

# Johnson County Right to Life

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## A Note From Sheryl Schwager, Executive Director



Tragically, our country has become increasingly fractured and polarized over the many acts of racial injustice in our communities. Most Americans would agree that every act of discrimination and life unjustly killed, deserves justice. However, many are unaware of or dismiss the disproportionate number of lives ended by abortion in the black community. According to the CDC, abortion kills more black Americans than HIV, homicide, diabetes, accidents, cancer, and heart disease combined. **We can't truly heal the wound of racism until justice is attained for all of God's children in the womb.**

With so much division in society, how do we move forward and live in harmony? We can't look to the world for healing. Satan doesn't want healing. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy and so he wants neither healthy dialogue nor constructive solutions. **Instead of pursuing the secular path of hatred and revenge, as Christians we believe the sin of racism can only be cured through the transforming love of God. This truth, when fully embraced, brings healing and peace.**

We will never be able to overcome injustice and experience reconciliation if we find our meaning in the identity groups dictated by the culture. **If, however, our very existence is centered in Christ, then our differences become moments of celebration, not division.**

**Frederick Douglass, former slave and abolitionist, extolled the diverse unity of those Christians who fought to overcome slavery, and he recognized that the Constitution of the United States was the tool for liberation.** "I go further and declare that no man's devotion to the cause of justice, liberty, and humanity is to be weighed, measured, and determined by his color or race. We should never forget that the ablest and most eloquent voices ever raised in behalf of the black man's cause, were the voices of white men. Not for the race, not for color, but for man and manhood alone, they labored, fought and died." (excerpt - The Blessings of Liberty and Education).

**Martin Luther King Jr. understood that we are all one blood, one human race.** When one individual's dignity is compromised, we all suffer the consequences as members of the Body of Christ. King proclaimed, "Men will recognize that out of one blood God made all men to dwell upon the face of the earth. Let us be dissatisfied until that day when nobody will shout white power. When nobody will shout black power. But everybody will talk about God's power and human power."

We are not in a battle of "us vs. them" or "Democrat vs. Republican," but in a spiritual battle between good and evil.

**"For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."** Ephesians 6:12

**With Christ's love as our foundation, we peacefully advocate for the protection of:**

- the right to life, born and unborn
- the biblical teaching of sexuality, marriage, and family
- the gift of motherhood and fatherhood
- the right to equal protection and religious freedom

As Ambassadors for Life, may we always seek God's heart of forgiveness and reconciliation as we build a culture in which every human being is valued, protected and given the opportunity to flourish. **All human life is precious and matters to God.**

Thank you for your generous support of our mission to build a culture that protects the dignity of every human life.



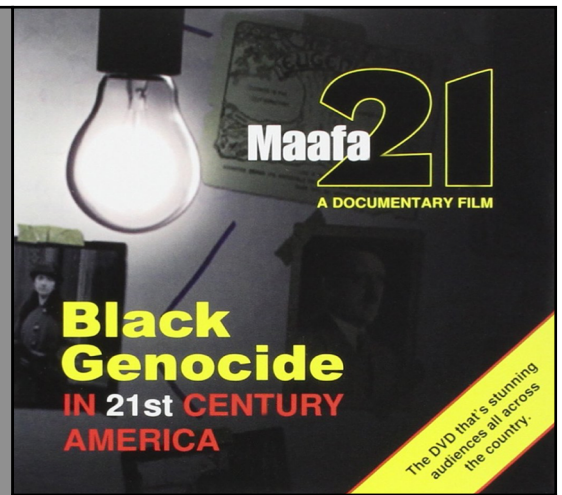
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We look forward to resuming our pro-life outreach at the fair, July 25-28, 2021.

They were stolen from their homes, locked in chains and taken across an ocean. And for more than 200 years, their blood and sweat would help to build the richest and most powerful nation the world has ever known. But **WHEN SLAVERY ENDED, THEIR WELCOME WAS OVER.** America's wealthy elite had decided it was time for them to disappear and they were not particular about how it might be done. What you are about to see is that the plan these people set in motion is still being carried out today. So **DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS HISTORY. IT IS NOT. IT IS HAPPENING RIGHT HERE, AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.**



**Maafa 21** is a compelling documentary film about black abortions in America. Viewed from a historical perspective, **Maafa 21** looks at the plan set in motion nearly 150 years ago to eliminate the black community. You can watch the trailer and the entire movie for **FREE** at [www.Maafa21.com](http://www.Maafa21.com).

