

# Van Buren County Right to Life

# NEWSLETTER

Your 2024-2025 Officers for  
Van Buren County RTL:

Rob Karrer, President

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The position of Secretary is currently  
vacant.

If anyone is interested in serving in this  
capacity or in joining the VBCRTL board,  
please call Rob Karrer at 269-599-4954, or  
email him at [rckarrer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rckarrer@sbcglobal.net)

Special thanks to Phil Hover for serving  
as treasurer for the past year.

To become a member of Van Buren County RTL  
is easy. For \$16 you will automatically become a  
member of Right to Life of Michigan, receive  
these monthly newsletters, receive monthly  
updates from the State Office in Grand Rapids,  
and learn about new happenings in Van Buren  
County.

Our mailing address is:  
Van Buren County Right to Life  
PO Box 88  
Lawrence, MI 49064

## NEW FEATURES!!!!!!

It has taken a while, and all the bugs or  
glitches have not been completely  
resolved...but we are officially  
announcing that we have a brand new  
website. Check us out at:

[VanBurenCountyRTL.com](http://VanBurenCountyRTL.com)

We also have a new  
Facebook page: Van Buren  
County RTL.

We hope to add new content on both  
social media platforms on a regular basis.  
Be patient as we launch these new  
platforms. As the November elections  
draw closer, we hope to communicate  
more effectively with members and the  
residents of Van Buren County

## The future of Florida's pro-abortion referendum to be decided by court

The Florida State Supreme Court will decide before April 1 whether or not a pro-abortion constitutional amendment referendum will be rejected or placed on the November, 2024 ballot.

The back story:

In 2023, pro-abortion groups launched a petition drive to place before the voters a referendum that would enshrine abortion rights in the Florida state constitution. After the required number of signatures were submitted, State officials have attempted to either slow the process or stop it completely.

In early February, the Florida Supreme Court heard arguments to either reject or approve the wording of the ballot measure. The state's Attorney General, a strong pro-life advocate, argued that the referendum's wording is misleading and deceptive, and violates the state Constitution that requires a single-subject requirement.

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Vice-president Kamala Harris made history on Thursday, March 14, when she became the highest ranking member of any presidential administration to visit a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. She touted the need to protect women's health care and restore women's reproductive rights. The very fact that a vice-president would visit a place of mass killing is unconscionable and reprehensible. The occasion was not to mourn the loss of innocent life, but to applaud the PP workers and staff who provide abortion services.

Today, thousands of tourists travel to Poland to visit Nazi death camps like Auschwitz, Treblinka, or Maidanek. They don't go to cheer what the Nazis did. They don't shout hateful slurs at the memory of the millions of Jews slaughtered during World War II. Instead, tourists are reverent and respectful as they walk through the buildings. Humanity remembers what happened at those camps. Tragically, Kamala Harris does not have the moral fortitude to make the comparison between Nazi camps and Planned Parenthood clinics. Nazi ideology did not permit Germans to love and care for those who they deemed inferior. Likewise, Planned Parenthood and its allies do not have the capacity to love and care for "the least of these"—innocent unborn children made in the image of God.

Pray that our vice-president will awaken to the truth about protecting all human life. We must make sure that all pregnant women have every opportunity to choose life for their babies.

The language would "completely deregulate abortion and disempower the three branches of government from any discretionary power to protect Florida citizens regarding abortion. Currently, the legislative branch is authorized to prohibit abortion through legislation, the executive branch is authorized to penalize citizens who violate abortion laws, and the judicial branch is authorized to delay or restrict any illegal or unconstitutional conduct. Lumping functional alterations to each branch of government in one amendment violates the single-subject requirement."

Although this scenario is reminiscent of Michigan's Proposal 3 and Ohio's Issue 1...where pro-lifers were defeated, the situation in Florida is uniquely different. By state law, a referendum that seeks to amend the state constitution **MUST** garner at least **60 percent of the vote**. Reaching that high a vote threshold will be difficult. Even in Michigan and Ohio, where the ballot initiatives passed handily, voters approved them by about 57 percent. Florida's demographics make it more friendly to pro-life measures. The large population of descendants of Cuban and Puerto Rican immigrants in Miami and Orlando are heavily Catholic, politically conservative, and generally pro-life.

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HOPE is the Choice We Make

Coming this Spring are the new ads that will be on the air and on Social Media. Thank you to those who donated at our last Focus on Life Dinner. Your donations make our Media Ads possible.