# October Newsletter Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance

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# A Baby Saved in Hyannis



In September a young married couple, each working multiple jobs, called Your Options Medical to ask if they could provide them with pills for a chemical abortion. The staff at the center was up-front with them that they don't, but offered to do a pregnancy test and ultrasound to confirm whether there was even a viable pregnancy. The couple accepted thinking they would be able to avoid an abortion if the fetus was not viable in the first place.

The test confirmed the pregnancy and the ultrasound showed a clear image of the baby, arms and legs moving, its body turning within the womb and its heart beating. The visible sight of a baby moving inside her womb made a huge impact on the couple. The compassionate staff at the center spent time with the couple talking over their options and highlighting the many kinds of support they could obtain from the community both during pregnancy and after birth. When finished they left the couple in the room to discuss among themselves.

As the couple came out of the room they were asked what they thought they would do. With much joy the couple said they had changed their minds and will keep their baby. The dad emphasized this by saying "there is nothing that could keep them from having this baby".

The staff at YOM will continue to be a source of support for the couple. The Walking with Moms program at St. Francis Xavier in Hyannis is also prepared to help should the couple need any assistance connecting with additional means of support.

When they saw their baby, the couple found the courage to overcome whatever obstacles come their way. The message to the parents is simple, you are loved, we are here to support you, you can do this!

Thank you to all the supporters of the Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance. Your contributions make possible the life-saving mission of Pregnancy Resource Centers on Cape Cod.

# <u>Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide & End of Life Care</u> <u>October 22, 6pm</u>



One out of every twenty deaths in Canada is due to physician assisted suicide. There are forces at work in our state government to bring this same experience to Massachusetts. Intertwined with this topic are issues of providing quality end of life care with dignity deserved by every human being.

Father Tad is an insightful and engaging speaker recognized internationally as an expert in bioethics and medical ethics. He is currently the Senior Ethicist at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. Anyone who has heard him speak will tell you that this is an opportunity you don't want to miss.

We urge all Christians and people of good will from all faiths to join us at this event and reject this unconscionable affront to natural law and to Christ's teachings on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

This event is sponsored by The Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance in conjunction with St. Joan of Arc in Orleans, Knights of Columbus Councils across Cape Cod, and the Respect Life Ministries at Corpus Christi, St. Francis Xavier and Christ the King Churches.

- Admission: Free
- When Wednesday October 22, Doors Open at 5:45pm
- Where: Corpus Christi Parish Center, 324 Quaker Meeting House Road, East
- Sandwich. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

# Your Options Medical Adds a New 24x7x365 Chat and Hotline staffed by Nurses



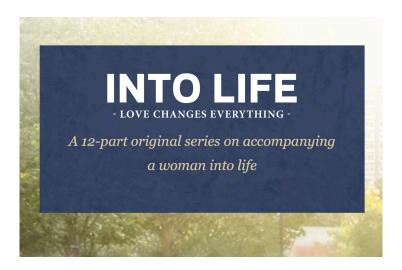
Providing 24x7x365 coverage is a challenge for any non-profit, especially when it comes to potentially life-saving services offered by Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). Your Options Medical, who operates the Hyannis PRC, the Mobile Medical Clinic, and three other centers across Massachusetts has teamed with another non-profit, Infinite Worth.

Infinite Worth serves as a full extension of YOM's PRC, offering nurses to respond to the center's web-based chat line 24x7. Their nurses actively engage with YOM clients,

schedule appointments, build pre-appointment relationships, and use YOM content and information available to provide personalized support to their clients.

In addition to the nurses manning the chat, Infinite Worth assigns a dedicated Nurse Manager. This person builds a long-term relationship with YOM, training Infinite Worth nurses how to address YOM clients and form relationships with YOM staff. The Nurse Manager provides regular check-ins to ensure their nurses are serving YOM and its clients in the best possible way.

## Love Changes Everything - Accompanying a Woman Into Life



The Sisters of Life describe themselves as, ".. women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness. We believe every person is valuable and sacred. We believe that every person is good, loved, unique and unrepeatable. We believe that every person's life has deep meaning, purpose and worth. In fact, we give our lives for that truth."

The Sisters have an exceptional free video series that teaches all of us how to help women in distress who feel that abortion is the only answer to an unexpected pregnancy. The videos are short and hugely informative for all persons regardless of church denomination. Please take the time to watch, it may give you an entirely new perspective. Click this link to view the video series https://intolifeseries.com/.

The Sisters also offer a website aimed at women troubled by their pregnancy or tormented by regret from a past abortion. Click this link to view their website offering life affirming support: https://www.viscenter.org/healing.

### Help Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion in Massachusetts



The Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion (STFA) is leading an effort to end state-funded abortion in Massachusetts.