- Abortion is the leading cause of death among blacks in America. According to the CDC, abortion kills more black people than HIV, homicide, diabetes, accidents, cancer, and heart disease combined.
- A study found that 79% of Planned Parenthood abortion centers are located within walking distance of minority communities.
- In 2014, black women comprised 14% of the childbearing population, yet obtained 36% of reported abortions.
- The abortion rate for black women is almost five times that of white women.
- Since 1973, abortion has reduced the black population by over 30%

(Sources available at [www.JCRTL.org](http://www.JCRTL.org))



**Iowa is one of thirteen states where a national pilot project seeks to make abortion pills available to women through the mail.** Gynuity Health Projects obtained permission from the FDA in 2016 to start the study. The Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City will administer the program, which consists of three parts:

1) Patients call a clinic staffer to determine if they qualify, which means they are in the first ten weeks of their pregnancy. 2) If yes, patients must get an ultrasound at the nearest health clinic and provide it to the Emma Goldman Clinic abortionist. 3) A qualified patient has an appointment via video with the abortionist, who sends the pills in the mail after the patient pays a fee of \$750. In addition to the mother tragically aborting her baby at home, numerous studies have proven this abortifacient drug has dangerous health risks, including severe bleeding, infections, sepsis and for many, death.

**The United States Supreme Court ruled against Louisiana's pro-life law, called the *Unsafe Abortion Protection Act*, that mandated abortion providers have admitting privileges at a local hospital.** The ruling puts the interests of the abortion industry ahead of the health and safety of women.

**The Protect Life Amendment failed to receive enough votes in the Iowa House to bring it to vote. Iowa lawmakers did pass the "Alfie Evans" bill which protects children from being removed from life support over their parents' objection. An amendment to that bill required a 24 hour consideration period before a woman can have an abortion, however, Planned Parenthood filed a lawsuit to block the legislation and received an injunction to delay it from going into effect July 1st.**

**The Small Business Administration confirmed that 43 Planned Parenthood affiliates received in total, between 65.8 million and 135 million in COVID-19 relief funding.** Companies who received funds were required to use the money to pay employees while the businesses were closed down. Many PP centers continue to provide abortions despite the low supply of personal protective equipment available for doctors on the front lines during the pandemic.

**The Center for Medical Progress recently released video footage showing Planned Parenthood officials admitting under oath in 2019 to harvesting body parts from babies born alive.** Meanwhile, David Daleiden and other CMP investigators are being prosecuted for their work to expose this evil.

**The Supreme Court upheld President Trump's executive order protecting Little Sisters of the Poor from funding abortions.**

**"I Am Helping to Build a Culture of Life and I Hope More Will Join Me in This Movement!"**

**Sheryl Hansel is a family physician at MercyOne in Cedar Falls. Like all doctors, she learned and practiced mainstream women's health care. The harm she saw changed her heart. After learning about NaProTechnology, Sheryl became a certified Medical Consultant in April, 2019. The support of amazing people and the prompting of the Holy Spirit inspired her to share the truth.**

*I walked into my new office at the University of Northern Iowa in November 2008. There on my desk was a collection of pamphlets regarding the sacredness of life, tightly bound in rubber bands with an anonymous note attached to the outside. A sentence on the 3M yellow sticky said, "Please don't be a part of the evil." It alarmed me for a second, making me wonder what I was getting myself into with this job change. I was able to reroute my puzzled thoughts to my inside voice exclaiming, "I am not evil. So why would I be a part of any? I am here to try to help this generation!"*

*I am a family physician. I graduated from the University of Iowa in the late 90's, and came out of residency training at the turn of the new millennium. I had energy. I went out into practice doing everything I could, delivering babies to providing hospice care. When it came time for my own family to grow through adoption, I chose to take a job focusing on the college aged and slowed down a bit. You see, as a woman, it has always been fulfilling for me to take care of women, and guide them through all of the changes our bodies take us through in life. I was so excited to do that with those just entering their own journey of independence.*

*But was I a part of evil, or not? It wasn't long before my eyes were opened even more than they had been by society and the shortfalls of what I was taught.*

*I received a call one day from a graduate student in health promotion, who was conducting research to put toward writing her thesis. I heard on the other end, "Hello Dr. Hansel. I am calling to ask about your knowledge and use of methods of natural family planning in your practice with patients." I was taken aback. My reflex response didn't come out of my mouth. I thought to myself, "Oh honey, you aren't going to get very far." In medical school, natural family planning methods are glossed over, and not studied or taught. They are deemed as ineffective and therefore not worth the attention. I had taught couples the Sympto-Thermal Method through basal body temperature charting in order to achieve pregnancy. And it WAS successful. But that was as far as it went. And to use it to avoid pregnancy?*

*I will never forget that day, because as the next ten years ensued, I began to see how the way "we" are doing things, is leading to our Culture of Death. There wasn't a day that went by at the Student Health Center in which I was not asked to prescribe artificial contraception multiple times. In fact, the nurses were fearful to see a female patient NOT be on it, and would say to me, "She should be on something so she doesn't get pregnant!" (continued on back page)*



## **Help Save Lives & End Abortion in Our Community!**

September 23 - November 1, 2020



**Prayer and Fasting:** Join together with other believers for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion.



**Community Outreach:** Bring a positive pro-life message to every corner of our state through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility.



