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# *Right to Life*

## Benefit Dinner

Thursday, November 11, 2021

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# What you accomplished in 2021

**Street Team**

## 7,700 Homes Reached
## 155 Minds Changed

Paid canvassers and volunteers go door to door engaging residents in conversations about abortion and sharing local resources. Homes also receive a follow up mailing.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $45,000**

**Sidewalk Advocacy**

## 57 Turnaways
## 5 Saves

Trained advocates share life affirming resources with women seeking abortions. Advocates are on site during every hour the clinic is open.

**PROGRAM COST: $16,500**

**Church Outreach**

## 44 Churches Engaged

Full-time Church Outreach Coordinator cultivates relationships with pastors to build pro-life activism within churches. Annual Prayer Dinner brings pastors from various denominations together in prayer for life.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $50,000**

**Crisis Pregnancy Outreach**

# Message Seen 6,560,000 Times

Billboard and bench ads strategically placed near the abortion business share life affirming resources with abortion minded women.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $8,140**

**Life Defenders Boot Camp**

# 120 Pro-lifers Trained

Our Boot Camp equips pro-lifers to defend the pro-life message with logic and grace. In addition to classroom training, participants practice skills through urban and door to door outreach.

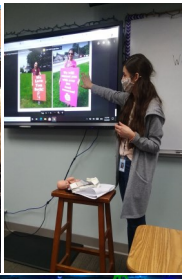
**PROGRAM COST: $8,000**

**Youth Outreach**

# 1,000+ Students Engaged

RTL engages 7 local student groups providing activism opportunities and mentoring. Our 3 youth scholarships award $2,500 to local pro-life leaders annually. In partnership with Created Equal, we bring a group of students on the annual Justice Ride for a week of pro-life activism.

**PROGRAM COST: $12,600**

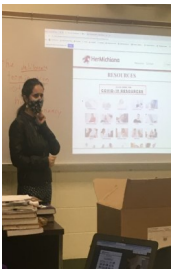


**Life Team Presentation**

# 190 Students Educated

The Life Team presents to 8th grade classrooms, high schools, youth groups, colleges, and churches on fetal development, abortion, and local support for moms.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $2,120**



**HerMichiana**

# 3,100 Women Reached

Comprehensive support website that lists more than 200 local resources for women in need, and provides case management to clients.

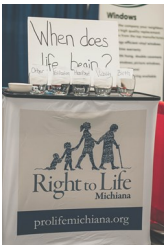
**PROGRAM COST: $7,000**

**Monitoring & Advocacy**

# 3 Reports Submitted

Sidewalk advocates monitor and record clinic activity. Staff constantly reviews clinic documents and work with state allies to report illegal activity to the state.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $4,000**



**Community Outreach**

# 327,000 People Reached

Booths at the St. Joe and Elkhart County 4-H Fairs and other festivals educating on the injustice of abortion and sharing local resources.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $1,880**

**Fighting Roe v. Wade**

# 1,934 Pro-lifers Engaged

South Bend March for Life, Elkhart Prayer Chain, Billboard Campaign, and Pro-Life Signature Ad publicly demonstrate our community opposition to Roe v. Wade.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $10,935**

**Prayer Outreach**

# 36 Prayer Gatherings

We host memorials, prayer vigils, prayer chains and cross displays throughout the year and coordinate a consistent prayer presence at the abortion business. **All** our work is constantly supported by prayer.

**CAMPAIGN COST: $890**

# 2022 Wishlist

These projects are currently not funded. They will only happen with your generous support tonight.

## 1. Street Team Expansion

Our Street Team goes door to door engaging residents in conversations about abortion and sharing local resources. **The only thing stopping us from reaching every home in Michiana is a lack of resources.** We need to hire 15 canvassers to hit the block next year.

**PROGRAM COST: $45,000**

## 2. HerMichiana Expansion

Her Michiana connects our sisters in northern Indiana with a network of compassionate care available to meet their specific needs. We want to expand our depth of support by **hiring a case manager** to walk hand in hand with woman to access these resources.

**PROGRAM COST: $60,000**

## 3. Adoption Media Campaign

Our Adoption Media campaign, funded by the John and Kate Shanley Legacy of Life Foundation, initiated 532 connections with adoption agencies. We have not been able to relaunch the campaign due to lack of funding the past several years. We want to run a 6 month media campaign to destigmatize adoption.

**PROGRAM COST: $30,000**

## 4. Radio Show

We have launched a radio show on WUBS sharing stories from our work. We would love to spread this outreach to other local radio stations to broaden our outreach.

**PROGRAM COST: $7,200**

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# Mark Schultz
## Keynote Speaker

A lot of artists talk about chasing their dreams, but for Christian recording artist Mark Schultz, it's never been about the chase. Instead, it's about following God's call.

Incidentally, this has led to what looks like any artist's dream: two million records sold to date, ten No. 1 singles, a Dove Award as well as multiple nominations.

