



WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Armacost, Susan



Wisconsin Right to Life PAC Director
Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Director
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

For the last 18 years, as PAC director, Sue Armacost has overseen all political activity for elections, candidates and all activities related to the political process. In addition, Armacost is the legislative director for Wisconsin Right to Life, and works closely with pro-life legislators, the media, chapters and the general public, keeping them informed about state and national legislative issues.

Topics addressed

Abortion
Euthanasia
Physician-Assisted Suicide
Stem Cells / Cloning
General Right-to-Life Issues

Contact via email: sarmacost@wrtl.org
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals

Asay, Chuck



Cartoonist, *Colorado Springs Telegraph Gazette* Newspaper
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Chuck Asay is a nationally recognized cartoonist for the *Gazette*. His syndicated cartoons appear on the Internet and in papers throughout the country. In addition, he is a well-known pro-life cartoonist and has appeared throughout the country at state and national right-to-life conventions and private fundraising affairs.

Topics addressed

Abortion
Euthanasia
Physician-Assisted Suicide

Contact via phone: 719-636-0389
Travels from Colorado
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals

Atwell, Bob



President, CEO
Nicolet National Bank
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Bob Atwell is a businessman who addresses the pain of abortion, firsthand, as a post-abortive father, and talks about the emptiness left in his heart because of his child's abortion.

Topics addressed

Abortion
Post-Abortion Syndrome
(from the father's point of view)

Contact via email: batwell@nicoletbank.com
Travels from the Fox Valley Area, Wisconsin
Charges: None



Bainbridge, Patricia Pitkus

Director of the Respect Life Office
Diocese of Rockford, Illinois

Patricia Bainbridge, in addition to her duties as Respect Life Director, is also chairman of the Department for Life of the Catholic Conference of Illinois. She addresses many topics but is most known for her expertise on Planned Parenthood.

Topics addressed

- Pro-life General
- End-of-Life Issues
- Media-in-Life Issues
- Stem Cell Research
- Human Sexuality
- Planned Parenthood
- Feminism

Contact via email: PBainbridge@RockfordDiocese.org
Travels from Illinois
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Calhoun, Dr. Byron

Vice-Chair, West Virginia University
Charleston, West Virginia

Dr. Calhoun has a distinguished career as a licensed obstetrician and gynecologist and author. He has been past Director of the Perinatal Assessment Unit, Rockford Health System, Rockford Memorial Medical Center, Rockford, Illinois; past president of AAPLOG (the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists) and has written numerous articles on fetal/maternal care of the born and unborn child and her mother.

Topics addressed

- Pre-term Birth and Abortion
- Perinatal Hospice for Babies with Terminal Diagnosis
- Prenatal Diagnosis/Genetics
- Abortion Complications

Contact via email: byron.Calhoun@camc.org
Travels from West Virginia
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Gans, Olivia

Director of American Victims of Abortion
Affiliated with National Right to Life Committee
Washington, D.C.

Olivia Gans is very articulate on the issue of Post-Abortion Syndrome as she herself experienced abortion firsthand and speaks out about the harm of abortion to women and the need for post-abortion healing. She is also a spokeswoman for the National Right to Life Committee.

Topics addressed

- Abortion
- General Right-to-Life Issues
- Post-Abortion Trauma
- Post-Abortion Healing

Contact via email: nrlcgirl@aol.com
Travels from Washington, D.C.
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals

Goris, Pam



Full-time Mother
Mequon, Wisconsin

Pam Goris addresses teen-age pregnancy. She was 18, a college freshman, when she became pregnant and faced the heart-breaking decision of how to deal with her pregnancy. She chose life and shares her story. In addition, Goris also faced breast cancer when she was pregnant and chose to give life to her child in spite of the cancer. She was treated successfully for the cancer after the birth of her child.

Topics addressed

Abortion
Teen Sexuality

Contact via phone: 262-242-7917
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel

Jessen, Gianna



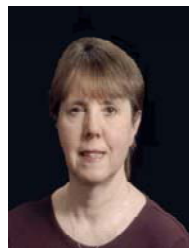
National Speaker – Tennessee

Gianna is an abortion survivor. Her biological mother was 17 when she had a saline abortion in her third trimester. Gianna has cerebral palsy as a result of the abortion attempt. She presents a touching and powerful witness to the sanctity of human life.

