



Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

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An Imaginary Conversation with Kate Cox

By Beverly Jacobson

If I could have taken Kate Cox out for coffee right after she learned that her unborn baby girl had Trisomy 18, I would have listened to her story, perhaps crying right along with her. Then, in a moment of seeing emotion overwhelm this precious mama, I would have shared the following...

I get it, mama. I know what it feels like to hear the doctor say that the baby squirming inside of you is “incompatible with life.” I know that feeling of dread, the knot in your stomach that never goes away, the overwhelming grief. I know, because I’ve been there.

When we learned our little girl had Trisomy 18, we also heard she would likely not make it to birth. If she did, they said, her life would be very brief and very difficult. The thought of losing my baby in utero or shortly after birth was terrifying. Then I connected with some support groups and learned there are actually a lot of children living with Trisomy 18. This revelation was a lifeline. It gave me hope! And yet, if I’m honest, I also felt fear. How could I possibly take care of a child with such profound needs? I was already overwhelmed with the 8 healthy children God had given us!

Here’s what I want you to know, Kate: your baby is not a mistake. She is created in God’s image—just like you. Whether her life on earth is measured in minutes, days, or years, your baby is a precious human being. Sweet mama, your baby is not a mistake—but abortion definitely is. Not only is it traumatic for the innocent life growing inside, but it also has devastating physical, mental, and emotional consequences for the mother. Ending your pregnancy will not remove the grief and anguish you feel right now. Instead, it would remove the opportunity for you to experience the joy and unexpected blessings your daughter can bring.

Did I say joy? Blessings? Oh, yes! You see, our sweet Verity was born very much alive. In fact, she is approaching her 7th birthday. And she has blessed us beyond measure. Without ever having said a word, she has touched lives all around the world. Yes, she has profound needs. Yes, our journey has been hard. Yes, we have faced fear, grief, and overwhelm. But we have all grown in ways we never could have imagined. And today we know the truth: life with Verity is an amazing, beautiful gift we never knew we wanted. How thankful we are that God knew what was best for us all along.

I remember those days following the diagnosis, the difficult first year of Verity’s life. The learning curve was steep, and life felt hard. Once we reached a new normal, we realized how important it is to encourage and empower other families in these situations. At Verity’s Village, our vision is to change the narrative surrounding genetic anomalies from heartache to hope. You don’t have to do this alone, mama! Let’s honor the life of your precious baby—together.

Beverly Jacobson is a military wife and homeschooling mother of 9 children, the youngest of whom has Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome). She is the founder and president of Verity’s Village, a faith-based, pro-life ministry serving families who receive a life-limiting diagnosis for their babies. Reach out to her at www.VeritysVillage.com or www.BeverlyJacobson.com.

Protect Life Resolution

As we prepare for the caucuses to kick off in March, Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will be offering sample language for resolutions that you can put forward at your own caucus. Here is an example (see our website for others):

Be it resolved that El Paso County _____ (insert party affiliation) believe human life begins at fertilization, deserves protection under law, and support enactment of Protect Life ordinances that declare localities and states sanctuaries for the unborn, prohibit abortions within municipal and state limits, and provide for a civil enforcement mechanism.

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The President's Corner

The biennial political caucuses are fast approaching. Are you ready?

The Republican caucus will be held on Thursday, March 7. The Democrat caucus will be part of a "combined caucus, assembly, and convention" that will be conducted as "a single virtual event" on Saturday, March 9.

What is the caucus system - and why should you care? For one thing, resolutions are submitted at caucuses. Also, delegates are elected at the caucuses who will then vote on political candidates at the assemblies. Winning candidates will then be placed on the ballot.

Unlike the petition process, which requires relatively few people to sign a petition to get a candidate on the ballot, **the caucus system is a way by which we can all participate in the process of selecting candidates for office, either indirectly by selecting delegates, or directly by being a delegate ourselves.** We can also influence party platforms through our resolutions.

