

# 2021 MCCL March for Life

JANUARY 22 • NOON

## JOIN US TO SPEAK OUT FOR LIFE

*Whether in-person or virtually, we'll gather to commemorate lives lost to abortion and to call for protection*

BY PAUL STARK

**THE 2021 MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place at noon on Friday, Jan. 22—but it may look different than in past years.

As this issue of MCCL NEWS goes to press, we still hope to hold our traditional in-person March outside the state Capitol building in St. Paul. But it's possible that it won't be feasible because of ongoing safety concerns and/or government restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19. The health and safety of everyone is very important to us.

**If the in-person March cannot safely and legally take place, we will instead hold a Virtual March for Life online at the same time—noon on Jan. 22.** The details about how to watch will be shared as soon as possible.

We understand that this is far from ideal, and that the uncertainty is a great inconvenience for our members who organize buses and groups to travel to St. Paul. **Unfortunately, many of the factors in this decision are out of our control.**

### How you can stay updated

As we get closer to Jan. 22, here's how you can stay updated about the March for Life:

- **The latest information about the March will always be on our website at [mccl.org/march](https://mccl.org/march).**
- We'll send out an email with details as soon as they are decided (if you don't get emails from us, email us at [mccl@mccl.org](mailto:mccl@mccl.org) to request to be put on our list).
- **We'll also keep you updated on social media (if you're on Facebook, make sure to follow us—see page 2).**
- You can always call our office at 612-825-6831 to ask about any new information.

### A somber anniversary

The March will mark the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, which nullified legal protection for unborn children nationwide. **Since then, about 660,000 unborn children have been killed here in Minnesota**, and more than 60 million have been killed nationwide. Women, men, and families have been wounded.

Whether the March is in-person or virtual, we will not forget or ignore the ongoing injustice and devastation of abortion. **Join us, if you are able, to commemorate the lives lost and to call for renewed respect and protection for unborn children and their mothers.** **MCCL**



## 2020 elections: Pro-life gains in state Legislature, Congress

BY PAUL STARK

**PRO-LIFERS PICKED UP** seats in both the Minnesota Legislature and in Congress in the Nov. 3 elections. The results exceeded most expectations and could help prevent abortion-expanding legislation from advancing.

"Many people predicted that abortion supporters would win full and clear control of both our state Legislature and Congress. That didn't happen," says MCCL Legislative Associate Austin VanDerHeyden. **"Lifesaving pro-life policies could be preserved because of these election victories."**

### Federal races: Close Senate, gains in House

In Minnesota's U.S. Senate race, pro-life former Congressman Jason Lewis fell short in his bid to unseat Tina Smith, a former Planned Parenthood executive. **Control of the Senate now hinges on January run-off elections for two Georgia seats.** If the pro-life candidate wins one or both of those races, a

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### After a tough year, join us as we renew our pro-life efforts in 2021

BY LEO LALONDE

**THIS YEAR** has been hard. The pandemic, the social unrest, the economic challenges.

**MCCL's pro-life programs were impacted early on by COVID-19.** Our second of two Student Days at the Capitol was canceled. So was our Life Leadership Camp, and our county fair booths, and our State Fair booth. Our Mother's Day Project was drastically scaled back. The state Legislature, where we were backing pro-life bills, was largely derailed in its business.

**But we pushed forward, sharing the pro-life message as abortion advocates treated abortion as an "essential" service and worked to expand chemical abortions during the pandemic (see page 3),** and as residents of long-term care facilities were hit hard by the virus.

#### Election successes

We also ramped up our election efforts. We sent our Voter's Guides to a record number of Minnesota households. Our phone calls, letters, emails, postcards, candidate comparison fliers, social media posts, letters to the editor, and more all helped inform Minnesotans about where the candidates stood on life. **We still did our Fall Tour in September and October, holding about 25 informational pro-life presentations in cities and towns across the state.**

Meanwhile, our two PACs (political action committees) actively made the case for pro-life candidates, including through a new pro-life ballot tool on our PAC website.

