

Pro-Life Wisconsin Speakers' Bureau

Pro-Life Wisconsin is pleased to offer a variety of speakers with extensive knowledge on a diverse range of pro-life issues. To schedule one of these speakers or to learn more about how a PLW spokesperson can share the pro-life message in your community, please contact Steve Karlen at the PLW State Office: (262) 796-1111 ext 14 or steve@prolifewisconsin.org. Tell us about the audience and the message you want to share, and we'll match you with the right member of PLW's Speakers Bureau.



Julie Archibald - Julie is a board member and past president of PLW and represents PLW on the Archdiocesan Respect Life Committee. She has done extensive volunteer work for MACC (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer), the Mothers' Guild of Marquette High School, and youth ministry for the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Julie is available to speak to teens and young adults about **life before birth, chastity, modesty, starting a high school or college pro-life group, the horrors of abortion, the effects of the Pill, the contraceptive mentality, Silent No More, Planned Parenthood, and**

spiritual warfare.



Bob Atwell - Bob is the founding CEO of Nicolet National Bank. He has worked 27 years as a commercial banker and is a graduate of the Yale school of Management. He is Co-Executive Producer of the movie *Bella* and served as a founding board member of Relevant Radio, a national Catholic radio network. He is a frequent speaker on topics including **Men and the Pro-Life Movement and Chastity.**



Marisa Beffel - Marisa has a BS in Nursing, and a Master's and doctorate in Medical Bioethics. She is an associate member for the Milwaukee Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.

Marisa speaks on **The Constitution, The Declaration of Independence and the role of the Founding Fathers, contraception** (with an emphasis on the harmful nature of the Pill), **abortion** (Roe v Wade, Planned Parenthood and Margaret Sanger), **reproductive technologies, genetics and eugenics, infertility treatments** (NaPro Technology), **quality of life, tube-feedings, end of life issues** (hospice care, terminal sedation, durable power of attorney), **ethanasia and physician assisted suicide, withholding treatment vs. withdrawing treatment, and the nature of the medical profession with an emphasis on the Hippocratic Oath and the role of the physician.**



Will Goodman - Will has organized hundreds of prayer vigils and pilgrimages and is a seasoned sidewalk counselor. He has worked at the United Nations with the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, lobbied in Washington D.C., testified at the Wisconsin State Capitol, testified before President Clinton's Bioethics Advisory Committee on embryonic stem-cell research, spent nearly 100 days in jail for peaceful direct action, spoken at various conferences in 37 states, Canada,

Mexico and Poland, and has assisted pro-life prisoners of conscience in the USA, Canada, Cuba, and other countries.

Will speaks on a wide range of topics, including: **Evangelium Vitae, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Eugenics and the Culture of Death, Criminalization of Conscience, Direct Action, Lives of the Saints and Respect for Life, Theology of The Body, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Men and Abortion, and From Ski Bum to Pro-Life Missionary (a life story).**

Since 2001, Will Goodman has been a member of the Servants of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a pro-life apostolate dedicated to prayer, the study of Church teaching, and promoting missionary outreach to build a culture of life.



Julie Grimstad - Julie is the executive director of Life is Worth Living, Inc. She served as director of the Center for the Rights of the Terminally Ill, Inc. (CRTI) from 1985 through 2003. A patient advocate, speaker, and writer on end-of-life issues, Julie edited and was a contributing author to "Imposed Death: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide," a 12-page Human Life Alliance educational supplement. A Catholic journalist and book editor, she

has authored numerous brochures and articles on life issues. Her earlier experiences include being a licensed practical nurse caring for the elderly and disabled in a Catholic hospital; a Birthright volunteer in Nebraska, opening her home as a refuge for unwed mothers; serving as a Natural Family Planning instructor for the Diocese of Lincoln; and founding and directing a Pregnancy Aid office in Tacoma, WA.

Julie's topics include: **"From Birth Control to Death Control"; "The History of the 'Right to Die' Movement in America"; and "Making Moral Medical Decisions: Protective Advance Directives for Health Care."** There may be travel and lodging expenses for groups looking to book Julie.



Peggy Hamill - Peggy knows what it means to choose life. She and her husband Bob are the parents of eleven children (ten living, one lost through miscarriage).

Peggy began her pro-life work in the early 1970s as a volunteer with Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for Life. Over the years, she has volunteered with Wisconsin Right to Life, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Missionaries to the Preborn, Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee, and as a regular sidewalk counselor at Milwaukee's surgical abortion centers.

Peggy has served with Pro-Life Wisconsin since 1994 as an affiliate leader, a board member, and President of the PLW Board of Directors. Since 1999, Peggy has served as state director of Pro-Life Wisconsin.

Peggy's work at Pro-Life Wisconsin has involved **working to combat the contraceptive mentality and educating about the deadly link between contraception and abortion.** Peggy also speaks out **in defense of people with disabilities and those facing terminal illnesses.**



Laura Karlen - Laura is the President of Vigil for Life, a Madison-based organization dedicated to ending the intentional destruction of innocent human life through prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness. She has organized the 40 Days for Life vigil in Madison since 2008 and helped lead efforts to prevent the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and Meriter Hospital from opening a late-term abortion facility at the Madison Surgery Center. Laura is available to speak on **40 Days for Life, miscarriage and sidewalk activism.**



Steve Karlen - Steve is Pro-Life Wisconsin's development director and the former president of Vigil for Life. Steve helped spearhead a statewide response in January of 2009 when it was revealed that the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and Meriter Hospital had reached an agreement to perform late-term abortions at the Madison Surgery Center. In particular, he orchestrated a series of demonstrations, vigils, and large rallies that drew thousands of participants from across Wisconsin. As a result, the plan to provide these abortions was scrapped.

