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### FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER 2025

What an unforgettable evening! Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, Candy, left a lasting impression on all of us. The room was packed — nearly 1,100 guests came together for a night filled with laughter, wisdom, and inspiration. **Thank you** for your incredible support in making this event such a phenomenal success!

Dr. Carson's humor and powerful life story reminded us of the strength that comes from faith, perseverance, and lifelong learning. He shared heartfelt stories — from his early interest in psychology to his groundbreaking career in neurosurgery, the struggles that resulted from the breakdown of his family, the unwavering guidance of his mother, and the transformative power of reading.

Let's take Dr. Carson's message to heart: Keep reading. Keep learning. Follow the Lord. And always stand up for LIFE.

Want to relive the night?

**Find your photo with Dr. Carson on our website and social media!**

Check the inside of this newsletter for a detailed breakdown of our appeal numbers.



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### Upcoming

January - Billboard Drive  
January 18 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
January 23 - March for Life - Washington, D.C.  
January 31 - **Deadline for Scholarship Award**  
March 18 - Legislative Day, Lansing

### Can the Abortion Pill Be Reversed?

Yes, Abortion Pill Reversal is **Possible**.

Abortion Pill Reversal protocol is most likely to save the baby's life within 72hrs of taking Mifepristone. The protocol supplements **Progesterone**, a hormone used routinely and safely with pregnancy since 1950.

Even if more than 72 hours have passed, anyone reconsidering an abortion is encouraged to **call 877-558-0333** for guidance and support.

### COMING 2026- THE FRIEND AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO MOTHER TERESA - JIM TOWEY



Get ready to hear from **Jim Towey** - a man whose extraordinary life has been defined by faith, service, and leadership that changes lives. Jim was advisor and dear friend to **Mother Teresa** for 12 years — he even gave the first reading at her Canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square!

- Former White House faith-based initiatives director under President George W. Bush.
- Founder of Aging with Dignity and creator of Five Wishes, empowering over 40 million people to live and age with purpose and peace.
- Honored with seven honorary doctorates

✨ Join us for this inspiring keynote — a rare chance to hear from someone who lived and served alongside a saint! **Save the date - October 5, 2026**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The **Michigan** Department of Health and Human Services reported a **38% increase in serious abortion-related complications within a single year**. In 2023, the state's new abortion rights law eliminated the requirement for providers to report data on abortion procedures and outcomes. This change has left women without access to critical information about potential risks and also removed safety regulations for clinics and informed-consent provisions.

Amber Roseboom, President of Right to Life of Michigan, emphasized, *"With abortion, the patient is always a woman. Women in our state are being singled out and denied the basic right to facts on abortion complications despite the rising risks."*

In response, **State Representatives Brad Paquette, Jennifer Wortz, and Rachelle Smit** have introduced House Bills 5201, 5202, and 5203, which aim to restore reporting requirements and ensure women have access to essential information before making healthcare decisions.

Please contact your representative and ask them to  
Vote YES on abortion reporting bills (H.B.s 5201, 5202, & 5203).



## THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS OF LIFE!

Thanks to your generous support during our 2025 Focus Dinner, we raised **\$17,500 for our Teens for Life** program and **\$123,123.32 for Right to Life of Michigan**. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in advancing the pro-life mission across our state.

## NORTH WESTERN MI FAIR BOOTH



We hope you had a chance to stop by our booth at the Northwestern Michigan Fair earlier in August—we had an absolute blast! A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers; this event would not be possible without you. This year, we introduced a few new features at our booth, including a visual display of photos from previous events and a fun game to test your knowledge on fetal development. We also encountered some truly inspiring stories. One volunteer shared a memorable moment when a middle-aged man stopped by the booth to thank her for standing up for life. *He told this story: A young woman he knew was told by her doctor that her baby would be born with serious defects, and the doctor recommended abortion due to the anticipated challenges. Courageously, she chose to continue her pregnancy. That baby grew up to be the man visiting our booth—a proud military veteran with no defects, except, as he jokingly noted, that "he really likes to eat."* Stories like this remind us why our work matters. Thank you for supporting life in all its stages!



## TEENS FOR LIFE

A new school year has brought a wave of enthusiastic teens into our Teens for Life groups, along with fresh leadership, new initiatives, and a renewed dedication to protecting life.

At this year's Focus Dinner, Maddie Smith and Claire Couturier, presidents of the St. Mary TFL and St. Francis TFL chapters, delivered exceptional speeches. They shared how their groups are actively serving mothers in need—both during pregnancy and beyond—demonstrating the compassion and commitment that define our next generation of pro-life leaders. The teens raised \$17,500 at the dinner!



Our TFL groups traveled to Lansing in November to participate in the second MI March for Life, joining thousands of others in a powerful display of unity and purpose. The teens proudly carried the creative signs they designed and had the opportunity to hear inspiring speakers throughout the event.



Senator Damoose graciously welcomed our TFL students for a tour of the Capitol, offering insights into the building's history, the value of strong pro-life leadership, and the reminder that meaningful change begins with each of us.

**NEW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - 2026**  
For one prolife High School Senior to College Junior!  
**\$2,000 in scholarship funds!**

Check out requirements and fill out an application online.  
Email [director@gtartl.com](mailto:director@gtartl.com) with questions.



**Deadline to apply is  
January 31, 2026**