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JUN
06

Dine For Life - Rubio's Coastal Grill
Location: 950 Herndon Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612
Time: 4:30 PM - 9 PM
Visit RightToLifeCA.org for flyer.

JUN
20

Community Forum - Pro-life Laws
Location: Harris Construction
5286 E Home Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727
Time: 5:30 PM - 7 PM

JUL

Children's Pro-Life Story Time
Please visit RightToLifeCA.org
or [facebook.com/RightToLifeCA](https://www.facebook.com/RightToLifeCA)
for dates.

AUG
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Pastors' Pro-life Conference
Invite Your Pastor
Location: Westwoods BBQ
Time: 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Call Right to Life at 559-229-2229 for more details.

AUG

College Campus Outreach
Check out our Facebook page
and website for details on
dates and locations.

SEP SEP
05-08

Madera Fair
Call Tania at Right to Life to register
to volunteer: 559-229-2229.

SEP
17

Central CA Women's
Conference
visit www.cccw-fresno.org to register

SEP NOV
25-03

40 Days for Life
Please visit 40daysfresno.org
for more info and to sign up.

OCT OCT
02-14

Fresno Fair
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to volunteer: 559-229-2229.

OCT OCT
11-13

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Christmas Dinner & Auction
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or if you would like to attend.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

By Executive Director John Gerardi

On May 28, Justice Clarence Thomas issued a powerful and important concurring opinion in a Supreme Court decision entitled *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky*. In this case, the Court was asked to hear a case assessing the constitutionality of an Indiana law that banned abortions chosen for discriminatory reasons: because of the child's race, sex, or physical or mental disability.



Executive Director John Gerardi

While the Court declined to take the case at this time, Justice Thomas used a concurring opinion to address the question of discriminatory abortion by tying it to the racist eugenics movement of the early 20th Century.

Eugenics was a pseudo-scientific intellectual fad that held that certain races and groups of people were mentally and morally superior to others, and that promoting birth control among "unfit" racial and ethnic groups would help solve societal ills. The movement died in the 1940's after the atrocities of Nazi Germany showed the world what eugenics practically entails.

Thomas noted that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was a prominent supporter of eugenics, and how her successor Alan Guttmacher endorsed abortion as a tool of eugenic societal "improvement," even long after World War II. Sanger explicitly promoted a "Negro Project" to promote birth control among poor Southern African Americans, whom she identified as "the great problem of the South.

Turning to the present, Justice Thomas noted the startlingly high statistics for aborting children with Down Syndrome and other handicaps, abortion of African American children, and abortion in other minority and lower-income ethnic groups. While abortion providers no longer explicitly promote abortion for eugenic reasons—Planned Parenthood now acts as an alleged champion for women's autonomy and healthcare—they have been wildly successful in effecting the goals of their eugenics-loving forbears. As Thomas ruefully notes, "Whatever the reasons for these disparities, they suggest that, insofar as abortion is viewed as a method of 'family planning,' black people do indeed 'take the brunt of the "planning.'""

We would like to thank our generous sponsors along with the hard work of our golf committee in making our golf tournament the most successful yet! A special thanks to our wonderful co-chairs, Dianne Mazzone and Cathy Horn for their tireless efforts in organizing this wonderful event.

23rd Annual JoAnn Stephens Memorial Golf for Life Tournament
on April 15, 2019 at Fort Washington Golf & Country Club

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OUR COMMUNITY BY PRESENTING THE PRO-LIFE POSITION WITH CLARITY AND COMPASSION.



Right to Life extends a huge thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who participated in our Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. You are the engine that powers our work, and we thank you!

**Fall Campaign:
September 25-November 3**

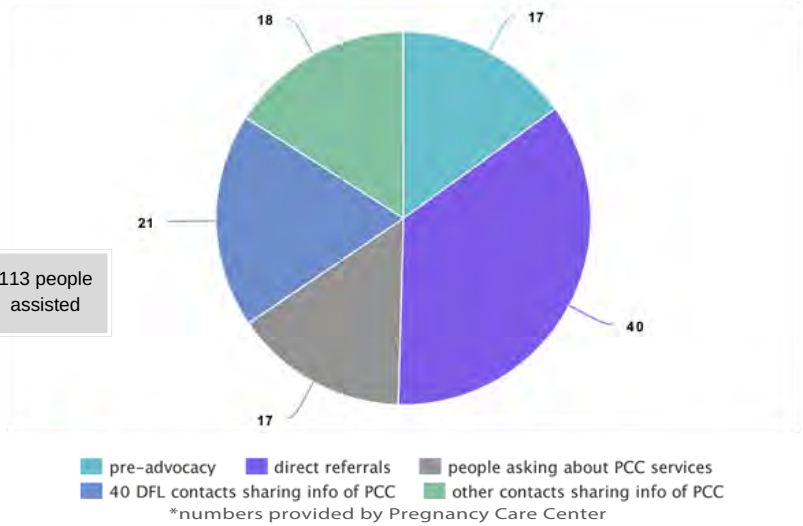
For more information regarding 40 Days for Life or sidewalk counseling resources or training, please contact Tania at Tania@rtlcc.org.



113 people assisted

Pregnancy Care Center

During the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign, we worked closely with Pregnancy Care Center and were able to have a trained Pregnancy Care Center advocate on site. We are thankful for Pregnancy Care Center and their presence at 40 Days for Life.



Right to Life of Central California would like to thank all the churches that participated in our Mother's Day Corsage sale. We really appreciate the support of local parishes and congregations. The money raised will help Right to Life of Central California's pro-life education efforts.