**And on Election Day, we saw real success in Minnesota!** (See article beginning

on page 1.) Pro-lifers retained a majority in the Senate, despite many predictions to the contrary, and picked up a number of seats in the House to form a narrow pro-life House majority. And pro-lifers gained seats in Congress, too!

We know that our efforts to inform and motivate pro-life Minnesotans made a difference, especially in the many close races. A nationwide post-election poll conducted by McLaughlin & Associates found that **23 percent of voters said abortion affected their vote and voted for pro-life candidates, while 18 percent said abortion affected their vote and voted for pro-abortion candidates**—a five-point advantage for pro-lifers.

#### 2021 plans: Legislation, education, events

Now we're turning to 2021 with the hope that we will soon be able to resume our pandemic-affected events and programs.

The new session of the Minnesota Legislature begins on Jan. 5, and MCCL will lobby in support of pro-life legislation (see page 3). We encourage you to contact your own lawmakers and urge them to support these pro-life measures.

**We also invite you to join us, if you are comfortable, at the state Capitol on Jan. 22 for the MCCL March for Life (see page 1).** We don't know yet whether a significant outside gathering will be safe or permitted. If the in-person March is canceled, we will hold a virtual March instead at the same time. Please visit our website or contact us for the latest information!

The March, whether in-person or not, will mark the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, commemorating the lives lost and women hurt and calling for protection for unborn children and their mothers.

Other upcoming events include MCCL's Legislative Dinner on Feb. 16 and MCCL's Student Day at the Capitol on March 2 and March 10. We don't know if these events will be able to take place.

**But we anticipate that our county fair outreach will return next summer, as well as our Life Leadership Camp for high school students.** We are also excited for more online pro-life outreach—especially as the pandemic continues over the coming winter weeks.

#### Thank you

We at MCCL are grateful for you and all of our supporters throughout the past year. You allow us to do what we do. If you would like to make a year-end, tax-deductible gift to bolster our pro-life educational work, just use the coupon on page 7 or donate online at [mccl.org/donate](https://mccl.org/donate).

**And please remember to join us either in person or virtually for the March for Life on Jan. 22.** We will kick off an energetic year of pro-life action in 2021! **MCCL**

# 2021

**January 5 - May 17**  
Legislative session

**January 22**  
MCCL March for Life

**February 16**  
MCCL Legislative Dinner (*tentative*)

**March 2, 10**  
MCCL Student Day at the Capitol (*tentative*)

**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

## KEY DATES

**Find, connect  
with MCCL on  
social media**



**SOCIAL MEDIA** is a growing avenue of pro-life outreach for MCCL, and it's a great way for you to stay informed and connected with us—and to share our information with your own friends, family, and acquaintances.

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# pro-life update

## Abortion through the mail:



A MINNESOTA ABORTION practitioner is now sending abortion drugs to women through the mail—despite the increased risks to women’s health.

Over the summer, a federal judge suspended FDA safety regulations governing chemical (“medication”) abortions. The regulations required such drugs to be dispensed at a clinic or medical facility. The abortion industry had lobbied against the FDA rules—claiming that abortion had become too inaccessible during the pandemic—and won at least a temporary victory with the suspension.

That opened the door for a Minnesota doctor to launch “Just the Pill,” a new abortion operation that sends abortion drugs to women through the mail after they sign online forms and consult by phone or online. The women don’t undergo any in-person examination by a medical professional before they receive the drugs. Just the Pill began mailing abortion drugs this fall.

“The consequences will be awful for both women and children,” says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. “The expansion of abortion using this new means allows for more unborn children to be killed. And the risks to women’s health increase when there is less medical oversight and no

## Chemical abortions expand in Minnesota

in-person medical examination, which can verify gestation age and rule out the dangerous possibility of ectopic pregnancy. When the drugs are sent to women in more rural areas—as Just the Pill aims to do—such women may be far away from the care they need when complications occur.”

