

State Projects and Programs

RLM is the coordinating and unifying body for local affiliates scattered throughout our state; thus, the prolife movement in Michigan speaks with one voice on abortion and related life issues. RLM's efforts to be the voice and hands and feet of unborn children take many forms: education, legislation, public relations, political action and support services for our affiliates.

Education

The Right to Life of Michigan website, rtl.org, includes information about every aspect of our work from educational information about abortion, fetal development, assisted suicide and stem cells to prolife laws and legal battles to candidate endorsements, prolife events and merchandise. The site is updated weekly.

RLM publishes the Right to Life of Michigan News and provides e-mailed news alerts to keep prolife people in Michigan both informed and engaged with our life-saving work.

RLM also has an active presence on Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter), and maintains a blog. RLM has Facebook followers, tweets useful and interesting information weekly on Twitter and posts regular blog entries on current event topics.

The RLM Educational Resource Centers provide a steady flow of literature and resource materials to local prolife groups and the general public. Prolife information helps to motivate people to become active in the programs which foster respect and protection for human life.

Legislation

The RLM state legislative office actively works to coordinate support for legislation to protect babies as they prepare to be born and other threatened members of the human family while monitoring those pieces of legislation that may be in conflict with our goals.

The Lansing legislative office works closely with our network of local affiliates. Special "legislative alerts" are

issued when important developments take place, such as the scheduling of a crucial vote.

Our legislative office is in the business of educating both our grassroots members and our lawmakers through an annual Legislative Day in the spring. This event attracts hundreds of proliferators to Lansing for educational workshops, tips on lobbying, a featured speaker and a luncheon with their legislators. In addition, throughout the year, special lobby days are held on specific pieces of legislation and prolife experts are secured to testify before legislative committees or personally meet with key lawmakers.

Our full-time lobbyists work closely with the prolife leadership of both the State House and Senate to develop a strategy for maximum success in each legislative session. The impact of constituent contacts is reinforced by the daily presence in the State Capitol of our lobbyists and/or Legislative Vice-President and President. Our legislative strength depends on that unified effort by the local affiliates and the state coordinating body.

Public Relations

RLM's officers and public information staff work to create a positive public image for the prolife movement. By monitoring statewide media coverage and providing timely responses to important developments, the public information department provides the prolife perspective often missing in the coverage of life issues.

Political Action

An important facet of the overall work of the right to life movement is electing lawmakers with a commitment to protecting the sanctity of life through public policy.

Because state and federal laws prohibit either RLM or local groups from endorsing political candidates or making campaign contributions, the Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee was organized. RLM-PAC is a political arm for the Michigan prolife movement. PAC election endorsements are made without consideration of party affiliation and follow carefully established guidelines.

of education and legislation by informing the public of our priorities through a bimonthly newspaper, with prolife educational material and by prolife speakers. Our prolife viewpoints are presented to our elected representatives through citizen lobbyists and our state legislative staff.

RLM is described as a social action group by the Internal Revenue Service. It is therefore eligible for recognition as a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, but donations to RLM are not tax-deductible. Therefore, RLM and its affiliates receive membership dues and other donations for which the donor does not receive a tax deduction.

The Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund is the tax-deductible educational component. It is solely educational and as a result, the IRS permits a taxpayer to deduct any contribution to the Fund. The LifeMedia Impact Campaign is a major project of the RLM Educational Fund. The RLM Educational Fund has established seven state resource centers that provide educational materials to the general public.

In 1994, the Right of Life of Michigan Endowment Fund was established to provide an avenue for funding the educational goals into the next century. A special committee of the RLM Educational Fund is Advocates for Better Care (ABC), which focuses upon the issue of euthanasia and treatment of those with disabilities and incapacitating illnesses.

The Right to Life of Michigan Legal Defense Fund is the tax-deductible legal defense component. It has

been established to defend the legislation passed that protects those threatened by a quality of life ethic. It has been involved in lawsuits initiated by those who would place the rights of the unborn children and parents of minors in jeopardy.

The Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee (PAC) is the political action arm of Right to Life of Michigan, the parent state organization. Since RLM cannot endorse or actively support candidates for public office, a political arm is necessary. Experience has shown that election time is a most important time to build legislative support for laws to protect life.

Before endorsing or aiding candidates, the PAC must follow carefully established criteria, which includes a candidate survey and interview, an examination of past voting records, a gauging of the candidate's credibility and a judgment of the particular circumstances of each race.

Federal regulations dictate that Political Action Committees, like the RLM-PAC, can only accept funds from individuals and not from any organization, cooperation, union, or other PAC. In order to more effectively promote prolife candidates, in 2016, RLM formed the Right to Life of Michigan Victory Fund, a Super PAC that can accept unlimited funds from those sources unavailable to the RLM-PAC. The Victory Fund is the largest source of funding for life-affirming election resources and activities in Michigan.



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