Topics addressed:

Abortion
Forgiveness
Living with a disability

Contact via website: www.GiannaJessen.com
Travels from: Tennessee
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals, Honorarium



Klaver, Mary

Attorney, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mary Klaver served as Legislative Legal Counsel for Wisconsin Right to Life for over 22 years. Mary's legal expertise and knowledge were invaluable as she played a key leadership role, working in collaboration with legislators and legal experts, to draft groundbreaking right-to-life laws for Wisconsin -- laws that survived court challenges and are, to this day, protecting countless human lives.

Topics addressed:

Abortion
Euthanasia
Physician-Assisted Suicide
Stem Cells/Cloning

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Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Kurey, Mary Louise

Director of Respect Life for the Archdiocese of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Mary Louise Kurey was Miss Wisconsin in 1999. During her reign as Miss Wisconsin, Kurey had an abstinence platform and continues to share a very strong abstinence message with audiences.

Topics addressed

Abstinence
General Right-to-Life issues

Contact via email: tkurey@wi.rr.com

Travels from Illinois
Charges: Information given via email contact



Little, Joleigh

Wisconsin Right to Life Teen Coordinator
Wisconsin Right to Life Region Coordinator for Regions 5 & 6
Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Joleigh Little has been actively involved with the right-to-life movement in multiple capacities – as a former officer of Wisconsin Teens for Life, former teen liaison for the National Right to Life Committee in Washington, D.C., and currently the Wisconsin Teens for Life state coordinator. Little is also region coordinator for Wisconsin Right to Life. She is always excited to work with teens because teens are the future of the pro-life movement.

Topics Addressed

General right-to-life issues
Euthanasia basics for teens
Starting Teens-for-Life groups
Organizing Teen Training Camps

Contact via email: jlittle@wrtl.org

Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Lord, Vera Faith

Member of the Orthodox Speakers Bureau
Bethel, Pennsylvania

Vera Lord is a nationally published writer and a dynamic speaker who shares her life-changing story of abortion, pain and healing. She helps others see the faces of the victims of abortion in our country.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Post-Abortion Syndrome

Contact via email: alphaomegalife@verizon.net

Travels from Florida
Charges: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Lyons, Barbara

Wisconsin Right to Life Executive Director
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Barbara Lyons is the executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life. She shares her vast knowledge of Wisconsin Right to Life and the history of right-to-life issues in Wisconsin. She articulately speaks out on behalf of those at risk of losing their lives through abortion, euthanasia and stem-cell/cloning issues.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Euthanasia
Physician-Assisted Suicide
Stem Cells/Cloning
General Right-to-Life issues

Contact via email: blyons@wrtl.org
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Luck, Sheila

Post-abortive woman
Greenville, Wisconsin

Sheila Luck is a retired attorney who is now a Christian writer and volunteer at her church and other Christian organizations. Sheila shares her story of abortion.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Relationships
Crisis pregnancy

Contact via email: info@connectingchoices.com
Phone: 1-920-757-0880
Travels from: Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, mileage,
small honorarium



McClone, Amanda

Student at Marquette University
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Amanda McClone is a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee. She was actively involved with Wisconsin Teens for Life prior to her high school graduation. She is a fierce defender of life and believes that young people are the future for the right-to-life movement. McClone wants to increase involvement of young people in the pro-life movement.

Topics Addressed

Involving Teens in Pro-Life issues
Abortion

Contact via email: amcclone@yahoo.com
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel



O'Donnell, Rev. Paul

Guardian Overall
Franciscan Brothers of Peace
St. Paul, Minnesota

Brother Paul serves as the superior of his religious order, the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. The order ministers to the poor, homeless, hospitalized, imprisoned and imprisoned international survivors of torture, and as witness to pro-life issues. He and his order fought to save the life of Terri Schindler Schiavo.

Topics Addressed

General Right-to-Life issues
Abortion
Euthanasia
Homelessness
Imprisonment

Contact via email: franciscan@brothersofpeace.org
Travels from Minnesota
Charges: Contact the Brothers of Peace



Osborn, Liz

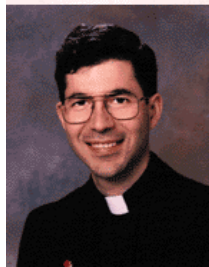
Director of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Dane County
Founder of Elizabeth House
Madison, Wisconsin

Liz Osborn shares her unique experiences as a former abortion clinic nurse, a pregnancy counselor and pregnancy center director, and as a founder of a home for unwed mothers.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Abstinence
Pregnancy
Post-Abortion Syndrome

Contact via email: lizo@carenetdane.org
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: \$300 Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Pavone, Fr. Frank

National Director – Priests for Life
Staten Island, New York

Fr. Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the nation. He has been active in the pro-life movement since 1976 and became national director of Priests for Life in 1993. In this full time position, he has traveled to all of the 50 states and to five continents, preaching and teaching against abortion and helping other priests to do the same.