Mail-order abortions are not completely new. Planned Parenthood in Minnesota has participated in a “pilot” study (taking place in a number of states) to test the feasibility of such abortions, and some online abortion providers have subverted safety requirements to send chemical abortions in the mail. But this year’s federal court decision has allowed Just the Pill and some similar organizations in other states to open for business.

## Planned Parenthood starts abortions in Uptown

This fall, Planned Parenthood opened its new and expanded Uptown clinic in Minneapolis, where the organization is now providing chemical abortions. It

is Planned Parenthood’s third Minnesota clinic offering telemedicine or “webcam abortions” (following the Rochester and Brooklyn Park clinics).

In these abortions, women receive abortion drugs at the clinic after talking remotely through webcam with an abortion doctor at Planned Parenthood’s St. Paul headquarters. They differ from the mail-order abortions offered by Just the Pill, but still pose risks to women’s health—and end the lives of unborn children.

The St. Paul center continues to perform both surgical and chemical abortions. Planned Parenthood performed a record-high 6,451 abortions in Minnesota in 2019, accounting for a record-high 65 percent of the statewide total. **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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## Upcoming session could threaten life-affirming Positive Alternatives program

BY PAUL STARK

THE NEW SESSION of the Minnesota Legislature starts on Jan. 5 and will last into May. Among the key issues of concern for pro-life Minnesotans is funding for the Positive Alternatives program.

## Tens of thousands helped

The MCCL-backed Positive Alternatives Act was enacted in 2005. It provides grants to life-affirming programs that offer help and positive alternatives to abortion for women and their families.

Over the first three years of the current grant cycle (July 2016-June 2019), Positive Alternatives funded 259,167 different services for 22,321 clients. Since the program went into effect in 2006, it has helped 68,321 families, according to data from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Yet two years ago, Gov. Tim Walz and the House sought to cut 25 percent of the funding for Positive Alternatives; fortunately, a pro-life Senate majority made sure that full funding was kept in place. This year, as the Legislature and governor negotiate a state budget in the wake of COVID-19, Positive Alternatives funding could again be targeted.

“Positive Alternatives has supported and empowered tens of thousands of women and saved unborn lives,” says MCCL Legislative Associate Austin VanDerHeyden. “The modest funding for this program is essential—especially during times like these when families need more help, not less. Minnesota lawmakers need to know that cuts to Positive Alternatives are not acceptable.”

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# MCCL supports, promotes pregnancy centers during a difficult 2020

**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC** and resulting economic turmoil have affected everyone. Pregnant women—especially those already facing the challenges of an unexpected pregnancy—are certainly not immune to the uncertainties and difficulties of the pandemic.

**That's why the work of pregnancy care centers has never been more important.**

These are places that provide women and their families with practical support, compassionate counseling, and positive alternatives to abortion. Many of them have seen a greater need for their services since the pandemic began.

**So beginning early in the summer, MCCL launched a tour of pregnancy centers to drop off small donations from MCCL and to promote the centers and their lifesaving work on social media.** An MCCL representative has now visited 18 different care centers (many of them are also recipients of Positive Alternatives funding; see article on page 3).

MCCL encourages everyone to support these life-affirming and woman-empowering pregnancy care centers—especially at a time when their work is so needed. No one should ever feel like abortion is the only option. **There are dozens of centers across Minnesota; a list is available on MCCL's website at [mccl.org/pregnant](https://mccl.org/pregnant).** **MCCL**



MCCL President Leo LaLonde with Amanda Jo Grovenburg, executive director of New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center in Grand Rapids, and intern Alisha Hartley



LEFT: MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach outside the new location of Northwoods Pregnancy Center in Bemidji



BELOW: MCCL Vice President Diane Paffel-Moravec (right) with Jill King, executive director of Lakes Life Care Center in Forest Lake

## Protecting yourself and your loved ones during a pandemic

**WHEN COVID-19 FIRST BEGAN** to spread and raised concerns about the scarcity of resources, some in our society advocated the rationing of care (such as ventilators) based on age, disability, or underlying health condition. Others proposed mandatory "do not resuscitate" orders for COVID-19 patients. That talk was dangerous and unwarranted.