**Peaceful Vigil:** Stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness in the public right-of-way outside the Emma Goldman facility- Iowa City.

Learn more at [www.JCRTL.org](http://www.JCRTL.org)

## **The Pro-Life Response to COVID-19 and an Ethics Assessment of Vaccine Programs**



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*To the contrary, I witnessed the absolute opposite benefit. Still, two million college women become pregnant each year. AND, last year was record setting for the incidence of STIs, AGAIN. Young women are taught very little about their normal cycles and how their bodies work. Pubertal education focuses on contraception and how it is the answer for cramps, irregularity, cysts and of course preventing pregnancy. In reality, artificial hormones shut the body off. And I prescribed them many times for the listed ailments. Contraception creates a very negative and fearful view of the body, and that our natural functions are far from beautiful. My prescriptions created behaviors of disrespect and great harm, by both women and men. They were the license for securing sex outside of marriage, and hookups without fear. "I'd rather just get it over with," one student told me regarding her thoughts about her first intercourse.*

*Even worse, if pregnancy did occur, young women who would have never considered it, aborted their babies as their "back up" method, only to return to my office very depressed, and sobbing, stating, "I wasn't ready." The regret would fade, but not heal. Others would appear stoic, and ask me for the pill again because of a new relationship. Nausea would overcome me, making me realize the cycle would repeat itself.*

*And the side effects. One of the last patients I gave the pill to was a girl 20 years of age, who I saw six months later for an unrelated problem. She told me she had suffered a large pulmonary embolus, had daily difficulty breathing, and was on blood thinners. She hadn't known of her heredity blood clotting disorder, and her mother, a nurse, had never shared it with her. And with HIPAA, I couldn't ask her mother. I was crushed by what I had caused.*

*The same graduate student introduced me to the Creighton Method of Fertility Awareness, and the Saint Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. I had been reprimanded by my boss for counseling women on the harms of abortion amidst telling them about all options. I was written up for encouraging women to consider abstinence as healthiest. I decided to renounce prescribing artificial hormones, and announced my resignation a year ago. I have since trained as a medical consultant in NaProTechnology. What freedom this gift has offered me! Knowing now that I was a part of "evil," due to the abortifacient nature of what I was prescribing, and the harm I saw it creating, I can now say I am helping to build a Culture of Life. I can see it in the eyes of the couples I assist, and the children who are born through the fruits of it. I cannot believe it took me so long! It was the upheaval in my practice that I needed. I hope more will join me in this movement!*

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## SAVE THE DATE

Discover the best kept  
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**November 7, 2020 6:00 PM**  
Be our guest at the  
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St. Mary Parish Hall, Solon  
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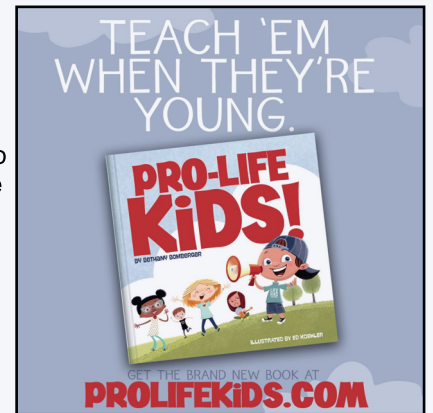
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**PRO-LIFE KIDS!** is a brand new one-of-a-kind children's book created by Bethany Bomberger, an adoptive mom and educator. It is an adorably illustrated journey that reinforces the value of every human life, in and out of the womb. It's a book that includes helpful resources that can be used by anyone who is looking to share an age-appropriate pro-life worldview to children. It was created, primarily, for children in K-5th grade although both younger and older children can learn valuable lessons from the book, too. **PROLIFE KIDS!** powerfully illuminates what millions around the world celebrate every day—that life has purpose.



Please contact JCRTL to receive your complimentary copy of this book for your church, school, or childcare center.

**Johnson County Right to Life** is dedicated to protecting the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We seek to engage and educate our community to embrace and value the most vulnerable among us; the unborn, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Our ultimate goal is to ensure legal protection of all human life.