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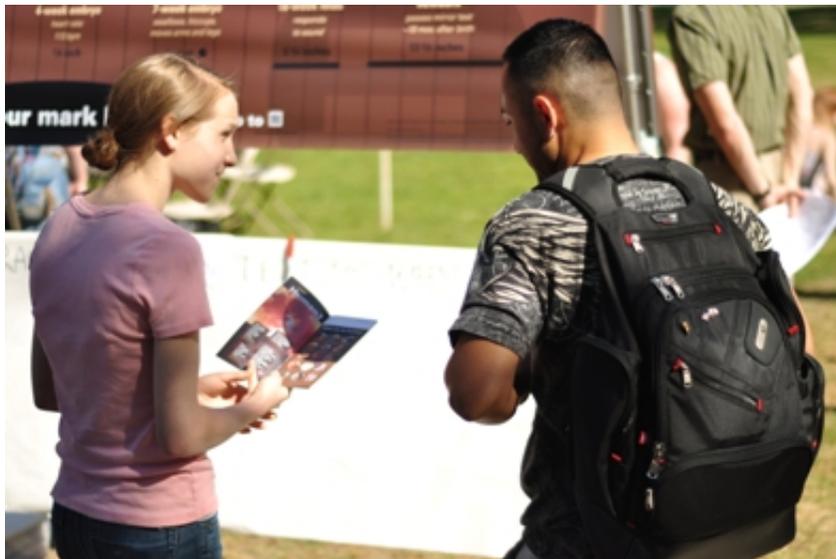


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Right to Life of Central California eNewsletter

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The Best College Outreach We've Ever Had!



Rebekah Vehrs Converses with a Student at Fresno City

Last month we trained 70 Fresno pro-life advocates during two all-day seminars, and then brought them to Fresno City College to dialogue with pro-choice students, while connecting the pro-life students with the new Students For Life club on campus.

There are several reasons we believe this to be the best outreach we've had yet in Fresno, but I'll let the people we trained put it in their own words:

"I feel much better equipped to communicate the pro-life message with whoever I am led to." --Jenny

"I gave the conference a ten out of ten because I am now able to communicate with pro-choice people in a non-argumental way." --Ryan

"I learned that instead of pushing my point and showing how I'm right, I need to listen to the opposing arguments." --Alyssa

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"This seminar has given me the tools (the "know how") to have a constructive dialogue with a pro-choice person." --Michelle

"This seminar was very informative and helped me gain the knowledge and confidence to engage others about being pro-life and create an open dialogue." --Amanda

"I certainly have new tools to enable me to engage in effective and possibly life-changing conversation." --Harold

We know of at least **ten students** at Fresno City who spoke with our trained staff and volunteers, and **left the conversation saying they were pro-life now!** Lives were definitely saved during the outreach, and some lives were forever changed, including both the people we talked to, and the people we trained, who will now be more effective ambassadors for Christ whenever they talk about this issue, or any other issue, with those in their spheres of influence.



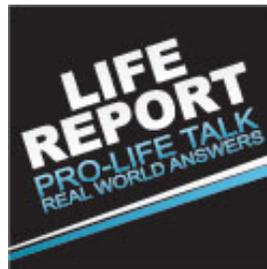
To be sure to find out about the next opportunity to participate in a Justice For All training and outreach, email Kyle@RighttoLifeCA.org or call (559) 229-2229.

Special Guests Pastor Jim Franklin & Father Larry Toschi on Life Report!

Pastor Franklin and Fr. Toschi joined Josh Brahm in the Life Report studio for two great episodes.

Episode 1: That HHS Mandate

A discussion of the HHS mandate forcing religious institutions to pay for sterilizations, contraception and the abortifacient drug, "ella."



Related Links: - [Read](#) Archbishop Charles Chaput's amazing article on the HHS mandate.

- [Read](#) up to date information on Washington HB 2330, that would require health insurance coverage for abortion if a health plan covers maternity care. (HT [David Schmidt @ Live Action](#).)
- [Download](#) the article Josh referenced on the effects of progesterone antagonists like Ella: "Selective progesterone receptor modulators and progesterone antagonists: mechanisms of action and clinical applications" (HT [Rich Poupard @ Life Training Institute](#).)
- [Read](#) the Washington Post debunking the "98% of Catholics use contraception" stat

Click the image below to watch the full episode, or [download the audio-only MP3](#).