Mark has also been following a new call on his life: fatherhood.

Schultz and his wife now have three kids, ages six, four and two. And while he is still following the call of fatherhood, God's call has also led Schultz back to music with a new energy, new perspective and a new album aptly titled Follow.

The most recent step of faith that Schultz and his wife have taken is adopting their third child, Maia Mae. The adoption was a full-circle moment for Schultz, who is also adopted. Now being on the parental side of adoption, Schultz says he views being adopted--by his parents and by God--in a totally different way.

"I grew up [wanting] to make my parents think they made a good choice when they chose me, so I wanted to be good at singing, I wanted to be a good athlete, I wanted to be the quarterback," he recalls. "When we adopted Maia Mae, I spent about 15 minutes with her and realized she is our daughter, and we love her."

## William (BJ) & Allison Kloska
### Honorary Chairs

BJ and Allison Kloska met in the Spring of 2001 as students at the University of Notre Dame. From that first meeting, it didn't take long for them to get married on November 8th, 2003 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Elkhart, IN. Now, after 18 years of marriage, BJ and Ali live in Bristol, IN with their 11 children: Alexis, Olivia, Luke, Noah, Isabel, Veronica, Jonah, Celine, Caleb, Ava, and Cameron. BJ works for Keystone RV and Ali serves as a stay at home mom.

BJ and Allison believe strongly in the cause of Right to Life Michiana in promoting the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. They continue to say "fiat" when God asks them to accept children. Their simple "yes" to life is a way for them to silently advocate the pro-life cause in their community.

## Andrew Weiss
### Emcee

Andrew serves families in the Michiana area as a field agent for Knights of Columbus Insurance. He is happily married to his wife, Danielle, who is an assistant city attorney for the City of South Bend. Along with their three children, they are parishioners at St. Joseph Parish South Bend.

Andrew's home KofC council, #553 Santa Maria Council, are strong supporters of Right to Life Michiana. They have hosted the annual March for Life since the 70s and have recently raised money for Baby Boxes in South Bend and Mishawaka.

## Fr. William Miscamble
### Opening Prayer

Rev. Wilson D. (Bill) Miscamble, C.S.C. is a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross and a Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. The Australian native was educated at the University of Queensland and then at Notre Dame. Fr. Miscamble's primary research interests are American foreign policy since World War II and the role of Catholics in 20th century U.S. politics and foreign relations. He has published a number of books and articles in these areas. Father Miscamble also has interests in the areas of Catholic higher education and Catholics and public life and he lectures and writes on these topics. His study American Priest: The Ambitious Life and Conflicted Legacy of Notre Dame's Father Ted Hesburgh was published by Image Books in 2019. Fr. Miscamble is a member of ND University Faculty for Life.

## Pastor Mike Jacob
### Closing Prayer

Mike Jacob is an ordained minister, husband, and father of two. He worked in the South Bend School District as well as Oaklawn Mental Healthcare after arriving in South Bend from California. As the outreach pastor at SouthGate Church, Mike is passionate about doing outreach in the community and teaching and performing Hip Hop dance and rap.

Mike helped Right to Life Michiana launch their Church Outreach program in 2021, and he continues to connect pastors with the pro-life movement and volunteers for the Street Team.

# The Annette M. Macknick Courage Award

This award is presented in memory of Annette M. Macknick, a homemaker, mother, musician, and worker in the pro-life movement even before the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. In her lifetime, Annette helped establish a group of homes for unwed expectant mothers in Florida; sidewalk counseled in various states; called, wrote, and met with members of Congress; and even went to jail in support of the pro-life movement. This award is given to encourage ordinary men and women to stand up publicly against all odds for life.

**Presented this year of 2021 to**

## Joyce Zalas

Joyce has attended Right to Life banquets and prayer gatherings for the past several years.

When the Whole Woman's Health Alliance opened in 2019, Joyce recognized that the Lord was asking her for a greater involvement.

Joyce trained as a sidewalk advocate and started counseling the first week the clinic opened. Her husband John joined her as a prayer warrior. Every Saturday morning, no matter the heat or downpouring rain or freezing temperatures, Joyce stands at the front lines at the abortion business encouraging moms to choose life.

***Past Recipients:***

*2020 Serena Dyksen*
*2019 Bishops Ralph & Margaret Parker*
*2018 Josh Comeau*
*2017 Paul Marz*
*2016 Governor Mike Pence*
*2015 Richard "Dick" Dornbos*
*2014 Br. Bill Mewes*
*2013 Alyssa Rosselli*
*2012 Vince Feck*
*2011 Virginia Black*

# *The Pillar of Life Award*

Established by the Right to Life Michiana Board of Directors, the Pillar of Life Award is designed to recognize individuals from our many supporters of the pro-life movement. The award is presented to a person or couple who has locally supported, often quietly, the pro-life cause through consistent giving of their time, talent, and treasure.