In 1981, the MA Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Medicaid abortions are a constitutional right - despite "abortion" not appearing in the state constitution. Since then, taxpayer dollars have funded countless abortions.

In 2023, MA reported 24,355 abortions - a 37% increase from 2022, driven largely by out-of-state patients whose procedures are often covered by state-funded insurance programs like MassHealth. State laws, including executive orders, ensure our tax dollars support abortions for non-residents.

This fall, from now until November 19, 2025, volunteers are collecting 74,574 signatures to begin a ballot initiative that would amend the state constitution to say: "Nothing in this Constitution requires the public funding of abortion."

This amendment would overturn the 1981 court decision and empower the legislature to defund abortion. Here's how you can help:

1. Pray for the success of this spiritual battle.

- 2. Prepare to gather signatures start listing friends and family who will sign.
- 3. Please sign the petition when you are given an opportunity at your church or at a public event.
- 4. OR Contact CCPLA by calling 774-237-0211 to arrange a time for you and others to sign no matter where you live on Cape, we will come to you!

Click on this link for more information about the effort to stop tax payer funded abortion in Massachusetts: https://www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org/

#### Abortion and Gen Z - The Lost Generation

### Generation Z



Generation Z is the age group born between 1999 and 2009. Gen Z abortion numbers are staggering though not unprecedented in the Roe vs Wade era. It is estimated that almost a third of Gen Z have had their lives terminated by abortion while in the womb (28%)

And there is more trouble on the horizon. Gen Z is in their prime childbearing years. The ultimate irony is that among Gen Z who thankfully had parents who chose life over abortion, studies have shown that 50% of their own pregnancies are in turn terminated by abortion.

Signs of gradually shifting sentiment away from abortion among those younger than Gen Z are a reason for hope. We must do everything possible to help form pro-life youth so that the tragedy of Gen Z is not repeated by future generations.

Click this link to read more about the impact of abortion on different generations: https://www.liveaction.org/news/approximately-one-fourth-generation-roe-lost-abortion.

# Can you Sponsor a Baby Bottle Campaign in Your Church?



Your Options Medical receives a good portion of their funding thanks to many Churches conducting Baby Bottle Campaigns. The model is simple. YOM supplies plastic baby bottles that church members can use to place donations. Church members distribute empty bottles following services and they are returned later that month with donations enclosed. It is a fun way for families to participate. At a minimum it is easy to donate spare change that might be accumulating in various corners of your house. Many donors include cash or checks made out to Your Options Medical.

To learn more or to sign up for a fundraising campaign, contact YOM's Baby Bottle Coordinator, Janet, by phone: 617.419.6112 or email: janetpioccone@awcprc.org.

You can also read more about Baby Bottle Campaigns on the YOM partner web site at this link: https://partnersofyom.org/babybottles/.

# Seeking Evangelists and Teachers Who Will Advocate for Life

Pro-life advocacy outside the pro-life "safe space"

The harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few. Never has this been more true than when referring to persons in our community who actively advocate for life with audiences who are ignorant or who do not share our beliefs.

Not all of us are wired to do this. But many times there is reluctance because of uncertainty... Will I say the right thing? What is the best approach? What is appropriate for younger folks to hear vs mature adults? What information should I use? The good news is that there are many resources and learning opportunities to become an effective pro-life advocate to audiences of any age.

The Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance is looking for men and women who want to become more engaged with youth and community groups advocating for life. If you have the interest we will connect you with learning and tools that you can use.

Please contact the Alliance at 774-237-0211 or via email at ccprolifealliance@gmail.com if you feel called to act. Thank You!

### Massachusetts Citizens for Life Magazine - Fall Edition



Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL) is the state's oldest and largest non-partisan, secular organization that works to restore one fundamental truth to our culture: each human life is of immeasurable value and deserves our protection.

Click this link for the Fall Edition of the Magazine published by the Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL): https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/magazine.

The Cape Cod Pro-Life Alliance shares the same mission as MCFL when it comes to changing hearts and minds to respect life, from conception to natural death.

Click here to learn more about MCFL and to subscribe to their Magazine: <a href="https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/">https://www.masscitizensforlife.org/</a>

# <u>Transportation and Lodging for the National March for Life,</u> <u>Friday, January 23, 2026</u>



There will again be a Cape Cod Bus for Life and Lodging offered to make it easy to attend the National March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 23.

Please contact one of the following persons and they will provide you with details and a registration form:

- Joe DePietro (508) 878-9590
- Bob Powilatis (774) 678-0575
- Vinnie Armstrong (617) 823-8976

Click this link for more info on the National March for Life: https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/.

Also know that there is a Men's March for Life in Boston on November 1. Click this link information on this event: https://themensmarch.com/.