

# Pro-Life for the Whole Life

## National Conference of Democrats for Life of America

July 26-28, 2019 / Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan

All events take place in 'Big Ten Room B' unless otherwise noted

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### Pre-Meeting Activities 5:00-7:00 pm

- 3:30pm Registration table opens
- 5:00-7:00 pm Cash Bar
- 5:30-6:30 pm Light dinner for pre-registered participants only (burrito bar and pizza)  
(Dinner can also be purchased in the State Room restaurant by walk-in and 'Free 50' guests.)

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### Friday Evening 7:00-9:00 pm **Setting the Foundation**

#### The Meaning of 'Pro-Life for the Whole Life'

- John Whitehead, president of the Consistent Life Network

#### Personal Experiences of Abortion and its Aftermath

- LoriJo Nerad, past national director of Women Victimized by Abortion
- Aimee Beltran, a national leader of Surrendering the Secret

#### The Value of Life: A Doctor's View of Fetal Development and Abortion

- Dr. Melissa Halvorson-Smith, a pro-life ob-gyn physician who formerly performed abortions

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### Saturday Morning 9:00-12:00 pm **Human Life and Dignity at Risk**

#### Interplanetary Perspectives on the Nature of Human Life:

##### Can Pro-Life and Pro-Choice Ever Understand One Another?

- Kenneth Darga, president of the Michigan chapter of Democrats for Life of America

#### An Inconvenient Truth: Abortion and Race in America

- Monica Sparks, Democratic County Commissioner for Kent County and board member of Michigan Democrats for Life

#### End of Life Issues

- Jason Negri, Associate Director of the Patient Rights Council
- Robert Anderson, elder law attorney and board member of Michigan Democrats for Life (POST: A New Michigan Alternative to Physician-Assisted Suicide)

#### Threats to the Lives and Human Dignity of Refugees and Immigrants

- Sr. Attracta Kelly, immigration attorney and former prioress of the Adrian Dominican Sisters
- Dana Anderson, branch director of immigrant and refugee programs for Bethany Christian Services

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### Saturday Lunch 12:00-1:30 pm

Lunch is provided in the Big 10 Room for pre-registered participants only.

(Walk-in and 'Free 50' guests can purchase lunch in the State Room restaurant.)

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### Saturday Afternoon 1:30-3:15 pm **Communicating Across Ideological Divides**

#### Communicating Across the Pro-Life/Pro Choice Divide

- Ed Rivet, former legislative director of Michigan Right to Life and current executive director of the Michigan Conservative Energy Forum

#### Do You Have to Be a Religious Conservative to Be Pro-Life?

- Terissa Bukovinac, a pro-life atheist feminist Democrat and executive director of Pro-Life San Francisco

#### When Is Environmental Policy a Life Issue?

- Bob Delaney, Senior Environmental Scientist, State of Michigan

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**Saturday Afternoon**                      3:15-5:30 pm                      **Demand-Side Approaches to Abortion**

Support Services for Pregnant Women and Mothers

- Soraya Nowland, director of the New Life Center
- Lindsay Walters, executive director of Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing

Public Policies that Address the Demand Side of Abortion

- Mark Brewer, past chair of the Michigan Democratic Party and past chair of the Association of State Democratic Chairs

Common Misconceptions about 'Obamacare' and Abortion

- Bart Stupak, former congressman from Michigan's 1st Congressional District (subject to availability)
- Kenneth Darga, president of the Michigan chapter of Democrats for Life of America

Data-Driven Approaches to Pregnancy Services

- Dean Nelson, national outreach director for the Human Coalition

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**Saturday Evening**                      5:30-9:00 pm                      **Dinner Program in the Lincoln Room**

- 5:30-8:30    Cash Bar
  - 6:30-7:30    Dinner for pre-registered participants only.  
(Walk-in and 'Free 50' guests can purchase dinner in the State Room restaurant.)
  - 7:30-9:00    Dinner Program
- Keynote Address
- Rep. Katrina Jackson, a pro-life Democratic legislator from Louisiana
- Update on Activities of Democrats for Life of America
- Kristen Day, Executive Director of DFLA

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**Sunday Morning Church Services**

9:00 am Church services at the Kellogg Center [open to the public]

- Catholic Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea in 'Big Ten Room B'
- Non-denominational Protestant service with Pastor Jacque McDaniel in the Riverside Room

Additional places of worship in East Lansing are listed at:

<https://www.localprayers.com/US/East-Lansing-MI/215210>

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**Sunday Morning**                      10:30-12:30 pm                      **The Challenge of Being a Whole-Life Democrat**

Perspectives on Being a Whole-Life Democrat

- Joel Sheltroun, former Democratic legislator from northern Michigan

Perspectives on Recent Pro-Choice Legislation in New York

- Michele Sterlace-Accorsi, president of Feminists Choosing Life

Promoting Whole-Life Policies in the Michigan Democratic Party

- Robert Anderson, board member of Michigan Democrats for Life

A series of brief updates on state chapter activities

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**Sunday Lunch on Your Own**

For a very extensive food court with unlimited portions, visit the cafeteria on the second floor of Brody Hall, directly across from the main entrance to the Kellogg Center. Lunch can also be purchased at the State Room restaurant.

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**Sunday Afternoon**                      2:00-5:00 pm                      **Pro-Life Films and Service Organizations**

A showing of pro-life films, information tables showcasing local pro-life service organizations, and a presentation by Brandy Meeks, vice president of Abby Johnson's ministry 'And Then There Were None.'

In lieu of an admission fee, attendees who are not registered for the conference will be asked to make a financial contribution to one of the pro-life organizations with an information table.