## Presented this year of 2021 To

# Connie Dygulski

Connie and her husband, Larry, are the proud parents of two wonderful, adopted adult children and two lovely grandchildren.

Connie began her pro-life activism assisting a social worker guiding young pregnant women through the adoption process. While raising her children, Connie was involved with the Pro-life Ministry at her parish and praying outside Klopfer's abortion facility.

Upon retiring from an accounting supervisory position in 2012, Connie began actively volunteering for Right to Life Michiana.

With her background in accounting, she was able to assist the office manager with day to day tasks, make phone calls for the various fundraising events, help with data entry and mailing projects, serve on the Annual Dinner Committee and on the Development Committee. She is also the Right to Life Michiana liaison for St. Anthony de Padua.

***Past Recipients:***

*2020 Jeff & Cindy Robertson*
*2019 Fr. Camillo Tirabassi*
*2018 Mary O'Callaghan*
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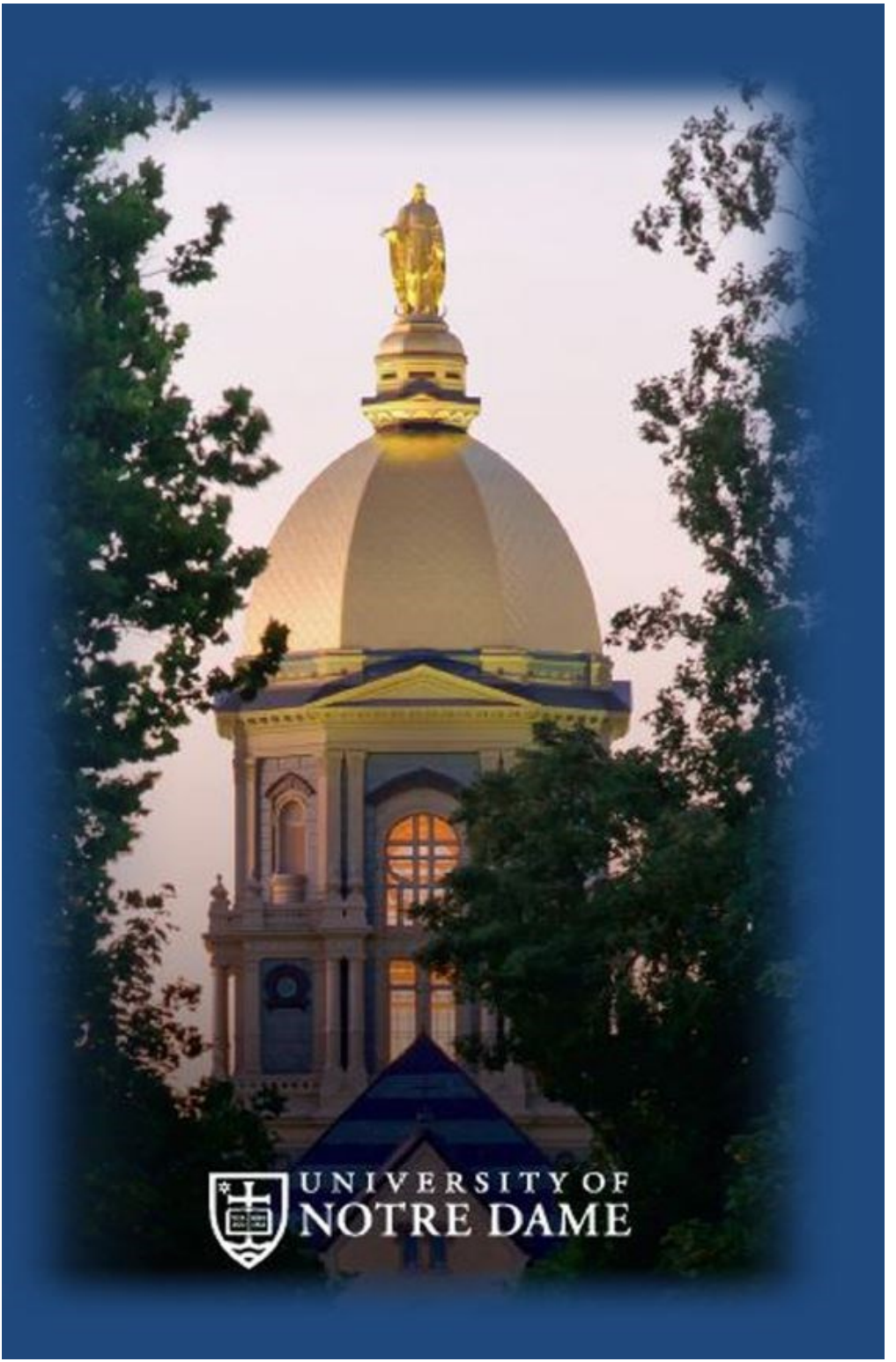
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*Where there is injury, pardon;*
*Where there is doubt, faith;*
*Where there is despair, hope;*
*Where there is darkness, light;*
*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*
*To be consoled as to console,*
*To be understood as to understand,*
*To be loved as to love;*
*For it is in giving that we receive;*
*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*
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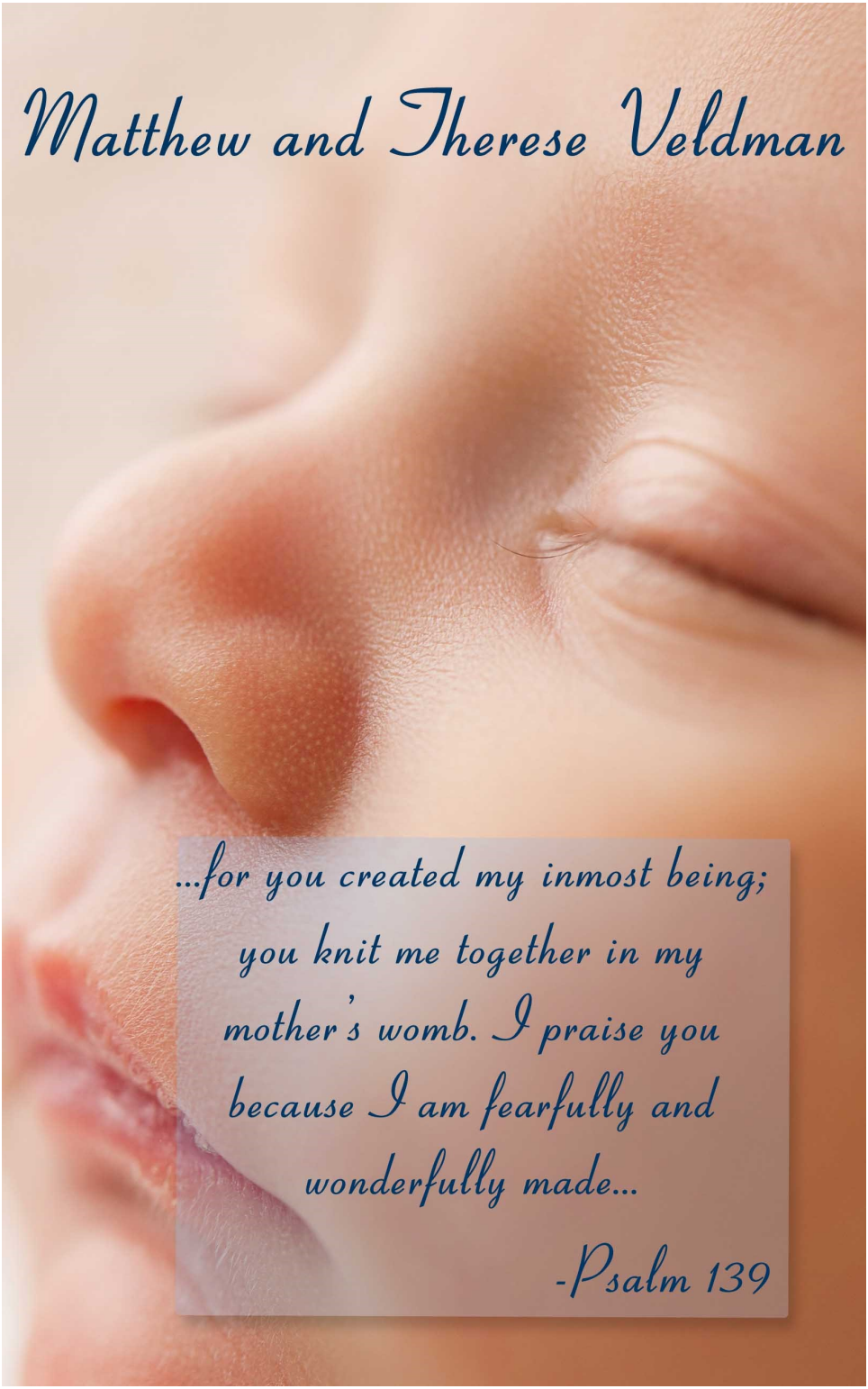
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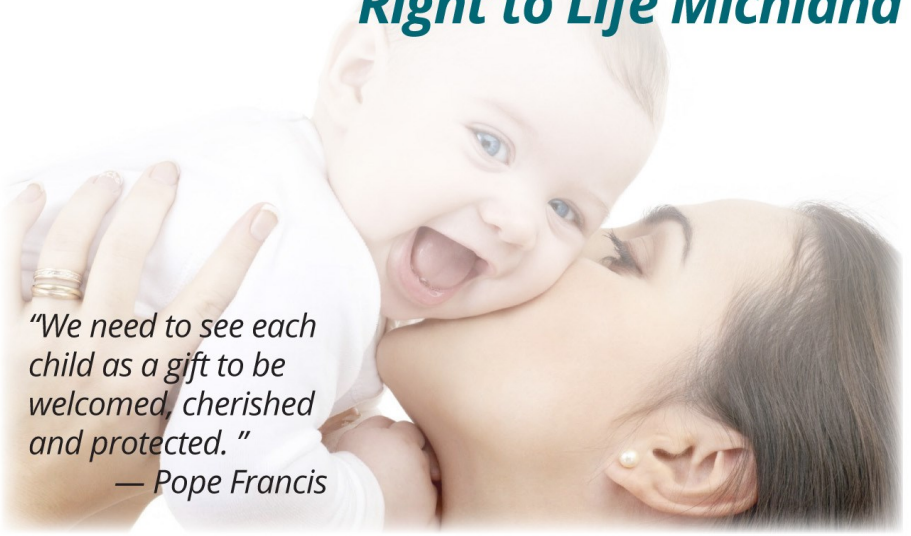

