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OUTREACH

TRANSFORMATION

4000 Kids Reached

Right to Life has had an incredible year providing pro-life educational instruction to young people throughout the Valley.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN GERARDI

President Trump's New Abortion Stance

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

22 California March for Life Sacramento

29 Chuck & JoAnn Stephens Memorial Golf for Life Tournament

MAY

12 Mother's Day Corsage Fundraiser

15 Dine for Life

SEPTEMBER

5-8 Educational Booth at Madera Fair

17 Central California Women's Conference

OCTOBER

2-14 Educational Booth at Fresno Fair

DECEMBER

6 36th Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

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MOMMY AND ME

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Donald Trump made significant news with his recent statements on abortion heading into the 2024 elections. What do we at RLCC think about it? While reasonable people of good will can disagree, here are my thoughts:

First, Mr. Trump had some incredible pro-life accomplishments in his first term, which should not be overlooked. He enacted a number of executive and funding limitations on abortion, and brought about the end of Roe v. Wade with his judicial appointments.

Nevertheless, in his latest comments, Mr. Trump has argued that the federal government has no role in restricting abortion, and that he would not pursue any federal legislation for a nationwide gestational age limit on abortion. He also expressed his neutrality regarding various state ballot measures (in Nebraska, Florida, and Arizona) that are attempting to legalize unrestricted abortion in those places this fall, instead telling voters to "follow your heart" and "do what's right for you." In some instances, he has actually been worse than neutral: in April, he flatly opposed an Arizona Supreme Court ruling that reinstated Arizona's pre-Roe abortion ban, and last year he harshly criticized Florida's law limiting abortion to the first 6 weeks of pregnancy.

Many argue that Mr. Trump is pursuing a politically prudent course of action, trying to sidestep unnecessary fights over abortion for the sake of defeating the pro-abortion Joe Biden. In the meantime, however, he is putting pro-life advocates in the various states in a near-impossible position, as they attempt to rally Republican support against ballot measures that the GOP's own presidential candidate refuses to oppose. In fact, Ohio's abortion restrictions were overturned via a ballot measure last November following Mr. Trump's criticisms of Florida's near-identical laws. Trump also did not mention any executive actions he would support to restrict abortion or abortion funding.

By adopting a "states only," neutral posture to abortion, I fear that Mr. Trump could cede the national debate to Democrats, who are running on a clear message: full, nationwide legalization of abortion with no restrictions and taxpayer funding. Pro-lifers must demand that their lawmakers appoint good judges, restrict abortion drugs, block federal abortion funding, and do everything within our power to protect life.

In Remembrance of Joe Gerardi

On March 12, 2024, Dr. Joseph Gerardi passed away following a difficult battle with cancer. He and his wife Dr. Sharon Gerardi have been decades-long friends and supporters of Right to Life and Obria, and their son John has served as our executive director since 2016.

Dr. Gerardi was an orthopedic surgeon at Valley Children's Hospital for 31 years, and served approximately 100,000 patients over his career. His life was dedicated to aiding those who were weak and in need, which was the grounding for his commitment to the cause of life. We will miss Dr. Gerardi's love and good humor, and we are so grateful for the memorial donations made to Right to Life and Obria in his honor.





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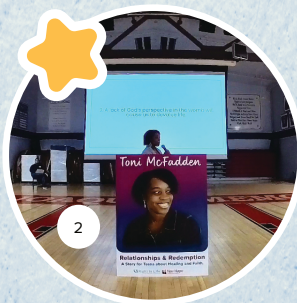


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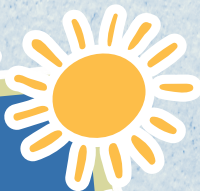
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Baby shower for Maria



Presentation Tracker



Right to Life has had an incredibly busy first quarter of 2024. Our education team traveled up and down the San Joaquin Valley providing pro-life presentations to thousands of young men and women in schools and church religious education programs.

Meanwhile, our Outreach team has served more and more women with abortion alternatives. We've worked with multiple moms who chose life over abortion (including two moms of twins!), hosted several baby showers, and had hundreds of volunteers come out to pray during 40 Days for Life.

This is the bread and butter of our organization's work, and we cannot do it without your support. Every dollar you give is a worthwhile investment in our critical educational and outreach work. Thank you!

Hi!



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We want to thank everyone who came out to 40 Days for Life. We had an estimated 20,000 combined prayer hours!



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WOW

Presentations reached 4000 kids across 26 talks. That's over 150 kids per session!



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 For more info, email Linda at linda@righttolife.org or 559.212.4433
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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional/spiritual pain of abortion.

If you or someone you know is hurting from an abortion, please call our Fresno area contacts. We have peer counselors with 20 years of experience and a licensed clinical social worker who is available to help. All calls and information shared are strictly confidential and our counselors are off-site.

FRESNO AREA CONTACTS:

1.833.776.0023 English | 1.888.686.8537 Spanish

2024 RETREATS

Fri, Oct 4 – Sun, Oct 6

CALL TO REGISTER



The Truth of PASS (Post Abortion Stress Syndrome)

While political advocates of abortion try to deny it, abortion is associated with various post-traumatic symptoms, sometimes referred to as PASS (Post Abortion Stress Syndrome). By the age of 45, one out of four women will have had at least one abortion. That also means that one out of four men will have been associated with that abortion. What the abortion clinics don't tell you, is what happens afterwards.

Symptoms of Abortion Trauma

Bouts of crying • Depression • Guilt • Inability to forgive yourself
Intense grief / sadness • Anger / rage • Emotional numbness
Sexual problems or promiscuity • Eating disorders
Lowered self esteem • Drug and alcohol abuse
Nightmares and sleep disturbances • Suicidal urges
Difficulty with relationships • Anxiety and panic attacks
Flashbacks • Multiple abortions • Pattern of repeat crisis pregnancy
Discomfort around babies or pregnant women
Fear/ambivalence of pregnancy

Unfortunately, most people that suffer from PASS don't recognize the connection between an abortion and the symptoms of PASS. If you or someone you love suffers from symptoms related to PASS, please find help. Rachel's Vineyard is one of the many resources that can help with the healing of the effects of an abortion.

The Obria Medical Clinics of Central California hosted its second annual Be the One fundraiser at the Toca Madera Winery in Madera on Thursday evening, March 21.



Our thanks to the donors and sponsors who helped contribute to the event. Proceeds go to aid our work assisting lower-income women with critically needed, high quality, pro-life healthcare.



If you want to support Obria, you can donate at obria365.org, or send donations to Obria Medical Clinics of Central California, PO Box 5197, Fresno, CA 93755. If you are interested in supporting our work, you can call 559-201-8380, or contact John Gerardi at john@obriafresno.org.



If you or someone you know needs prenatal or women's healthcare assistance, contact the clinic at 559-705-6911.

Obria accepts patients from all backgrounds and with a broad range of insurances.
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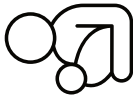
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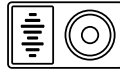
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