

JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN

*We never know who will view and experience our sidewalk ministry.
But God Knows!*

He knows each driver, each passenger, and each pedestrian who passes our way. He knows them by their names. He knows them by their hearts. He knows them by their needs. We build our Chains for Him to work through as He purposes, to reach whomever He chooses. We serve Life because we care, and in most instances the consequences of our caring remain unknown to us.

But they are not unknown to God.



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SUNDAY
October 2

The times and places for the Life Chain:

Pueblo – from 1 to 3 PM

Northside Hwy 50W and Club Manor Drive • Southside at Northern and Moore

Westcliffe – 2 - 3:30 in front of Custer County School.

On the first Sunday of every October since 1987, peaceful people have gathered on the sidewalks in hundreds of communities in the United States and Canada to take a public stand and pray to end abortion. This year, the pro-life people will be there again. Will you be counted among them?

October 2 is National Life Chain Sunday, so Pueblo and Westcliffe will join over 700 cities across the United States and Canada to give witness to the sanctity of human life and to educate the public that Abortion Kills Children.

April of 1992 was Pueblo's first Life Chain and every year since then, the local pro-life group has sponsored two Life Chains – one in October to coincide with the National Life Chain and one in the spring near April 27th, the date when

Colorado became the first state in the nation to legalize the killing of the unborn.

Life Chains remind the public that abortion is not merely an "interruption of pregnancy." Abortion is the killing of an already living innocent human being – abortions kill children – very small children – in their very first home. Once the epitome of psychological safety, the womb has become the most lethal place in the world.

PLSC Responds to Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson* Decision

The announcement on June 24, 2022 that the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs. Wade* is historic, long overdue, and welcomed, and it may save some unborn babies; however it does not protect any unborn babies. The Court ruled that the constitution does not afford a woman the right to abort her children, but, unfortunately, it took no position on whether the unborn child is a person who has a federally protected Right to Life. Consequently, the matter has been relegated to the individual states

Pro-Life of Southern Colorado holds that state boundary lines are absolutely unacceptable criteria for decisions about the personhood of the individual. Certain basic rights in this country – particularly the Right to Life – are so unalienable that they must be protected at the federal level. And those fundamental rights must be protected equally, including for the unborn children as there is clear and compelling proof that a new human being comes into existence at conception.

Despite that glaring deficiency in the Court's decision, Pro-Life of Southern Colorado applauds the ruling in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization* because it corrects the egregious 1973 ruling in *Roe vs. Wade* that manufactured a "right to abortion" by a faulty reading of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Writing for the majority, Justice Samuel Alito states that there is no constitutional provision that even implicitly protects that "right."

Like other previous tragic decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court – *Dred Scott* and *Plessy vs. Ferguson* – *Roe vs. Wade* has now rightfully been abolished. Re-establishing protection of the Right to Life of unborn children remains the mission of Pro-Life of Southern Colorado.

50 Tragic Years of *Roe*

Diabolical is not too strong of a term to describe the pro-abortion reaction to the Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that declared – even if unable to prove – that abortion was a constitutionally protected right. *Roe* was a poor decision criticized both by pro-life and pro-abortion legal scholars; and the two dissenting justices in *Roe*, Byron White and William Rhenquist, declared the decision mere judicial activism.

Seven justices had their minds made up well before the young, nervous Sara Weddington argued her 1973 case. The *Roe* justices were no doubt influenced by the popularity during that time of Paul Erlich's Population Bomb, whose now discredited dire predictions never came to pass. Some saw abortion as a solution (to a problem that didn't exist). The dilemma the justices faced was that there was no right to abortion in the Constitution nor was there one implied. Justice Blackman, who wrote the *Roe* decision, was desperate to find some justification and so he fabricated an implication of the right to abortion in the Fourteenth Amendment, even though a stronger case could be made for the protection of the unborn under that same amendment.

For 50 years the atrocity of *Roe* was regarded as the law of the land due to the appointment of liberal justices or weak justices or disappointing justices. The result has been over 63 million young unborn children slaughtered, with the slaughter being purposely obscured by euphemisms.

The unborn are not the only victims. Today, the new victims are women who are relying on crisis centers to help them through a pregnancy and are finding vandalized centers. Nor is the Biden administration interested in justice for these centers. The silence condemning these crimes is deafening. The silence condemning the violent threats against the justices also gives tacit approval of them.

*An excellent article about "What's Next" by Alexandra Snyder is in "Lifeline" the Summer publication of Life Legal Defense Foundation.