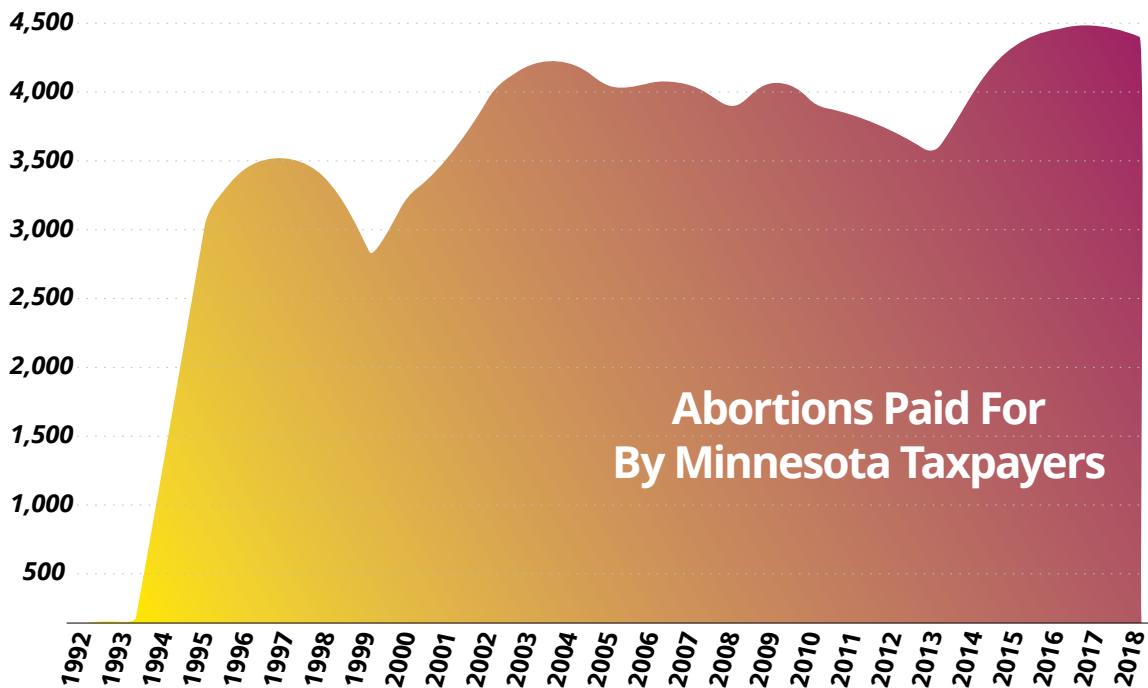
**Now, although the end of the pandemic is in sight, cases have increased significantly and raised more concerns.** It's important to remember that some of the hard-fought legislative victories we have achieved in Minnesota over the past 50 years can help save lives. A number of laws and measures might afford you and your loved ones protection.

### Remember these protections

Here are some points to keep in mind:

- Although triage practices can be necessary as a last resort (when medical resources are scarce), **discriminatory denial of care on the basis of age, ability, dependency, perceived "quality of life," etc., is a violation of civil rights.** Every human being matters equally.
- DNR and DNI orders are not mandatory and cannot be required by health care providers.
- If a Minnesota health care provider refuses to provide wanted life-sustaining treatment (that it is capable of providing), the provider is still legally required to provide such care to the patient until transfer to another hospital can be arranged.
- Minnesota has a "right to try" law that can give patients access to experimental therapies that could potentially save their lives.
- **Minnesotans may want to review and update their advance directives (often called "living wills") to ensure adequate protection.** Advance directives can also be indicated on your Driver's License.
- A "Will to Live" advance directive can help guard against the involuntary denial of lifesaving care (you can find it online at [nrlc.org](https://nrlc.org)). This can include a durable power of attorney that assigns another individual responsibility for your health care decisions if you are incapacitated. It is critical to make sure that this individual shares your values and respect for life.