Topics addressed

General right-to-life issues
Abortion
Euthanasia
Assisted Suicide
Post-Abortion Healing

Contact via email or phone:
Email: mail@priestsforlife.org
Phone: 888-PFL-3448
Travels from New York
Charges: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Phelps, Scott

Executive Director of A&M Partnership
Wheeling, Illinois

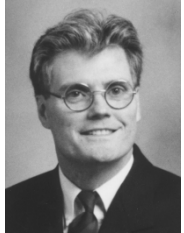
Scott Phelps is founder and executive director of A&M Partnership (Abstinence and Marriage Education Partnership.) He addresses the issues of abstinence and marriage education to teens and college-age people. Scott is the co-author of A.C. Green's Game Plan Abstinence Program, published by Project Reality. His non-judgmental approach and clear message empowers students to take control of their lives.

Topics Addressed

Abstinence education
Marriage education
Consequences of premarital sex

Contact via email: Scott@AbstinenceandMarriage.org

Travels from Illinois
Charges: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Pickup, Mark

Disabled with MS

Mark Pickup was athletic and able-bodied until age 30, when he experienced visual impairment, loss of his ability to speak, crippling fatigue and memory loss due to the onset of multiple sclerosis (MS). These very frightening experiences faded but Pickup is left with chronic fatigue and an ongoing loss of mobility. He shares his experiences with audiences in the US and Canada.

Topics Addressed

Euthanasia
Assisted Suicide
Disability Rights

Contact via email: mpickup@shaw.ca

Travels from Canada
Charges: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals and special accommodations for travel companion



Tom, Potter

Assistant District Attorney
Milwaukee County
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thomas Potter has been a state prosecutor for over 20 years. He has reviewed and investigated numerous complaints from health-care providers and family members as well as referrals from various enforcement agencies related to end-of-life care and issues surrounding life-sustaining medical treatment.

Topics Addressed

Living Wills
Advanced Directives
Feeding Tubes
End-of-Life Issues

Contact via phone: 414-278-4640

Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Prentice, Dr. David A. Ph.D.

Senior Fellow for Life Sciences
Family Research Council
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Prentice is a senior fellow at the Family Research Council and an affiliate scholar for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University Medical Center. He is an eloquent and articulate spokesperson for life. Dr. Prentice is able to explain in layman’s terms the science and ethical issues associated with cloning and embryonic stem cell research and the advantages of adult stem cell therapies.

Topics Addressed

Cloning
Stem Cell Research

Contact via email: dap@frc.org

Travels from Washington, D.C.

Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Shafer, Brenda Pratt

Nurse
Pro-Life Advocate

Brenda Pratt Shafer is one of the nation’s leading spokespersons today on the gruesome procedure called Partial Birth Abortion. She has been a registered nurse for over 20 years. Her testimony has often been presented on television and radio, and the story of “What the Nurse Saw,” has been widely dispersed through videos and pamphlets.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Partial-Birth Abortion

Contact via: Ambassador Speakers Bureau
615-263-4143

Travels from: Las Vegas, Nev.

Charges: Contact Ambassador Speakers Bureau



Schindler, Bobby

Pro-Life Advocate
St. Petersburg, Florida

Bobby is the brother of Terri Schindler Schiavo, who died by way of court-ordered dehydration and starvation on March 31, 2005. Bobby is an advocate for disabled persons and has been a passionate and outspoken pro-life advocate, specifically in opposition to the euthanasia movement, activist judges and pro-death lawyers and doctors who are supporting and vigorously working to advance their judgment and cause. Bobby is also a staunch supporter of the pro-life movement to end abortion.

Topics addressed

Abortion
Euthanasia
Disability Rights

Contact via email: info@nashspeakers.com

Travels from Florida

Charges: Contact Nashville Speakers Bureau

615-263-4143



Shirek, Doreen

Wisconsin Right to Life Chapter Director, College Students for Life Coordinator
Wisconsin Right to Life Region Coordinator for Regions 2 & 4
Mauston, Wisconsin

Doreen Shirek is actively involved in the right-to-life movement as the chapter director for Wisconsin Right to Life, as region coordinator and as the liaison for college right-to-life groups that are active or just forming. She offers enthusiasm and encouragement to chapters and students.