Steve has helped implement the annual 40 Days for Life campaign at Madison's Planned Parenthood since 2008 as well as an extra 40 Days vigil at the Madison Surgery Center in 2010. He previously served as the development director at Our Lady of Hope Clinic, a 100 percent pro-life family practice clinic in Madison. His topics include **the power of prayer and peaceful witness, grassroots organizing, miscarriage, abortion as a civil rights issue**, and more.



Karie Kinzler - A nurse by profession, Karie is a stay-at-home mother to her seven children, ranging in age from 3 to 23. The once self-described "Cafeteria Catholic" made a fateful decision one day that led her on a years-long spiritual journey of re-discovering God's plan for her marriage and the joys of motherhood. This powerful conversion of heart transformed her brokenness in spirit and body to one of restored wholeness and holiness through perseverance, prayer, and God's grace and love. Karie's speaking topics include **sterilization and sterilization reversal**.



Dr. Michael Kloess - Dr. Kloess is the President of Our Lady of Hope Clinic in Madison, Wisconsin. Our Lady of Hope is a 100% Pro-Life clinic established to provide authentically Catholic health care to the people of south central Wisconsin. Dr. Kloess enjoys presenting on topics such as **natural family planning, Pro-Life health care and natural alternatives to women's health issues**.

Dr. Kloess graduated from Southern Illinois University summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He received his Doctor of Medicine from Southern Illinois University in 2000 and completed his Family Practice Residency at Sioux City, Iowa in 2003. Dr. Kloess is a member of the American Academy of Family Medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Kloess is an NFP medical consultant and is trained in Creighton Model FertilityCare® System. He is a member of the Catholic Medical Association. In addition to NFP, Dr. Kloess's medical interests include women's health, NaProTechnology, wilderness medicine and medical ethics. He has also participated in several medical mission trips to Central America.



Dr. Michael J. Phillips - Dr. Phillips is the former chairman of the Pathology Department at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, treasurer of the Milwaukee Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, and serves as president of Pro-Life Wisconsin's Board. He is a past president of the Wisconsin Society of Pathologists and serves on the Ethics Committee at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital. Dr. Phillips has testified numerous times before the Wisconsin Legislature on issues regarding the sanctity of human life. Dr. Phillips speaks on **the connection between abortion and contraception** as well as **how the truth never changes**.



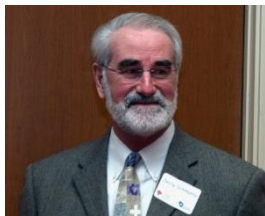
Dr. John Puchner - Dr. Puchner graduated from the University Of Minnesota with a triple major in Biology, English Fiction of the 19th Century, and Human Physiology. After graduating from the Medical College of Wisconsin with a Doctor of Medicine degree, he completed an internal medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis and a Cardiology fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Michigan. John has been active in the pro-life movement while also teaching at Trinity Academy and MATC in the nursing program. Dr. Puchner speaks on **bioethics, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis.**



Matthew Sande - Matt joined Pro-Life Wisconsin as the organization's Director of Legislative Affairs in 2003. Public policy and politics are his passion. A 1991 political science graduate from the University of Notre Dame and a former legislative aide in both the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate, Matt has directly participated in the political process for over fifteen years. He served as the Director of Legislation for the Wisconsin Hospital Association for three years before joining Pro-Life Wisconsin. Matt's expertise in the policy and politics of the pro-life movement in Wisconsin combined with his ability to clearly articulate the 100%, total protection position of Pro-Life Wisconsin makes him an effective lobbyist on behalf of preborn babies, the aged and disabled. He effectively educates grassroots pro-lifers **on how to influence their state legislators** and is frequently quoted in the media on issues such as **the morning-after pill, personhood, conscience rights, reproductive technology, embryo-destructive research, and end of life issues.**



Rebecca Sande - Involved with Pro-Life Wisconsin since its formation in 1992, Rebecca is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A former director of communications for American Life League, Rebecca left her position as a legislative assistant in Madison to care for her growing family. Rebecca is well-versed on a variety of pro-life subjects including **abortion, contraception and chastity.**



Jerry Schmutte - Jerry is one of the leading authorities in the state on **Planned Parenthood and its anti-life agenda.** Jerry has addressed a variety of groups around the state including youth groups, college students, community groups, and even state legislators, with his **“Defending God’s Plan” seminars exposing the Planned Parenthood agenda.**



Scott Southworth – Scott is the district attorney of Juneau County and was nominated for a CNN Heroes Award in 2007. While serving in Iraq in 2003, he befriended Ala'a, an Iraqi orphan with cerebral palsy. In 2005, Southworth arranged to bring the boy to the United States and adopted him in 2007. Southworth is unwavering in his defense of the pre-born and disabled and speaks on **personhood, special needs adoption, and the dangers of so-called comprehensive sex education curricula.**



Virginia Zignego - A 2005 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Virginia was the president of the pro-life group at UW-Madison before she joined Pro-Life Wisconsin. Virginia speaks on **chastity, purity, teen and young adult pro-life involvement, and how abortion and contraception are destroying our youth.** Virginia is a board member of the Catholic young adult group Lolek and is active in pro-life activities at her parish in Milwaukee and with pregnancy help centers.