<https://lifelegaldefensefoundation.org/resources/lifeline-newsletter/>

Remember Our Heroes of the Past

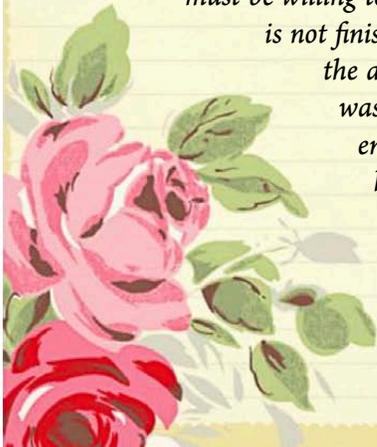
~ by Eleanore Boyd

*We should remember all those who, to the end of their lives, stayed faithful to the work to restore protection to unborn children. Regardless of that shameful court decision, they kept the light of life burning. We wish they were here to rejoice that *Roe* has been recognized as the Constitutional fiction it has been for 50 years – rejoice that we now have a Supreme Court brave enough to respect the Constitution.*

*Yes, it is inconceivable that an unborn child would be protected in one state and then be regarded as no more than medical waste in another. However let's give ourselves time to rejoice that the 50-year-old *Roe* is history – shameful history.*

*It is a big thing that has happened. We cannot help but wish that those gone before were here to rejoice with us, not for their sake but for ours. We need to honor that they stayed faithful to the end of their lives. We too must be willing to stay faithful to the end of ours because our task is not finished. We rejoice that lives will be saved because the atrocity of *Roe* has been recognized as the deceit it was – mere "raw judicial power." Our task now is to ensure that the unborn will be recognized in law as human persons whose lives are worthy of the same protection you and I have.*

But wouldn't it be great to be able to pick up the phone, call one of those past heroes, like Dr. Jack Willke or Dr. Mildred Jefferson or Nellie Gray, and say, "Hey, you heard, didn't you?"



Outrage Over Dobbs Understandable, But Illogical

Taken from a Guest Column by Charlie Danaher that appeared in the *Colorado Springs Gazette*

The U.S. is in a panic over abortion. On May 22, came the leak about a ruling to overturn *Roe*, with the ruling handed down June 24.

Ever since, churches, crisis pregnancy centers and other organizations have been vandalized, Supreme Court justices have been called “tyrants,” and had their lives threatened.

Of course, none of it is justifiable, but I do find it somewhat understandable. And I sympathize with those who are angry, disillusioned and afraid of what the future holds.

Karl Marx and his contemporaries began promoting the idea that the world would only be fair if women could behave like men. Therefore, women would have to be able to have sex without consequence — like men could. And the only way to achieve that would be to develop reliable contraception.

And so, the project was underway. In 1912, Margaret Sanger (founder of Planned Parenthood) dreamed of a “magic pill” for women. By mid-1950s, the pill was developed. The Supreme Court even got in on the act, and in 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, they declared a “right to marital privacy,” legalizing contraception.

Naturally, after widespread adoption of contraception, society’s outlook on pregnancy evolved in a profound way. How could it not? Before contraception was commonplace, a pregnancy resulting from sex was not a surprise. Even if pregnancy wasn’t sought, it was generally welcomed. But with wide cultural acceptance of contraception, an “unplanned” pregnancy began to be looked upon as an unfair burden. That’s a natural reaction, even if it is illogical.

Instead of accepting such pregnancies, contracepting people figured that if they

weren’t “trying” to get pregnant, but did, they weren’t responsible for it, and were justified in fixing the problem.

In 1967, Colorado became the first state to decriminalize abortion. In 1973, SCOTUS hands down *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, legalizing abortion through the second trimester. In that ruling, it’s generally accepted by legal scholars, including pro-choice ones, the court invented a “right” to abortion.

But the average person knew nothing about the court’s error, nor appreciated the significance of it. Rather, in short order, society largely adopted the idea that abortion was legal, legitimate, and, according to some, a freedom to be celebrated, and exercised.

What ensued was a massive, coordinated PR campaign — consisting of media, universities, medical schools, and the courts — continually pushing the pro-abortion narrative, including: it’s just a clump of tissue; this is reproductive freedom; my body, my choice.

And people bought the story.

To be sure, from the day that *Roe* was decided, a strong anti-abortion community has existed. But their presence has been ignored and marginalized.

... until just weeks ago, every woman of child-bearing age, knew only of a world in which elective abortion was legal.

It’s important to note that the law is a great teacher. And even

bad laws teach, albeit poorly.

So, is it any wonder then, that, given the manufactured reality that the pro-abortion forces have generated, there has been major outrage since *Roe* was struck down?

I don’t think so. It’s understandable. And I’m sympathetic to those to whom this comes as a surprise.

