

La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



Pro-Life Report by Marie Fleisner, Pro-Life Liaison

October Respect Life Month

Lots of things are happening in the Respect Life world as we begin Respect Life Month. What's going on in your community or parish? Check the back of this page for ideas for your parish.

- **Gospel of Life Celebration:** Thursday October 13 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist church in Marshfield. Hear how God's mercy has worked in the life of Valentyna Pavsyukova, a Ukrainian immigrant, as she speaks of the latest developments of Chalice of Mercy, her amazing pro-life mission. To read a feature article on Valentyna visit www.dioc.org/respectlife.
- **40 Days for Life** is partnering with Silent No More in launching its biggest campaign ever called the **40 Days for Life United Bus Tour**. Leaders Shawn Carney, David Bereit, Steve Karlen, Georgette Forney and Fr. Frank Pavone will be traveling to over 125 cities in all 50 states, including Milwaukee and Madison in Wisconsin. The campaign began on September 28. Check your communities for local campaigns.
- **Life Chain.** October 2. Peaceful vigils are being held around the state. Information can be found on Pro-Life Wisconsin's website.
- **Love for Life Gala:** October 22 at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee. This year's featured speaker is Matt Walsh, pro-life blogger at *The Blaze*.

Where do the Presidential Candidates Stand on Life?

Not surprisingly, the candidates have very different views on abortion. Here is an overview of their positions on abortion-related issues (source: Wisconsin Right to Life).

Donald Trump

Abortion on Demand

Trump says, "Let me be clear – I am pro-life," adding, "I did not always hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me."

Partial-Birth Abortion

In 2000, in his book *The America We Deserve*, Trump wrote that after consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure he concluded that he would support a ban on that method.

Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

In May 2016, Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, "By the way, these judges are all pro-life."

Vice Presidential Candidates

Mike Pence has a 100% Concerned Women for America voting record, and a zero percent record with the National Abortion Rights Action League. He is a strong supporter of personhood rights for the preborn, having co-sponsored two personhood bills in Congress - the 2007 Right to Life Act and the 2011 Life at Conception Act

Party Platforms

The Republican Party Platform affirms "that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life," opposes using government funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund abortion providers, and supports legislation to assist babies who survive abortion.

Hillary Clinton

In 2003, Clinton endorsed *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision allowing abortion for any reason, saying "The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights," adding she believed this to be true even on the unborn child's due date.

In 2003, Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (voted to allow partial-birth abortions to continue) every chance she got.

Clinton said that she would only nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold legalized abortion on demand, saying, "I would not appoint someone who didn't think *Roe v. Wade* is settled law."

Tim Kaine voted against the pro-life position in the U.S. Senate, even voting against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Tim Kaine co-sponsored a bill (S.217) that would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including late abortions.

The Democratic Party Platform supports abortion on demand, and calls for repeal of the Hyde Amendment (which restricts the use of federal funds for abortion). The platform also supports government funding of abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood.