**The COVID-19 pandemic has tested our society's commitment to the fundamental idea that every single member of the human family bears equal worth and equal rights.** Your life has value and deserves protection! Stay safe and stay well. **MCCL**



**THIS MONTH MARKS** a devastating anniversary in the state of Minnesota. Twenty-five years ago, on Dec. 15, 1995, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Doe v. Gomez* to require taxpayer funding of elective abortions.

**Since then, taxpayers have paid about \$27 million to bankroll the destruction of more than 90,000 unborn children in Minnesota.**

"The people of Minnesota never agreed to pay for abortion. No legislature ever made that decision. The Court imposed abortion funding on the basis of an erroneous and implausible reading of the Minnesota Constitution," says MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "It's long past time that this finally stops. Killing unborn children isn't a public good."

## Lawsuit leads to abortion funding

It started in 1993. That's when an abortion advocacy group filed a lawsuit challenging Minnesota's ban on public funding of abortion.

The lawsuit led to a 1994 decision by a Hennepin County District Court judge, who ruled that women have a "privacy right" to abortion under the Minnesota Constitution—and that the right to equal protection entails that the government must pay for abortions for low-income women because it pays for prenatal care.

**The Minnesota Supreme Court then upheld and broadened that ruling in its *Doe v. Gomez* decision.**

According to *Doe v. Gomez*, the Minnesota Constitution, like the U.S. Constitution according to the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, requires legalized abortion. But *Doe* also requires public funding of abortion for women receiving state assistance—something not required at the national level under *Roe v. Wade* and subsequent decisions. (Indeed, the pro-life Hyde Amendment prohibits most federal funding of abortion.)

**Even if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, the *Doe v. Gomez* decision says that Minnesota must still have legalized abortion-on-demand—and fund elective abortions through the state's Medicaid program.**

## Disastrous results

Tax-funded abortions in Minnesota have trended upward ever since the ruling (see graph above). 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. Many lives are lost when tax dollars subsidize abortion.**

In 2018, the latest year for which data is available, abortions funded by Minnesota taxpayers dropped 2 percent to 4,256 after rising each of the previous four years, according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The 2018 total is the third-highest ever and a 26 percent jump since 2013. Taxpayers reimbursed abortion practitioners \$1.03 million for abortions in 2018.

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, reaching a record-high 2,723 in 2018,**

# 25 years, \$27 million, 90,000 abortions:

**On its quarter-century anniversary, *Doe v. Gomez* continues to devastate in Minnesota**

PAUL STARK

**which is a record-high 64 percent of all tax-funded abortions.** It received a record-high \$614,445 in government reimbursements for abortion in 2018.

## Women, children, and taxpayers pay the price

"Government reimbursement allows the abortion industry to bolster its abortion numbers with the offer of 'free' abortions to economically vulnerable women," says 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."

Over the years, MCCL has worked to challenge *Doe v. Gomez* through legislation while raising public awareness of the problem. **In 2011 and 2017, MCCL helped pass bills that would prohibit taxpayer funding abortion, but both were vetoed by the governor.**

MCCL will support similar legislation again this year (see page 3). If enacted, it could give the Minnesota Supreme Court an opportunity to reconsider and reverse the *Doe v. Gomez* ruling. **MCCL**

## What can you do?

- Educate friends and the public.** Share the facts about taxpayer-funded abortion on social media.
- Support a ban.** During the legislative session, contact your state lawmakers and urge them to support the bill to challenge *Doe v. Gomez* by banning taxpayer funding of abortion.
- Vote pro-life during election years.** Only with pro-life elected officials can *Doe v. Gomez* finally be overturned.



