "will do everything in its power to stop" state laws protecting unborn children and their mothers—even the most modest pro-life measures, such as parental notification laws and informed consent laws.** (The website specifically mentions those as examples of the types of laws he would try to eliminate.)

These extreme positions make clear that, although Biden portrayed himself during the Democratic primaries as a "moderate" or "centrist" alternative to some of the other candidates, **he is certainly no moderate or centrist on the issue of abortion.**

Two very different visions

The 2020 presidential election presents a choice between two very different visions. Do human rights belong to all human beings, or do they belong to only some? **Should we protect against the intentional killing of the innocent—or should we facilitate and expand such killing?**

The stakes for human life are extremely high. **MCCL**



Watch out for 'Minnesota Right to Life' scam

EARLY THIS YEAR, a group called "Minnesota Right to Life" emerged on Facebook, and it has since sent out fundraising letters asking for money.

This group is a scam created by the Dorr brothers, well-known scammers who have created fake groups (both gun rights groups and pro-life groups) in a number of different states. **You can learn more about the Dorr brother scams online at MNScammersExposed.com and DorrBrotherScams.com.**

Despite its deceptive name, Minnesota Right to Life is not affiliated in any way with the National Right to Life Committee. MCCL is the sole Minnesota affiliate of the

National Right to Life Committee. All of us who are part of MCCL have been working to protect innocent human life since 1968, and we will continue to do so long after the Dorr brothers have moved on to their next con.

Minnesota Right to Life has made false allegations about pro-life legislators and MCCL, and has sought to raise money from well-meaning pro-life people by touting a bill that it falsely asserts could immediately end abortion. **You can find full refutations of these dishonest claims in an article titled "Watch out for 'Minnesota Right to Life' scam," which is linked on our mccl.org homepage.** **MCCL**

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Pro-Life 101

This is excerpted from an article that first appeared in the April 2020 issue of National Right to Life News.

BY PAUL STARK

THE EVIDENCE OF SCIENCE AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY CAN MAKE THE CASE FOR LIFE PERSUASIVE

HOW CAN WE change the minds of people who defend the killing of unborn children? It's not easy.

Research on persuasion suggests that shared values make a big difference. Persuasion is very difficult when people think accepting a new view means rejecting their core values or beliefs.

If, however, they see that a view is actually consistent with—or supported by—those existing values, then persuasion is very possible.

Consider the shared values of science and equality—and how they point to the truth of the pro-life position.

What science shows

Most “pro-choice” people genuinely value science and its ability to generate knowledge about the world. They appeal to evidence from science to support their views on a wide range of issues.

What does science tell us about the nature of human embryos and fetuses—the individuals who are destroyed in abortion?

It tells us they have a DNA and body distinct from their mother. It tells us they are growing through cellular reproduction and metabolizing nutrients into energy. It tells us they are genetically human and the offspring of human parents. And it tells us they are organisms developing themselves through the stages of life as members of our species.

“We of today know that man is born of sexual union; that he starts life as an embryo within the body of the female; and that the embryo is formed from the fusion of two single cells, the ovum and the sperm,” wrote Dr. Alan Guttmacher, who later became president of Planned Parenthood. **“This all seems so simple and evident that it is difficult to picture a time when it wasn’t part of the common knowledge.”** Guttmacher wrote that in 1933. The facts of embryology and developmental biology are even clearer now.

What equality entails

So unborn children are living human organisms—human beings. That’s what science establishes. But how should we treat them? Do they have rights like other human beings do?

This is where another shared value can help. Most pro-choice people deeply value equality. They think

people have equal basic rights and deserve equal treatment. **But what, exactly, makes everyone equal?**

Here’s why that question is so relevant to the issue of abortion. Although pro-choice people typically think all of *us* (the readers and author of this article) have equal rights, they don’t consider unborn children part of that moral community. Unborn children, on this view, don’t have rights because they lack certain characteristics. Maybe it’s because they look different from us. Or because they can’t think or feel the way we do. Or because they depend entirely on their mothers for shelter and sustenance.

