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## 39 Years / Over 53 Million Lost

Sadly, January 22, 2012 marks 39 years since the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since this decision over 53,000,000 babies have suffered this fate.

This year GTARTL will sponsor a **Memorial Procession** for these babies on Sunday, January 22. This Memorial will pay tribute to all those babies lost by a full funeral procession lead by Covell Funeral Home of TC. Covell will lead us on a special route through TC ending at Oakwood Cemetery on 8th Street. This will be in memory of these babies. There will be no remains in the hearse.

This is a big opportunity to make an impact within our community. Most people are unaware of the impact that abortion has had on our country and 53 million babies. We are working

closely with Covell Funeral Home to create a route.

The procession will begin at St. Francis Church Parking lot, 1025 S. Union St., TC and process through Traverse City ending at the Tomb of the Unborn at Oakwood Cemetery on 8th St. Line up will begin at 12:45pm at St. Francis, with the procession leaving at 1:30 sharp. We plan to arrive at the Cemetery by 2:10 with a brief service that will conclude by 2:30.

After the service, we invite all to attend the Respect Life Presentation at Immaculate Conception Church, 205 N. Division St.. Respect Life is an apostolate of the Diocese of Gaylord and works to bring awareness of life issues and educate on NFP. This year's presentation will feature a program on The Theology of the Body by Trish Zamarron. Program

begins at 3:00 with a light food reception following. Please RSVP for reception or nursery services to Deb at 231-944-8983.

Also available are several options for bus trips to Washington DC for the National March for Life. We work cooperatively with Gaylord RTL to send a "Red-Eye Bus". This trip leaves Jan.22 and returns Jan. 24. Cost is \$125 and is first come first served. The deposit is due immediately. We also have options working with Grand Rapids RTL that have overnight accommodations with prices ranging \$175-\$450. Once again we are excited to be sending a local group of students.

Please contact our office for more information on our local events or the National Bus Trips available. 231-946-9469 or office@gtartl.com.

## The Power of Prayer & Witness

We are all called to be a voice for the weak. And our actions are helping to save lives!!! Thanks to all who participated 40 Days for Life and Life Chain. GTARTL works closely with these two independent organizations to raise awareness through prayer.

During the 40 days for Life Fall campaign which concluded on November 6,

732 babies were saved around the globe! Lives are now forever changed because of God's response to prayer and sacrifice! Since 2007, 500,000 people have participated in 1,633 individual campaigns in 422 cities worldwide. The result: 19 abortion facilities CLOSED (including 2 in MI recently), 61 abortion workers quit, more than

1800 news stories have been featured, and 5,045 documented lives SAVED!

Life Chain was held in both Grand Traverse and Benzie counties again this year. Over 1,000 people gathered to line the streets holding signs and standing in prayer for Life.

The Power of Public Prayer is amazing!

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## Position Opening:

*Working within a ministry takes a special calling. If you feel that you may be called to work within the pro-life movement, we would love to have you apply for a position within our organization. Candidate should have a profound commitment to defend life along with strong organizational, computer and communication skills. Now accepting resumes. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 10am to 4pm. If you would like additional information or wish to apply please call 231-946-9469 or email [office@gtartl.com](mailto:office@gtartl.com) or send resume to: GTARTL, PO Box 5416, Traverse City, MI 49696*

## “So Long” but not Goodbye

This is the hardest article I have ever had to write. The past 4 years have been such a blessing to my life. I have grown in faith and confidence through these years. It is with the combination of these two things that gives me the strength to trust in God’s plan for me. It is with a heavy heart and, yet, an enlightened spirit, that I bid farewell.

Sometimes you just get called to walk a new path – blaze a new trail – travel a new road... and that is where I am going. I truly believe that God has given me a new concept to make big strides within the pro-life movement. This is a gift, and one not taken lightly. I have spent months reflecting and making sure that this is the right move. I don’t know the whole path but I do know that God will provide” the

who” and “the how” to make it all come together. When it comes together, it is my duty to give His gift away to help others.

Over the past 4 years, I have gained empathy for the woman and men facing tough choices in their lives. I can “see” through their eyes the decisions that they have to make. I was once there myself. My work with the Pregnancy Care Center, Rachel’s Vineyard, area churches, and other local pro-life organizations gives me the foundation that I need to move ahead. But most of all, my faith/prayer life has increased exponentially. I now can see God working every day within my life guiding me to the things He wants me to do. He has given me certain gifts and I know that it is my passion to serve Him through pro-life work.



So, it is with much anticipation and excitement that I say, “See ya’ later!” I will still be around, just not daily in the office. I ask for prayers from all of you that I may faithfully serve God and make a true difference in LIFE! I also ask that you hold GTARTL in your prayers since transition is always challenging. I know that the right person is out there; please pray that they will hear and answer God’s call to serve in His ministry.

~ Carol Tondreau,  
Executive Director

## Pray for Us



## Office Location

We have been very fortunate over the past few years to be in our current location and hope to continue that for many years into the future. Unfortunately, the building is up for sale and we have been placed on a month to month contract.