# A Gift FOR LIFE

**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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narrow pro-life Senate majority should be able to stop the passage of anti-life legislation—such as a repeal of the Hyde Amendment, the longstanding pro-life measure that prohibits most federal taxpayer funding of abortion.

In Minnesota's U.S. House races, **pro-life Congressmen Tom Emmer (6th District) and Pete Stauber (8th District) easily won re-election, and pro-life Congressman Jim Hagedorn (1st District) won another term as well** in a highly targeted rematch against Dan Feehan.

Pro-life former Lieutenant Governor Michelle Fischbach handily defeated long-time incumbent Collin Peterson (7th District). In Minnesota's tightest congressional race (2nd District)—one that defied the expectations of most prognosticators—pro-life challenger Tyler Kistner came up just short in a strong effort to unseat pro-abortion incumbent Angie Craig.

**Overall, pro-lifers gained a number of seats in the U.S. House, though they still don't form a majority.** At least 18 new pro-life women, including Minnesota's Fischbach, were elected to the House, increasing the

total number of pro-life women to a record-high 29.

## State races: A pro-life majority

The story is similar in the Minnesota Legislature. **Despite heavily funded efforts to defeat a number of pro-life senators, the state Senate will maintain its pro-life majority (35-32) and keep a one-seat, 34-33 Republican majority.** In the House, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party retained a majority of seats (70-64), but pro-life Republicans picked up several of them. And with the re-election of four pro-life Democrats, pro-lifers are now expected to hold a 68-66 majority in the House.

"The success of these pro-life legislative candidates is so crucial," says VanDerHeyden. **"They can help stop harmful measures from passing and reaching the governor's desk, such as repeals of our pro-life Positive Alternatives and Woman's Right to Know laws, and attempts to legalize assisted suicide."**

In two years, the governor and entire state Legislature—with redrawn districts following the latest census—will be on the ballot, and the election outcome will determine whether substantial new pro-life legislation can be enacted in Minnesota. **MCCL**

## Thanks for doubling your gift to MCCL!

**PRO-LIFERS ACROSS** the state participated in our annual matching gift challenge on and before Nov. 19, Give to the Max Day. All gifts to the MCCL Education Fund were matched, up to \$50,000!

We are truly grateful to all of you who made this challenge so successful with your generosity. **Thank you for strengthening MCCL's pro-life educational programs!**

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You can still participate in this season of giving:

- Visit [mccl.org/donate](http://mccl.org/donate) or call 612-825-6831 to make your year-end, tax-deductible gift, or use the coupon on page 7.

- Add MCCL to your Christmas gift list.
- Call Jan Ochsner at 320-492-4510 to discuss giving options.

Thank you for your faithful support!

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### Tax-funded abortion ban, protections for long-term care

In the upcoming session, MCCL will also support legislation to ban taxpayer funding of abortion in Minnesota. **An MCCL-backed ban was introduced last year and in some previous years; twice it was passed by the Legislature but vetoed by then-Gov. Mark Dayton.**

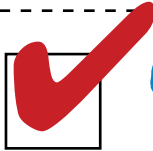
If enacted, a tax-funded abortion ban would challenge a Minnesota Supreme Court ruling that requires funding of elective abortions through Minnesota's Medicaid program (see page 5). Since the

ruling in 1995, about \$27 million in taxpayer dollars has bankrolled more than 90,000 abortions.

**Another key issue during the session will be protections for persons in long-term care facilities, where widespread neglect and abuse has been uncovered in recent years.** COVID-19 has affected people in long-term care the most, further exposing problems in many of these facilities—and the need for better protection.