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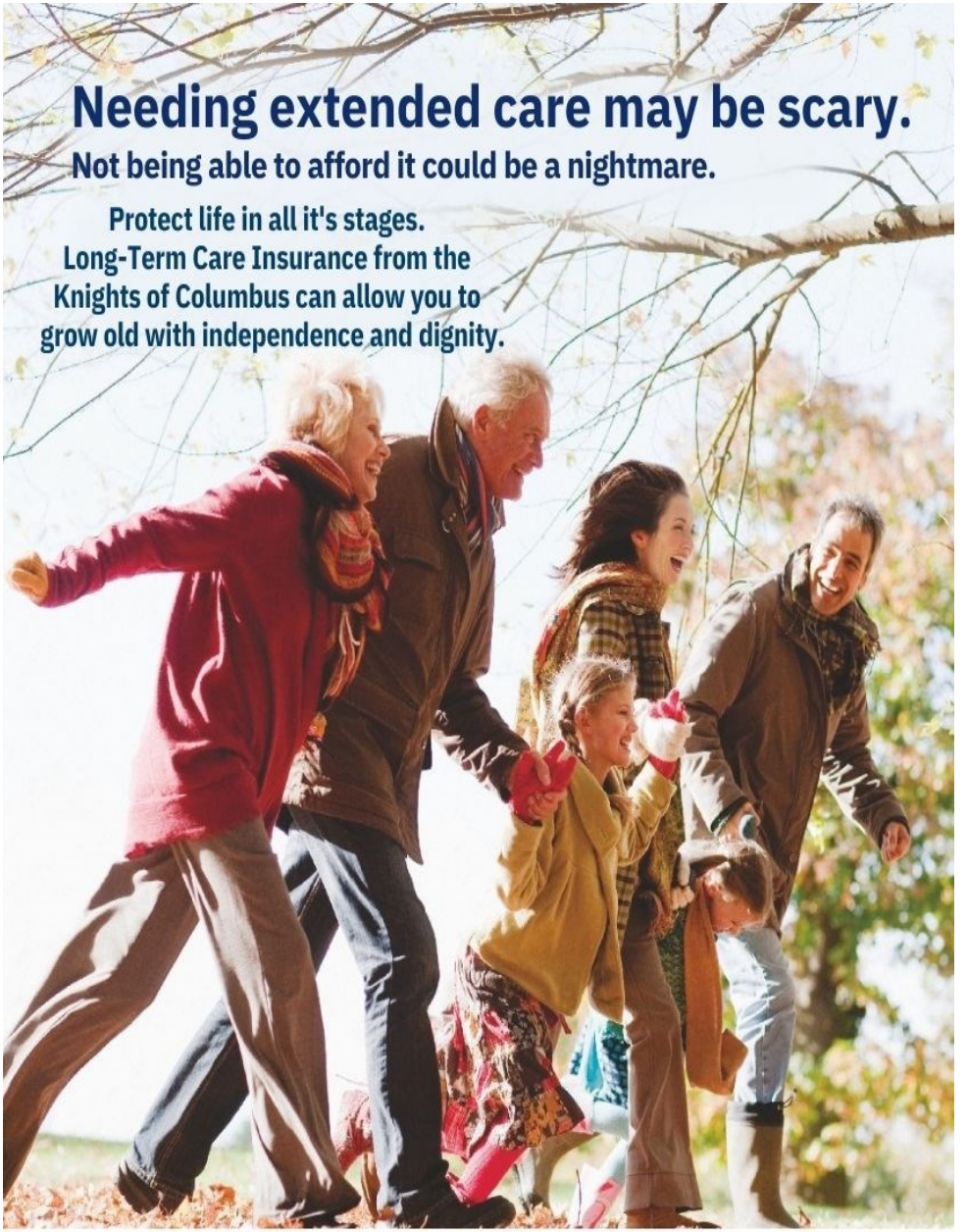

