

## YOUR HELP NEEDED: *Pro-abortion constitutional amendment, assisted suicide now before the legislature*

**TWO MAJOR ANTI-LIFE** measures are expected during the current legislative session at the Capitol in St. Paul, which began Feb. 12. Your help is needed to stop these dangerous bills.

The first is a measure to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to be voted on by a referendum of voters. **The exact wording of the amendment isn't known (as of this writing), but it would—if passed by the legislature and then approved by voters—enshrine abortion-up-to-birth in the Minnesota Constitution.**

### Abortion in the Constitution

Already, state legislators last year enacted a law establishing abortion-up-to-birth in Minnesota statute. But that law could be repealed by future pro-life legislators and a pro-life governor. That's why abortion supporters want to put unlimited abortion in the Constitution itself—because it is much harder to change and would likely solidify Minnesota as an abortion haven for a long time to come. The amendment could make it nearly impossible to pass even the most modest pro-life laws, such as protections for unborn children late in pregnancy.

**It is very important that you contact both your state representative and state senator—regardless of how you think they will vote (see the back page**

**and visit [mccl.org/extreme](http://mccl.org/extreme) for more information).** Please tell them: "No constitutional amendment to kill unborn babies." Please also follow MCCL on social media and through our email newsletters to stay up-to-the-minute about what's going on and how you can make an immediate impact (see back page).

### Assisted suicide dangers

The second major threat is a bill to legalize assisted suicide in Minnesota (H.F. 1930). A House committee held a pre-session hearing on the bill in late January, and proponents aim to push the bill through the legislature this year after failing to do so in the past.

Assisted suicide is a danger to all of us. **The bill lacks adequate safeguards against coercion and abuse and fails to protect those dealing with depression and other mental illnesses.** Every human being deserves compassionate physical and mental health care, not abandonment through assisted suicide.

Please contact your legislators and urge them to vote against H.F. 1930, the bill to legalize assisted suicide. **You can also follow the website and social media accounts for Minnesotans Against Assisted Suicide (MNAAS), MCCL's program opposing assisted suicide in our state.** Connect with MNAAS at [mnaas.org](http://mnaas.org).

Thank you for all your efforts to protect human life! **MCCL**

## AN UNFORGETTABLE MARCH FOR LIFE

*See inside for coverage*



## This election, please get involved early: Attend your precinct caucus

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY** is on Nov. 5, but the truth is that crucial decisions will be made long before then. **You can make a bigger difference for life by getting involved early in the political process.** It all starts with the precinct caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

### What are caucuses?

Precinct caucuses are local meetings run by political parties. Anyone may participate if they live in the precinct, are eligible to vote in 2024, and generally agree with the principles of the party hosting the meeting.

**At your caucus, you will have the opportunity to select delegates who will then endorse state and federal candidates at future party conventions.** By attending the caucus, you can help select pro-life delegates who will choose good pro-life candidates—candidates who will win in November and who will prioritize the protection of all innocent human life (from unborn children and their mothers to the disabled, the terminally ill, and the elderly).

Better yet, you can be a delegate yourself!

Only a small percentage of citizens attend precinct caucuses, which means your participation can have a substantial impact on which candidates are endorsed—and, eventually, which public policies are enacted.

### Find your meeting

Please make every effort to participate in your caucus at 7 pm. on Feb. 27. **You can find your meeting's location on the Secretary of State's website at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) or by calling 1-877-600-VOTE (8683).** **MCCL**



## Young people: MCCL's Student Days at the Capitol, Life Leadership Camp open for registration

TWO OF MCCL's programs for young people will be offered multiple times each this year.

MCCL's **Student Days at the Capitol** will be held **Mar. 1 and Apr. 23 (pick just one)**. Each day is a unique opportunity for young people in grades 7-12 to learn about government and the importance of pro-life public policy—and to actively lobby their own lawmakers at the state Capitol in St. Paul. Learn more and register online



now at [mccl.org/studentday](http://mccl.org/studentday).

MCCL's **Life Leadership Camp** will be held twice, **June 24-27 and Aug. 11-14**. This pro-life summer camp for high school students—taking place in Paynesville in central Minnesota—equips and trains students to be the pro-life leaders of tomorrow. Learn more and register at [mccl.org/camp](http://mccl.org/camp).