**Pro-life Minnesotans can contact their legislators during the session to urge them to support MCCL's pro-life agenda.** MCCL will provide updates about the session online at [mccl.org](http://mccl.org) and in upcoming issues of MCCL NEWS. **MCCL**

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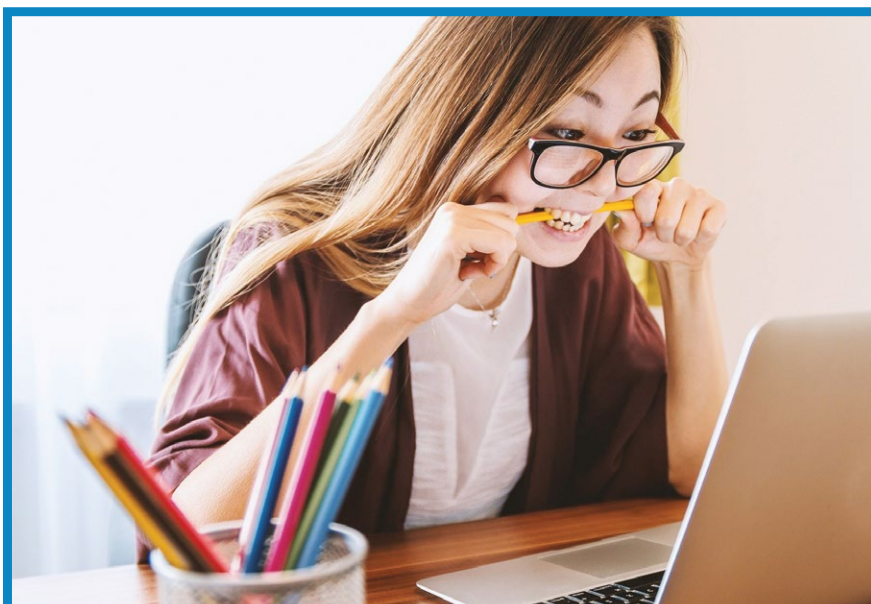
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### Easy, effective giving

There are many opportunities to contribute to MCCL's lifesaving work—and they're all easy for you. Contact your financial advisor for more information about year-end giving, or call the MCCL state office at 612-825-6831.

# Pro-life teens: Why are you pro-life?



**IF YOU ARE** a teenager who likes to write, National Right to Life has a contest for you!

The National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest provides young people with an opportunity to learn about right-to-life issues, hone their writing skills, and speak out on behalf of the most vulnerable.

**To participate, students must write a 300-500 word essay about their pro-life convictions.** The Junior Essay Contest is offered to students in grades 7-9; the Senior Essay Contest is for grades 10-12.

**Essays should address this question: "Why are you pro-life?" They must be submitted by mail between Dec. 20, 2020, and Jan. 21, 2021.**

Winning essays are then published in the National Right to Life Convention handbook, as well as in National Right to Life News. Prizes range from \$100 to \$200.

### Minnesota winners!

Last year, Minnesota's Evelyn Williams finished in second place in the junior division. In 2019, Minnesota's Elizabeth Grant placed first in the 2019 junior division, and in 2016, Minnesota's Mara Cobb placed first in the senior division. You could be Minnesota's next winner!

**More information about the essay guidelines is available online at [nrlc.org/students/essaycontest](http://nrlc.org/students/essaycontest).** A flier promoting the Essay Contest is also available by contacting MCCL or visiting [mccl.org/youthcontests](http://mccl.org/youthcontests). **MCCL**



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**Make plans to attend the MCCL March for Life** on Friday, Jan. 22, at noon at the state Capitol in St. Paul (see page 1).



**Make a year-end donation** to support MCCL's pro-life educational activities (see page 7).



**Encourage students in grades 7-12** to enter the National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest (see page 7).



**Contact your legislators** during the upcoming session and urge support for MCCL's pro-life legislative agenda (see page 3).



**Keep an eye on MCCL's events** in the coming year and on opportunities to get involved (see page 2).



**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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