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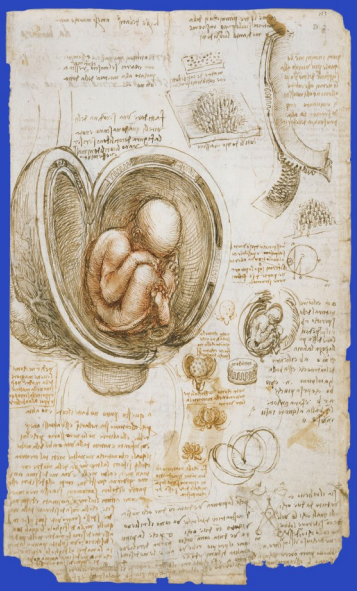

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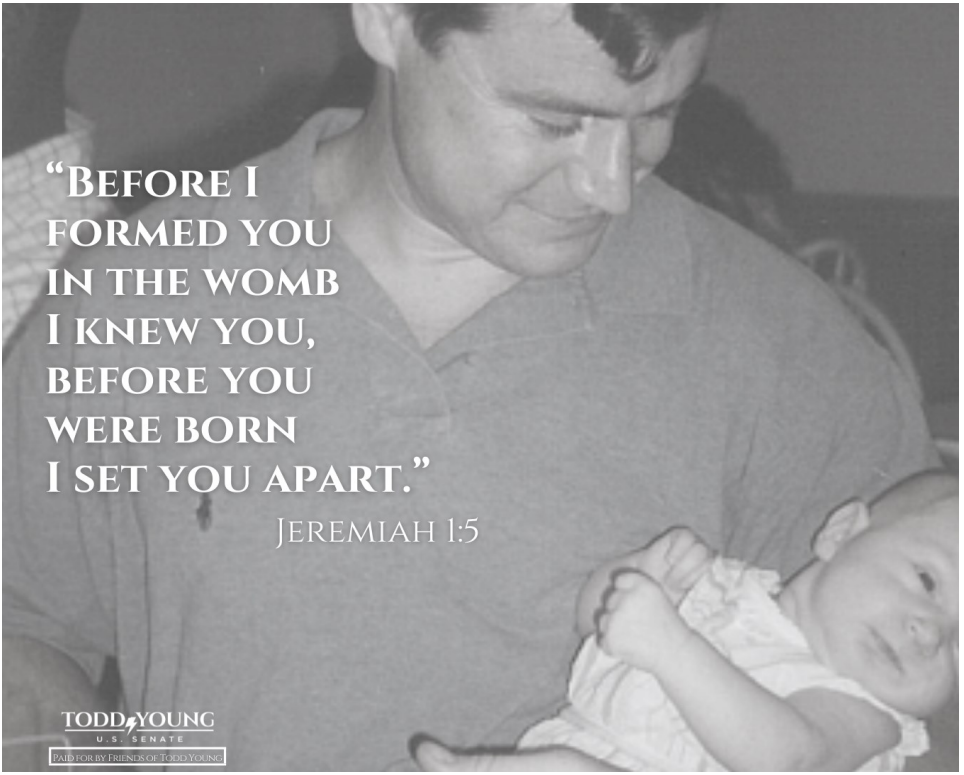

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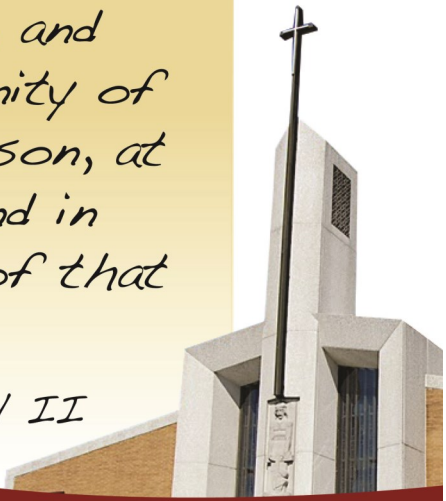

