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Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your commitment to restoring respect for innocent human life and for your support of National Right to Life. These last months have turned into milestones. As you know, on June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, 49 years and 5 months after the January 22, 1973, passage, and 64,443,118 lives later. No one knows what those lives might have contributed to our country. And we never will. Those lives are gone forever. The great news is now we can tackle this issue at a state level. Even today, several states are ready to prevent abortion except for the life of the mother or medical emergencies, rape, or incest, thereby preventing up to 95% of all abortions in those states.

In recent decades, abortion numbers have gone down substantially and we will work to see that this continues. Due to the fall of *Roe*, state legislation will be upheld more and more often, and we will work to pass such legislation to protect both mother and baby. We also have a real chance to educate mothers about the humanity of their unborn child, as well as help them with whatever they may need. At the same time, we must educate our country on what abortion is and does.

We want to thank you for your commitment to help: for speaking out to your congregation on the tragedy of abortion and for helping us to educate our communities on what needs to be done. Yes, *Roe v. Wade* is no more, but there is still SO much work to be done. And we will stand with you every step of the way, providing up-to-date information for you to share with your congregation, information for your youth to learn about the tragedy of abortion, and materials and programs that you can use to help those who are counting on you.

To thank you for your commitment and help, we have put together a Pastor's kit for your use. In it, you will find everything you might need to host a "pro-life" meeting/event in your church. It includes the following:

- Our DVD titled, “A Baby’s First Months...Infinite Possibilities.” The DVD is appropriate for all age groups, is only 6 minutes long and is looped to play repeatedly for fair booths, etc. It is an excellent resource for you, and I hope you can use it widely! Here is the DVD digitally: <https://youtu.be/NVKX-wkNWDU>
- A booklet titled, “When They Say . . . You Say” that was updated post-Roe and helps you to defend the pro-life position. It shows you how to frame the issue with the language we have found most effective. That can be found here digitally here <https://nrlchapters.org/wtsys/>
- Camera ready copies of our most popular Fact Sheets on abortion. These are ready for you to copy however many you would need to hand out at your meeting. The Fact Sheets cover a multitude of issues, all related to abortion. If you are interested in viewing all our Fact Sheets, visit this link: <http://www.nrlc.org/Factsheets/>
- The full color brochure, A Baby’s First Months, that can be used as a hand-out, or a church bulletin insert. It is an excellent brochure and I hope you find it as useful as we have. (It is enclosed in both English and Spanish). This brochure and more can be ordered at <https://nrlchapters.org/shop>. Use code PASTORS for 50 booklets free.
- A sample agenda for your meeting to help you get started.
- You can find the entire Pastor’s Packet on-line here: <https://nrlchapters.org/pastors/>
- Or you can order the actual paper copy by contacting us via the order form or emailing [stateod@nrlc.org](mailto:stateod@nrlc.org). We will get it right out to you. Whichever way you prefer it, we are here to make it easy for you to help us spread the word. We are here to help in anyway you need.

Other items I would like to call your attention to are:

- The State of Abortion ~ 2023 can be found here: <https://www.nrlc.org/uploads/communications/stateofabortion2023.pdf>. This annually released report summarizes key legislative developments on the state and federal level since *Dobbs*, analyzes the data on the annual number of abortions in the United States, takes a detailed look at attacks by the Biden Administration on the Hyde Amendment, which has prevented federal funding of elective abortion in Medicaid since 1976, and an in-depth look at efforts to resurrect, the long-expired Equal Rights Amendment and how it can impact abortion law. *See pages 71-74 for information on Supreme Court cases.*

So that you are knowledgeable on a few of the current things happening in the pro-life world, please see these links:

- Democrats are once again seeking to pass the Women's Health Protection Act of 2023, (WHPA) S. 701 is a bill in Congress which would remove virtually all legal protections for unborn children on the federal and state level, and prevent future protections for unborn children. The wording of the Act can be found here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/701/text>
- The new leadership in the House led to the passage of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which requires that, when a baby is born alive following an abortion, health care practitioners must exercise the same degree of professional care that would be given any other child born alive at the same gestational age. <https://www.nrlc.org/communications/nrlc-praises-house-action-on-the-born-alive-abortion-survivors-protection-act/>
- This site has much information and statistics on the abortion pill and the abortion pill reversal protocol, as well as resources available for print and posting online, like bulletin inserts, fact sheets, and flyers to inform women of the possibility of saving their child if they regret their decision after taking the first pill. <https://lifeatrisk.org/>
- Earlier in January 2023, the FDA dropped the in-person requirement for the distribution of the abortion pill. <https://www.nrlc.org/communications/fda-paves-the-way-for-expansion-of-dangerous-chemical-abortions/>
- After the FDA dropped the above-mentioned requirement, Walgreens, CVS and Rite Aid announced plans to get certified to sell abortion pills. This link contains contact information for these companies for customers to voice their concerns and disagreement over this decision. <https://www.nrlc.org/communications/contact-information-for-cvs-and-walgreens/>
- Should you encounter someone in your Congregation that is suffering from Post Abortion Syndrome, we hope you will find this brand-new flyer helpful. <https://nrlchapters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/abortion-hurts-women.png>

I sincerely hope that this information will be helpful to you in your pro-life endeavors within your church. National Right to Life will continue in its efforts to keep abortion in the hearts and minds of our nation and work tirelessly to restore respect for innocent human life.

National Right to Life continues to need and rely on your prayers and your support. We are facing a multitude of battles this year and we hope that we can continue to count on you.

Thank you for your time and please do not ever hesitate to contact National Right to Life if we can be of service.

For their lives,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacki Ragan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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