Our current location has been such a blessing by making us much more visible to the public. More visibility, means more lives being touched! Since moving to our location on Cass Road, we have operated as a full educational center as well!

Please keep us in prayer... it would be such a blessing to be able to remain on Cass Road. An angel to purchase the building and rent back to us would be most welcome!

## Membership

Membership is an important part of keeping our mission alive. We rely on memberships as revenue to help us with overhead costs of running and maintaining a local office in Traverse City.

We are looking to launch a membership drive beginning early 2012. A membership in GTARTL also helps Right to Life of Michigan as a small portion of the funds go to the statewide efforts of RLM. This dual membership also serves RLM when working towards legislative and election efforts so they know who they can turn to for additional support.

If you would like to become a member, please contact our office at 231-946-9469 or [office@gtartl.com](mailto:office@gtartl.com).

## Announcing this Year's Winner...

Students for Life are excited to announce the 2011-2012 Baby of the Year chosen at this year's Focus on Life Dinner! Although all entries are true blessings, this year's winners won by a landslide... Here is their amazing pro-life story:

The trip to parenthood of these little twins was a blessing. Jesse and Joey were an unexpected pregnancy for a young homeless woman. She scheduled an abortion, but after being convinced out of it by her Pregnancy Care Center,

she cancelled it. Unfortunately, a day or so later, she scheduled it once again. Although, after even more counseling by the Pregnancy Care Center, she cancelled once again. In the meantime, Kathleen



had just had her 5th miscarriage with a baby, who would have been born in June, 2010. Kathleen and her husband then got their

license for foster care and were blessed with Joey and Jesse as their first foster children, when they were 6

weeks old. They have now been adopted by Kathleen and her family and are little blessings to the whole family. And

of course, they were born in June, 2010.

Congratulations to Jesse & Joey and their family!

## Share YOUR Voice for LIFE!

Hopefully you have already heard about the annual Pro-life Oratory Contest. But, in case you haven't, I wanted to share some information about the contest and personally invite you to participate! This year's contest will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 6:30 PM, at St. Francis Kohler Auditorium,

The contest is open to ALL students in grades 9-12 (so spread the news). This is your chance to speak out about prolife issues! As a contestant, you would be required to research, write

and present a 5-7 minute speech on a prolife topic that interests you. The approved topics are: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human cloning, or stem-cell research.

This contest will give you a chance to learn more about these issues, so that you will be better able to defend your beliefs when talking with friends and classmates. It will also help you develop public speaking skills, and practice your research and writing abilities, all of which will be beneficial to you as you

move on in life, to college or a career! And of course, the winners receive cash prizes and the first place winner will also advance to the state level of the contest.

The deadline for entering the contest is Monday, March 12, 2012. We have books and brochures and website listings in the lending library at our office that available for you to use to research your topic. Please feel free to call the office at 231-946-9469 or e-mail us at [office@gtartl.com](mailto:office@gtartl.com) if you have any questions.

## Gianna Jessen Touched Hearts!

The rave reviews are still coming in from our annual Focus on Life Dinner that was held in September! Our special guest this year was Gianna Jessen ~ "God's Girl". Gianna shared her story as an abortion survivor and Christian woman

on a mission to help other understand the true beauty of life!

"The best dinner ever."  
 "Truly heartwarming." "A wonderful testament to life!" These are just some of the comments we are

receiving! Thank you to all who made it possible, especially our sponsors listed to the right.

And don't worry, if you missed it, be sure to pick up a dvd copy for just \$25 at the GTARTL office!

### THANK YOU TO OUR FOCUS DINNER SPONSORS

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## Mark Your Calendar For our Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 22, 2012 – The 39th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. – GTARTL events include:
  - \* **NEW! Memorial Procession** through Traverse City. Line up begins at 12:45 at St. Francis Church, 1025 S. Union, TC. Procession to begin promptly at 1:30pm and proceed through a specified route in TC, ending at the Oakwood Cemetery for a brief blessing at the grave for the unborn.
  - \* January 22 – Respect Life Presentation – 3:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church 205 N. Division, TC. Presentation by Trish Zamarron on “Theology of the Body”. Light food reception to follow. RSVP: Deb 231-944-8983
- ◆ January 22-24 - Annual bus trip to Washington DC. Red Eye and Overnight Trips available! Contact the office for more details.
- ◆ March 15, 2012 – Local Oratory Contest for High School Students
- ◆ May 24, 2012 – Life Links Benefit Golf Outing
- ◆ September 24, 2012 – Focus on Life Benefit Dinner



### LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GIFT IDEA? Why Not Give a Gift to Support Life?

- \* **Focus Dinner DVDs** \*  
(Gianna & Past Years Speakers are available)
- \* **Precious Feet** \*
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- \* **GTARTL Membership**\*
- \* **Focus Dinner Gift Certificate** \*
- \* **Bumper Stickers**\*
- \* **Life Links Golf Outing Gift Cert.** \*

All items available at our office  
during regular business hours.  
Call 231-946-9469 for more information.