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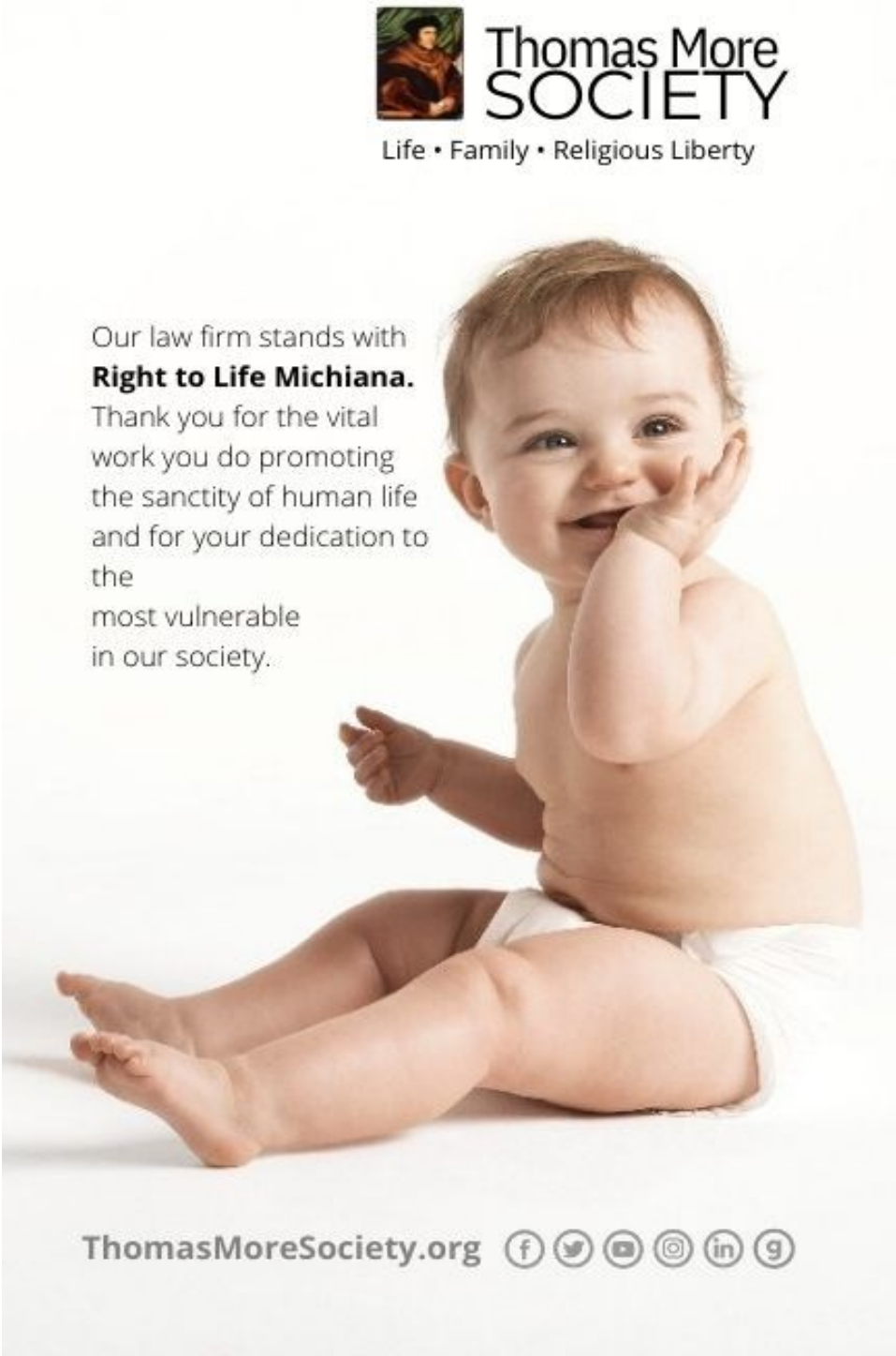
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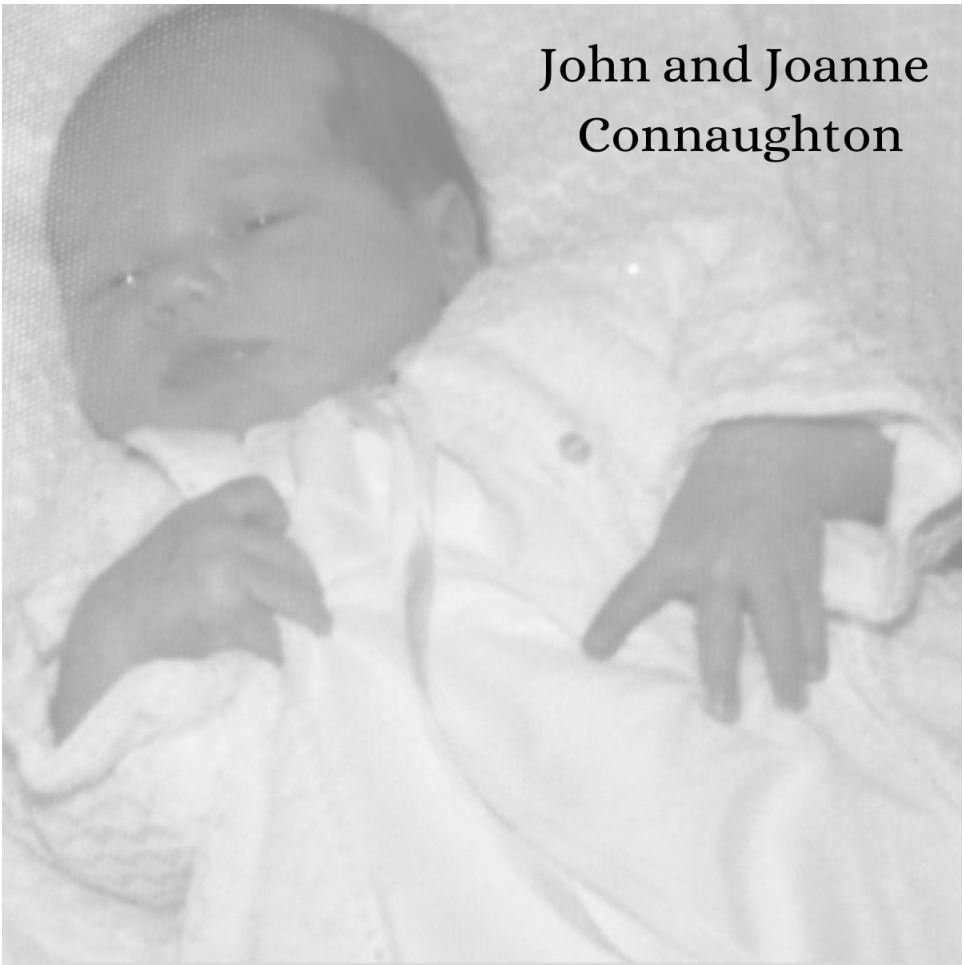