Legislative Advocacy in Sacramento

A few times every year, Right to Life hosts a legislative advocacy day to oppose harmful pro-choice legislation at our state Capitol. We drive to Sacramento, walk the halls to speak with legislative staff, visit our local representatives, and attend a legislative hearing. On April 3, Right to Life of Central California—along with our friends from Students for Life at Fresno State—went to Sacramento to advocate against SB 24. This legislation requires so-called "medication" abortion to be provided at the on-campus student health centers of all 31 California State University and University of California campuses. While the bill has now passed through the California State Senate, we have made our voices heard, and we are not giving up! Right to Life will continue to represent our supporters throughout the Valley to urge this bill's defeat in the California Assembly, or for Governor Newsom to veto it. Stay tuned to rtlcc.org and facebook.com/righttolifeca for updates about our next trip to the Capitol to lobby the California Assembly this summer!



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PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES TO DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE THROUGH EFFECTIVE TOOLS AND TRAINING.

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— Pastors' Pro-Life Conference —

Right to Life is hosting a luncheon to help equip pastors to talk about the issue of abortion within their congregation, and reach out to the women and men in their communities who need healing and support following abortion. The event will be co-sponsored with ESA/Love, Inc

11:30 AM - 1 PM | Aug. 14th

Location: Westwoods BBQ

Call Right to Life at 559-229-2229 for more details.

COMMUNITY FORUM on New Pro-Life Laws



John Gerardi
Executive Director
Right to Life of Central CA



Jonathan Keller
CEO/President
California Family Council

Join Right to Life for a community forum discussing the incredible new pro-life laws being passed throughout the country, and the likely fate of these bills at the US Supreme Court.

Date: June 20, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Location: Harris Construction
5286 E Home Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

visit RTLCC.org/events for more info

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Hosted by John Gerardi

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If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call our toll-free national hotline today at:

1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463)

Or call our Fresno-area contacts:

1-877-629-6626 (English)

1-888-686-8537 (Spanish)

Please call one of our Fresno numbers to register for one of our retreats. Financial assistance is available, and there is still time to register for the June retreat.

Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.

The weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief.

www.RachelsVineyard.org

*Retreat in
English*

**November
9-11**

*Retreat in
Spanish*

**June
22-24**

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- Coming to Fresno in 2020 -

Obria is a national chain of pro-life women's prenatal and reproductive health clinics. They are leading the way as one of the most innovative pro-life, prenatal health clinics in the nation. In the next 24 months, Right to Life of Central California will be bringing an Obria clinic to Fresno that will offer resources for women that include:

- Well Woman Exams / Pap Smears
- Pregnancy Testing
- Ultrasound
- Prenatal Care
- STD / STI Testing and Treatment
- Breast Cancer / Cervical Cancer Screenings
- Natural Family Planning - Contraception Education
- Abortion Alternatives - Pregnancy Option Education
- Abortion Pill Reversal
- Post-Abortion help
- And many more services!

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Dr. Amie Holmes, MD is a pro-life Gynecology and Infertility specialist in Clovis. She does incredible work for couples struggling with infertility and the hormonal and gynecologic health issues that can cause it. If you are struggling with infertility and have legitimate pro-life concerns with in vitro treatments, you need to call Dr. Holmes. She also provides abortion pill reversal treatment, and support groups for those who have experienced pregnancy loss. Call to schedule an appointment at 559-324-3833.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Impact of New Pro-Life Laws

By RLCC Executive Director John Gerardi.

In the last few months, states throughout the country have begun to pass laws that drastically limit abortion. Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Louisiana, and others have passed laws to ban abortion after the point where fetal heartbeat can be detected, roughly 6 weeks into pregnancy. Alabama has banned almost all abortions. Why is this happening, and what does it mean?

These pro-life states are trying to test the Supreme Court. With Brett Kavanaugh replacing Anthony Kennedy, the balance of power on the Court may have dramatically shifted, with a new majority potentially willing to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and its 1992 successor case, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

The Reagan-appointed Kennedy joined with the liberal wing of the court to maintain *Casey* as the law of the land for most of his three decades on the High Court, ensuring legal abortion nationwide with ironclad protections throughout pregnancy. Throughout his tenure, there was no point for states to pass laws that banned abortion, particularly early in pregnancy, because Kennedy and his allies would simply strike it down as unconstitutional.

With Kennedy's departure, it is possible that the majority of Roberts, Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, and Kavanaugh would be willing to reconsider the Court's previous abortion rulings. Pro-life states are jumping at the opportunity, passing laws that are immediately getting challenged in the courts and appealed up through the federal Circuit Courts. Because of the widespread passage of these laws, it is likely within the next 2 years that the Supreme Court will hear a case to decide on the constitutionality of these laws, and decide whether or not to uphold or overturn *Roe* and *Casey*.

To learn more about these developments, we encourage you to join Right to Life at our Community Forum on New Pro-Life Laws, which will be held at the beautiful conference room of Harris Construction, located at 5286 E Home Avenue in Fresno, on Thursday, June 20 from 5:30-7:00. Contact Right to Life for more details: 559-229-2229, or email at info@rtlcc.org.

Right to Life of Central California exists to: Engage our community by presenting the pro-life position with clarity and compassion, **Equip** advocates to defend the sanctity of all human life through effective tools and training, and **Embrace** individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy and those hurt by abortion.

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5:30 PM - 7 PM

More information on page 5.

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