This view denies the equality of unborn humans, of course, but it also undermines the equality of everyone else. That’s because all of those characteristics—appearance, mental functions, dependency on others, and so forth—come in varying degrees. None of us have them equally. So if our rights depend on such traits, then some of us have a greater right to live and some of us have a lesser right to live. The pro-choice position just can’t account for equality for *anyone*.

So what can?

If we are equal, then we must share something that is the basis for our equality. It must be something we all have equally (that’s why it couldn’t be traits like ability and independence). What could it be? **It could only be our common humanity. We are all the same kind of being, even though we differ in every other way.**

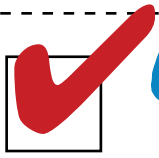
And unborn humans share in that humanity. They are fellow members of the species *Homo sapiens*. If equal rights belong to all of us simply because we are human beings, then they belong to unborn children too.

A vision of human equality

Pro-choice people are already committed to a vision of human equality. They only need to expand that vision in order to encompass everyone. **Just as they oppose discrimination on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, they should oppose discrimination the basis of age, size, ability, and condition of dependency.**

By tapping into shared values like science and equality, we can make the case for life persuasive. **MCCL**

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MANY MINNESOTANS have been affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. **MCCL is also facing financial uncertainty.**

But our pro-life work must continue. It's never been more important.

Big stakes this fall

In addition to advocating for life during the pandemic, MCCL is gearing up our election efforts—because the stakes this fall are so big. Our election activities will include Voter's Guides, candidate comparison fliers, social media, and more. **We'll reach hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans with information about where the candidates stand on life!**

Meanwhile, we also hope to continue at least some of our pro-life educational programs

this summer, such as Life Leadership Camp and county fair booths.

But all of this takes a massive financial toll.

How you can help

If you are in a position to give, please send a donation today to bolster MCCL's pro-life work during this crucial time. **Just cut out the coupon to the left and return in the envelope that accompanies this issue of MCCL NEWS; alternatively, you may donate securely online with a credit card at mccl.org/donate.**

We can't do any of what we do without you! We are so grateful for your pro-life conviction—especially during a crisis like the one we all currently face.

Because, in addition to educating, we are involved in working for legislation to protect human life, donations to MCCL, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.

Make your (tentative) summer plans: Pro-life youth camp, county fairs

THE IMPACT of the COVID-19 pandemic on MCCL's summer activities is uncertain.

Invite teens to camp

As of this writing, MCCL's 2020 Life Leadership Camp is still planned for Aug. 2-6 at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville in central Minnesota.

Life Leadership Camp is MCCL's pro-life summer camp for high school students. It provides pro-life education to equip students to be effective pro-life advocates and leaders—and it does so in a fun camp environment!

The camp is open to high school students who will be entering grades 9-12 or who will be college freshmen in the coming fall. Cost to attend is \$75 per student, which includes meals, accommodations, materials, and a T-shirt; scholarships are available.

You can find more information and register at mccl.org/camp, where we will also post any updates concerning possible cancellation.

For now, we encourage students to register for this inspiring and informative pro-life event—and we encourage parents, church leaders, and others to share information about Life Leadership Camp with the students in their life. **If students register for camp and then the event is canceled because of the coronavirus, full refunds will be provided.**

County fair outreach

MCCL typically has a pro-life educational booth at nearly every county fair (more than 80 of them) across the state, as well as at the State Fair at the end



of the summer. This year, at least some early county fairs are already being canceled, and the fate of the rest, and of the State Fair, is unclear.

If some fairs are deemed safe to go on, MCCL plans to be there with our pro-life outreach. We hope to see you at your local county fair! **MCCL**



Happy Mother's Day!
see inside for a pro-life update
concerning the COVID-19 pandemic



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Contact the governor and urge a suspension of abortion during the pandemic as long as other elective procedures are also suspended. (See page 1.)

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Support MCCL's pro-life work during this crucial time. (See pages 2 and 7.)

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Encourage high school students to register for MCCL's Life Leadership Camp in August. (See page 7.)

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Place MCCL's Father's Day ad in your church bulletin or local publication. (See page 4.)

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Connect with MCCL on our website (mccl.org) and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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