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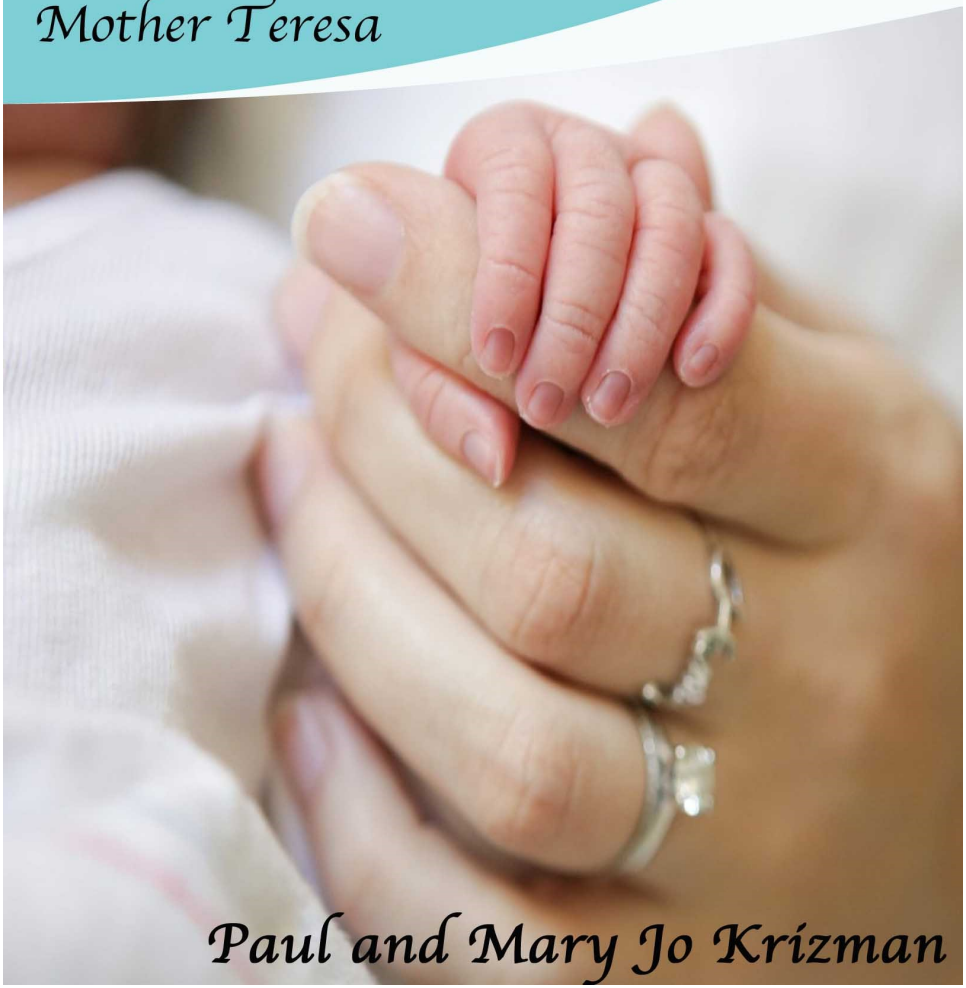

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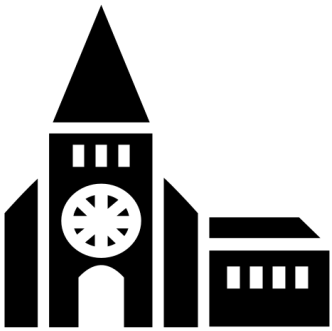

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