Please tell the young people in your life about these impactful pro-life opportunities! **MCCL**



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3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.
5. To promote and encourage assistance in the care and rearing of children with birth defects.
6. To promote enlightened care and assistance to mother and child in crisis pregnancies.
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# THOUSANDS GATHER TO REMEMBER 12,000 LIVES LOST AND OPPOSE UNLIMITED ABORTION AMENDMENT AT MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE

THOUSANDS of Minnesotans filled the state Capitol grounds on Jan. 22 to urge protection and love for both unborn children and their mothers and to speak out against efforts to enshrine unlimited abortion in the Minnesota Constitution. The MCCL March for Life, held each year on the anniversary of abortion's legalization, featured a display of 12,000 life-size models of unborn children, each baby representing one life lost to abortion in 2022 alone.

"We can see as we look at this tragic display on the steps of our state Capitol the tremendous loss of life in just one year in our state," said MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser during the program. **"I am devastated to tell you that because of the laws passed by the DFL leadership in this state Capitol behind me, we are likely to see even higher numbers for 2023."**

## 'Fearfully and wonderfully made'

This year's March for Life came after the Minnesota legislature in 2023 established abortion-up-to-birth in state law and repealed numerous longstanding abortion-related policies, including the Woman's Right to Know informed consent law, the Positive Alternatives program supporting pregnant women, and a measure that ensured lifesaving care for born-alive infants. The number of

abortions in Minnesota increased by 20 percent in 2022—reaching more than 12,000 abortions total—and early estimates indicate an even larger increase in 2023. Some lawmakers now aim to enshrine abortion-without-limits in the state Constitution (see page 1).

**"Each year in Minnesota, hundreds of babies just like me are aborted,"** said 15-year-old Abby Hewitt of Pine Island, who shared her story of overcoming three critical congenital heart defects. "They will never get to go to school, read a book, tell a silly joke, fall in love, or get married. ... I am fearfully and wonderfully made, heart defects and all. It's a great reminder every day that I was created on purpose for a purpose."

## Pro-life lawmakers attend

Dozens of state lawmakers and Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach attended the March. MCCL also announced a new outreach arm, the Center for a Pro-Life Minnesota, which will work through various avenues to rebuild a pro-life culture in the state.

**"Governor Walz and the DFL Leadership have taken our state too far,"** Blaeser told the crowd. "It's time to say to them: No more extreme abortion policies that hurt women and threaten the lives of our children." **MCCL**







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## HELP US DEFEAT AN EXTREME ABORTION AGENDA THIS YEAR

This is a pivotal year for the pro-life movement in Minnesota.

**We're not just dealing with increasing abortions, abortion up to birth, and the repeal of our commonsense pro-life laws (like the Positive Alternatives program that supported pregnant women).** Now we're facing a constitutional amendment that could entrench unlimited abortion in our state for years to come.

That's why MCCL's multi-pronged efforts this year will be so important. They include our advocacy at the Capitol as we work to defeat the pro-abortion amendment, stop assisted suicide, and mobilize pro-life citizens across Minnesota. **They also include our growing and crucial efforts to rebuild a pro-life culture in our state through MCCL's new outreach arm, the Center for a Pro-Life Minnesota.**

We can't do any of this without you. **To contribute today, please fill out and return the coupon to the left, or donate online at [mccl.org/donate](http://mccl.org/donate).**

Thank you for defending the defenseless! **MCCL**

*Because, in addition to educating, we are involved in working for legislation to protect human life, donations to MCCL, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes.*





# Abortion up to birth in the Constitution?

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**Contact your state legislators** and urge them to oppose the pro-abortion constitutional amendment; please also urge them to oppose the bill to legalize assisted suicide (see page 1).

**Let students in grades 7-12 know** about MCCL's Student Days at the Capitol (see page 2).

**Connect with MCCL on social media** (scan the QR code below) and sign up for our email newsletters at [mccl.org/email](http://mccl.org/email).

**Mark your calendars for Minnesota's precinct caucuses** on Feb. 27 (see page 1).

**Support MCCL's pro-life advocacy and outreach** this year (see page 3).



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