Quote of the Month

"My favorite pro-lifer is Josh Brahm. I like him because he is completely willing to discuss the topic of abortion with those that have different opinions and is very open-minded. He has taught me a lot about morality and ethical discussions. He would rather us all communicate than fight, and I totally agree with that."

~Roni,
Pro-Choice Advocate

Join the Club!



In addition to general donations, we're also looking for committed friends of life to join the "300 Club," Right to Life's monthly support team. For just \$25 each month, you can be an integral part of RLCC's life-changing and life-saving work here in the San Joaquin Valley and across the U.S. [Click here](#) for more!



#138: That HHS Mandate

Episode 2: Why Are Some Pastors Silent About Abortion?

Josh believes that some church leaders are silent about abortion because of [ignorance, fear or apathy](#). Pastor Jim Franklin and Father Larry Toschi offer practical advice to pro-life congregants who want to communicate with their church leader about abortion.

They close by offering practical advice to pastors on what they can and should do to be a pro-life pastor. (It's not as much as you might think!)

Pastor Franklin and Father Toschi also answered this question from a listener: "Many post-abortive women don't think they can be forgiven. What do you say from the pulpit to let them know they can be forgiven?"

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: SB 1338 Shelved!



This Spring, Sen. Christine Kehoe [proposed a bill](#) in the California Senate that would dramatically lower the standards for abortion providers in California. The bill would allow non-surgeons to perform surgical abortions through the Golden State.

UPDATE 5/8: SB 1338 has been shelved! Sponsoring Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) was unable to get the votes needed to get her bill out of committee. Local assemblywoman Dr. Linda Halderman has received much of the credit for stopping this dangerous bill in its tracks. [LifeNews.com reports:](#)

Bill May, chairman of Catholics for the Common Good, applauded the news that the pro-abortion legislation failed, and credited pro-life advocates with flooding the legislature

with calls and emails against it.

"It is important to let legislators know we are paying attention and appreciate it when they do something good, especially on a bill as important as this one," he said. "Assemblywoman Linda Halderman (R-Fresno), a board-certified physician and surgeon, has been an outspoken opponent of the bill bringing focus to how it would have compromised women's health. She strongly argued in testimony and in the media that only medical doctors have the training to handle complications that can come up during the course of an abortion. She should also receive calls and emails of appreciation."

May added, "The Democrats who voted against SB 1338 deserve particularly high praise because of the tremendous pressure they came under. Planned Parenthood even picketed the office of Senator Juan Vargas (D-Chula Vista) and ran advertising against him, but he and Senator Lou Correa (D- Santa Ana) held firm."

May urges calls of support for these members:

Senator Lou Correa (D- Santa Ana) (916) 651-4034

Senator Juan Vargas (D- Chula Vista, El Centro, Indio) (916) 651-4040

Senator Bill Emmerson (R- Riverside, Palm Desert) (916) 651-4037, Senator.Emmerson@senate.ca.gov

Senator Mark Wyland (R- Carlsbad, San Joan Capistrano) (916) 651-4038

Assemblywoman Linda Halderman, MD (R- Fresno) (916) 319-2029

We agree. RLCC Education Director Josh Brahm said, "I can't think of a better person to have testified against this bill than Dr. Halderman. She's not only a respected legislator, she's a surgeon, and her expertise allowed her to see the major flaws in the safety study Kehoe and Planned Parenthood have touted as proof that non-surgeons should be able to perform surgical abortions." Listen to Josh's interview with Dr. Halderman [here](#).

While this is a major victory, it's important to keep our guard up. As the [LA Times noted](#):

The proposal is not dead. Many bills get bottled up in committee only to make it to the floor later in the session because of compromises or last-minute legislative maneuvers.

More information:

- Dr. Linda Halderman came on RLCC's Life Report to discuss this bill in depth. Watch or download the free MP3 by [clicking here](#).

- [Listen](#) to Assemblywoman Linda Halderman discuss the bill on Ray Appleton's radio show (includes call in by RLCC's Jonathan Keller!)

- [Hear](#) RLCC's Director Jonathan Keller on KGED 1680 AM Discussing the Bill (YouTube video)

About Us

Right to Life of Central California (RLCC) is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian organization whose fundamental purpose is to restore societal respect and effective legal protection for all human beings from fertilization until natural death. RLCC's projects include the [Life Report radio and TV show](#), 40 Days for Life, and conducting multimedia presentations for youth and seminars for adults to educate on the life issues. Visit our website at RightToLifeCA.org.