Topics Addressed

Formation of College Pro-Life Groups
Formation of New Pro-Life Chapters
Organizing a State Convention

Contact via email: dshirek@wrtl.org
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Shirek, Rev. Paul

Pastor, Founder of Faith Christian Church
Wisconsin Right to Life Board of Directors
Mauston, Wisconsin

Rev. Shirek is an active, outspoken defender of life -- at his church, as a member of the Wisconsin Right to Life Board of Directors and as a chapter leader for the Juneau County Chapter. He sees many challenges to our society, especially the spreading culture of death, and feels that we must pray together to see this struggle won.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Church and the Right-to-Life Issues
Pastoral Involvement in Right-to-Life Issues

Contact via email: paulshirek@verizon.net
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Smith, Wesley J.

Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute
Consultant for the Center for Bioethics & Culture
Castro Valley, California

Wesley J. Smith is a nationally recognized author and lawyer. He is well-versed and articulate in the realms of euthanasia, assisted suicide and bioengineering. He also serves as an attorney for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

Topics Addressed

Euthanasia
Assisted Suicide
Human Cloning
Meals
Stem Cell Research
Genetic Engineering

Contact via email: wjs@wesleyjsmith.com
Travels from California
Charges: Honorarium (Negotiable), Travel, Lodging,



Snamiska, Paul

Program Administrator
Christian Life Resources
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Paul Snamiska works for Christian Life Resources as program administrator of pregnancy services, family and right-to-life issues throughout the state.

Topics Addressed

Abstinence Counseling
Abortion
Depression and Suicide
End-of-life issues
General Life Issues

Contact via email: speakers@christianliferesources.com
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Travel, Lodging, Meals



Stanek, Jill, R.N.

Speaker
Author
Oak Park, Illinois

Jill Stanek worked in the labor and delivery department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. In 1999 she discovered babies were being aborted alive and left to die in the soiled linen utility room. She was fired when she went public with this information.

Topics Addressed

Late-Term Abortion

Contact via email: www.ambassadoragency.com
Travels from Illinois
Charges: \$3,000 Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Stenzel, Pam

Founder of Enlighten Communications
Littleton, Colorado

Pam Stenzel, founder of Enlighten Communications, Inc., is a dynamic speaker who brings straight talk to teens about abstinence, sex and its consequences, and the life/death choices that teens make every day.

Topics Addressed

Abstinence
Sex
STDs, Dating and Relationships

Contact via phone: 1-888-978-0108
Travels from Colorado
Charges: \$3,500 - \$5,000 Honorarium, plus travel expenses



Thorn, Vicki

National Office of Post-Abortion Healing, Executive Director
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Vicki Thorn is a nationally and internationally recognized expert and speaker on Post-Abortion Syndrome and reconciliation and healing in the aftermath of abortion. Thorn is the founder of Project Rachel.

Topics Addressed

Abortion
Post-Abortion Syndrome
Abstinence

Contact via email: noparh@yahoo.com
Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals



Vitadamo, Suzanne

Pro-Life Advocate
St. Petersburg, Florida

Suzanne is the sister of Terri Schindler Schiavo, who died by way of court-ordered dehydration and starvation on March 31, 2005. Suzanne is married to Michael Vitadamo and the sister of Bobby Schindler. Suzanne and her family continue to fight a battle to save other people with disabilities to prevent them from suffering from the same type of fate that Terri suffered.

Topics addressed

Euthanasia
Disability Rights

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Travels from Florida
Charges: Contact Nashville Speakers Bureau
615-263-4143



Williams, Socorro

Owner, GW Professional Translations
N. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Socorro Williams is originally from Mexico but now lives in the United States. She is a bilingual professional translator. She is also a pro-life advocate interested in sharing information about the impact abortion has on the Latino community.

Topics Addressed

Abortion

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Travels from Wisconsin
Charges: Honorarium, travel expenses

If you have questions about any of the speakers shown in our Speakers Bureau Guide, please contact Wisconsin Right to Life's Gerri Farrington. Toll-free 877-855-5007 or locally 414-778-5780 or write gfarrington@wrtl.org via email. Thank you.