



# Focus Life

2024 Annual Benefit Dinner

**September 23, 2024 • Mirage Banquet Center**

## Right to Life of Michigan Mission Statement

Right to Life of Michigan is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

We strive to achieve the passage and ratification of a Human Life Amendment, to educate people on identified Right to Life issues, to motivate them to action, to encourage community support for and participation in programs and promotion of legislation that fosters respect and protection for human life and to promote and support prolife candidates.

We work on behalf of defenseless or vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.

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## Prayer for the Helpless Unborn

*Lord Jesus,*

*You are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvelous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen*

# Focus on Life 2024 Program

6:45 PM Program Begins

Master of Ceremonies  
**Bob Dutko**

God Bless the USA  
**Kristen Staroscik**

Opening Prayer  
**Fr. Eric Fedewa**

*St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, Eastpointe*

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Silent Auction Closes

Keynote Speaker  
**Alison Centofante**

Right to Life of Michigan  
**Brad Smith**

Door Prize Drawing

Closing Prayer  
**Pastor Lorenzo Sewell**  
*180 Church, Detroit*

# Focus on Life 2024

## Guest Speaker



### Alison Centofante

*Special Guest Speaker*

Alison Centofante is an in-demand public speaker, activist, and writer with over ten years of experience speaking on abortion, marriage, human dignity, and religious freedom. She is currently the President of Centofante Strategies, LLC a consulting firm focused on pro-family, pro-life projects, and is serving as the Chairwoman of the Board for the Center for Client Safety, an organization dedicated to shutting down abortion businesses through investigation and accountability. Alison has served in executive positions at Live Action, Alliance Defending Freedom, and Concerned Women for America. Alison is originally from New Jersey and now lives in Alabama with her husband and 3 children.



### Bob Dutko

*Master of Ceremonies*

Bob Dutko is a Christian Apologist and leading voice today in the defense of Christian truth. Bob hosts "The Bob Dutko Show," heard daily from Noon to 4:00 PM on 103.5 FM-WMUZ.



### Fr. Eric Fedewa

*Opening Prayer*

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, Eastpointe



### Pastor Lorenzo Sewell

*Closing Prayer*

180 Church, Detroit

# Focus on Life

## Silent Auction Baskets

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#5 Falling Leaves . . . . .	Ray and Kristen Staroscik
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#8 My Kids Have Paws . . . . .	Carmelite Friend of Life
#9 Knitting Lessons . . . . .	Crafty Lady Trio
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#11 Happy Hour in the Big D . . . . .	Kristen Staroscik
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#16 Fluffy Fall Fun . . . . .	Friends of Life
#17 Oh, Tannembaum . . . . .	Friend of Life
#18 Children's Playtime . . . . .	Right to Life North Macomb County
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For the latest version of this list, see our websites:



Listing Updated: September 2024

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<https://oxfordpregnancycenter.org/>

### Next Step Pregnancy Center

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Pontiac, MI 48342

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[www.nextsteppregnancycenter.org](http://www.nextsteppregnancycenter.org)

### Problem Pregnancy Center / Mother and Unborn Baby Care

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## Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support

### Cradled in Mary's Arms

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## Post-Abortion Healing

### Project Rachel

(888) 722-4355 (Helpline)

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<https://hopeafterabortion.com/>

## Walking with Moms in Need

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**Fraternity:** Christmas/Ladies Appreciation Night; Fraternal Night; casino trips; free throw contest; poster contest; country breakfast; Texas Hold'em's; Prep Bowl; Auto Show; golf outing sponsor; Peach Festival; parish picnics; Tootsie Roll drive for the mentally impaired.

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# Right to Life of North Macomb

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

On-Going	Pregnancy center aid & community outreach
October 6	Respect Life Sunday Life Chain in Romeo
October 26	March to the Polls! (1 <sup>st</sup> day of in-person voting)
January 2025	Sanctity of Human Life Month
Winter/Spring 2025	40 Days for Life and volunteer kick-off event
August 2025	RTL education booth at New Haven Family Day
August 2025	"Bike or Hike for Life" on Macomb-Orchard Trail
Labor Day Weekend	RTL education booth at Romeo Peach Festival



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