All the while, though, during these 50 years, the facts have not changed. It’s as true now as it was then, the “right” to abortion was an invention. **Abortion kills a growing human being.**

If there’s anyone to blame for today’s outrage, it’s those who’ve been promoting lies for the past half-century.

Charlie Danaher is an engineer and president at Danaher Cryogenics and father of five. He has resided in Boulder County for more than 30 years.



The pro-abortion advocacy group Jane’s Revenge has so far taken credit for at least 18 arson and vandalism attacks on pregnancy centers after the May 2 leak of the Supreme Court draft opinion that overturned *Roe v. Wade*. *The Washington Examiner* has documented incidents of arson or vandalism or both targeting at least 13 anti-abortion centers across the country since the leak of a draft opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. In several of the attacks, mostly lodged at Christian faith-based pregnancy crisis centers, the buildings are tagged with renditions of the messages “Jane’s Revenge” or “If abortions aren’t safe, neither are you.”



Sellout Crowd at ACPC Fundraising Banquet

Lee Strobel, best-selling author and former investigative journalist spoke before a record crowd of 920 at this year’s very successful fundraising dinner for A Caring Pregnancy Center. A group of about a half dozen protesters with signs shouted at the ACPC banquet attendees as they lined up to enter the event center. Neither the impressive event nor the protesting group was mentioned in the local newspaper.

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PLSC in Action During the State Fair

Posting a Billboard Near Fairgrounds & Helping Create and Staff the Pro-Life Booth

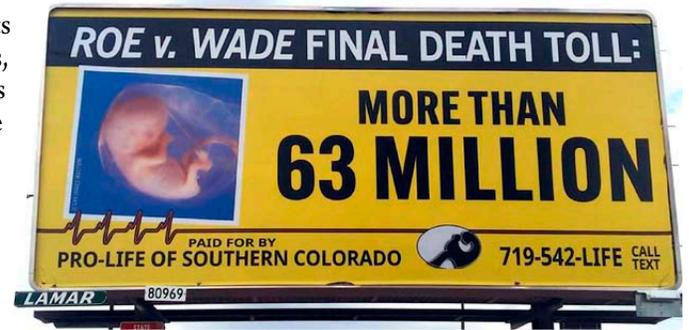
Pro Life of Southern Colorado (PLSC) was able once again to have a billboard up during the Colorado State Fair this year. It was on Northern Avenue in the State Fair parking lot and was up during the entire run of the Fair. The message this year, "Roe v. Wade Final Death Count: Over 63 Million," was intended to convey two messages: 1 – Roe is no longer and 2 – Over 63 Million People (mostly very small people) lost their lives because of Roe.

PLSC also coordinated with Pikes Peak Citizens for Life (PPCfL) to host a booth at the Fair, as we have done for quite a few years. While PPCfL provides the majority of the funding for the booth,

PLSC purchases the tickets for the booth workers, provides the display posters and produces a few of the brochures used as handouts. We are so thankful for the many local volunteers who staff the booth, providing an excellent opportunity for education on the life issues.

We were able to do these things because of your contributions.

The messages on our billboards over the years have reached so many people. During a time when the media is almost all pro-



abortion, it is so important that we are a public voice for unborn children who are at risk, especially and regrettably in our state of Colorado where none of the unborn have any protection at all. However that makes our task even more important!



It Does Matter That We Are Out There!

It was the last day of a Colorado State Fair, and when the lady saw our pro-life booth she made a beeline for it. She had something on her mind that she wanted to say to the booth workers.

"Eighteen years ago, here at the Fair, I saw your booth and stopped to look. I was pregnant and was intending to have an abortion. The booth worker showed me how babies grow."
"See that girl over there?" She asked with tears in her eyes. The booth worker nodded and said she did. "It's because you people were here 18 years ago, that she is here today."

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Our income comes from our membership dues and donations during the year, our only fundraiser is from the ads in our yearly January 22nd Hour for Life booklet. We could not have any effective outreach without the generosity of those businesses and individuals who purchase ads. We would be less effective without your individual memberships and additional donations.

YOU put up the billboards! If we had more donations, we could put up more ... YOU could put up more. We know we are reaching people because we received phone calls praising the billboard – and even a call with a negative reaction.

We know you are pro-life people. We know you want to do something to further the protection of the babies' right to life. Maybe that "something" is to help put up a billboard. Maybe that "something" is to financially help PLSC have a greater outreach.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

On April 4, 2022, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law the most liberal pro-abortion law in the country – Reproductive Health Equity Act. Should Pro-Life of Southern Colorado have an annual event to mark that tragic day? What kind of event do you think we should have?

Email -ProLifeSoColo@gmail.com or send a note to us to let us know your ideas.