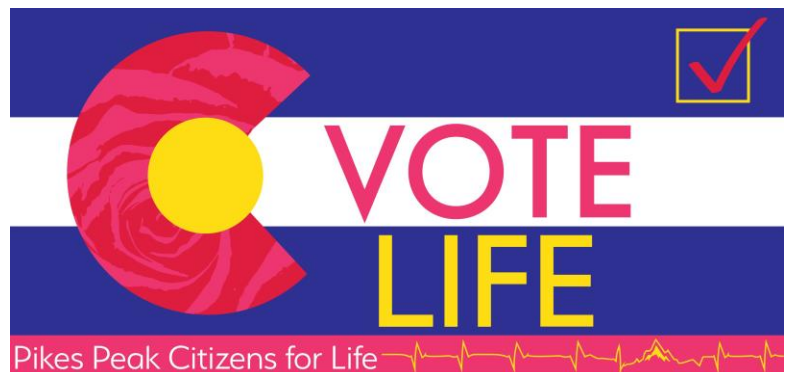
This year we have several open congressional seats as well as numerous state legislative positions. Since those who eventually fill these positions will be tasked to make laws, we should be motivated in doing what we can to ensure that the positions are filled with candidates who will support life.

So, we highly encourage you to attend your caucus and once there to offer resolutions and to vote for delegates who will support pro-life candidates. If you are able, try to become a delegate yourself.

Are you worried you don't know how to be a part of this process? Is that fear keeping you away from getting involved?

It is too important to allow these worries to keep you away! So, **Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will host a "caucus training"** at which we will show you how to craft resolutions that will be successful in your caucus as well as demonstrating how you can proceed to either run as a delegate or ask the questions needed to learn what positions a potential delegate holds. Join us at the Holy Trinity Hope House, 3101 Poinsetta Drive in Colorado Springs on Sunday, February 25, at 1:30 p.m. See you there!

Matt



Is Abortion “Holy”?

By Julie Bailey, PPCFL Vice-President

Is abortion “holy”? How could one even use the word “holy” in reference to abortion?

That was my reaction when I came across an article titled “Holy Abortion” in *First Things* magazine.

Written by Samira Kawash for the December 2023 issue, “[Holy Abortion](#)” is one of the finest treatments I have read of the reality we are facing in our battle against the culture of abortion. Kawash entwines the stories of several women, professed Christians and supporters of radical abortion rights, with the history of abortion in the United States. She also explores the shift in how some Christian clergy view abortion and its place in American life. Even to the point of, “taking a stand for abortion as a positive moral good.”

In early 2022, the *Washington Post* identified “an increasingly bold and more visible religious movement for reproductive choice, a hard shove back to the decades-old American narrative [whereby] a devout person sees abortion only as murder.”

So, what does this all mean? The way I see it, our battle to eradicate the evil of abortion is no longer (if it’s ever been) only against pagans, atheists, and godless heathens. The enemy also includes those who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior while at the same time supporting the so-called reproductive right of a woman to choose to kill her unborn child.

Reference:

<https://www.firstthings.com/article/2023/12/holy-abortion>
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2022/02/05/abortion-rights-jews-orthodox-catholic-prolife-prochoice/>

“Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother.

Abortion is profoundly anti-woman.

Three-quarters of its victims are women:

Half the babies and all the mothers.”

— Mother Teresa

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PPCFL is launching a new volunteer program! We hope this will purposefully engage the many enthusiastic volunteers who are as passionate about life issues as we are.

There are many ways you can impact our mission, and we want to help you identify the best fit for you. A few of the tasks we need help with are: processing mail and donations, inventory tracking for our pro-life materials, prepping Sidewalk Advocacy gift bags, prepping materials for information booths and tables, staffing information booths and tables, writing short, relevant blog posts and newsletter articles on pro-life topics, reaching out to churches, writing thank you notes, etc. Interested? Call or text Julie (401-578-4471) to see how you can help make a difference for LIFE in the Pikes Peak region!

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Coming Soon...

February 14-March 24: 40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is a ground-breaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray, that with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city... and beyond. During these 40 days, please commit to a time to pray for an end to abortion on the public sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood at 3480 Centennial Blvd. in Colorado Springs. If you aren’t able to pray at the sidewalk, you can also sign up to be a “Barnabas Buddy” and pray from your home or church. For more information or to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com.

April 12: Colorado March for Life

The Rally will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver. At noon, we will march around the capitol grounds (approximately 45 minutes).

Sunday, February 25: Together for Life



Together for Life Caucus Training
Come and gain the skills you need to become politically active as a pro-life advocate! PPCFL is hosting a caucus training to help empower you to influence your political party for life. Join us on Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm at the Hope House at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, located at 3101 Poinsetta Dr. in Colorado Springs.

