



CMDCCW FALL BOARD MEETING

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

September 10, 2019

Listed below are our national legislators and their websites:

Senator Lamar Alexander -- alexander.senate.gov

Senator Marsha Blackburn -- blackburn.senate.gov

District 02 – Representative Tim Burchett -- burchett.house.gov

District 03 – Representative Chuck Fleischmann – fleischmann.house.gov

District 06 – Representative John Rose – johnrose.house.gov

At their websites it's so easy to send messages without having to use snail mail! As citizens and Catholic Christians, it's very important that we stay engaged with what's happening in our government! I assure you that our Christian values are in jeopardy! Fortunately, our senators and representatives are conservative usually voting our conservative East Tennessee values, but it doesn't hurt to let them know our opinions.

The so-called "Equality Act" has been broken down into several "Do No Harm" bills. The "equality" in the bills is to favor the LGBT community, and it will put people of faith back in the position of being forced to go against their beliefs -- the least of which is baking cakes for same sex weddings! Employers will have to provide insurance for contraception and abortions. Medical personnel will be forced to participate in abortions. Transgender issues such as males using female restrooms, etc. Please contact your legislators!

We've made some progress in LIFE issues. Planned Parenthood has lost state funding as well as some federal funding. Tennessee and several other states have put in place laws that would take effect to prohibit abortions once Roe v. Wade is overturned. Tennessee's Amendment One was challenged for four years by Planned Parenthood all the way to the US Supreme Court who refused to hear it thereby letting Amendment One stand. Now Planned Parenthood is challenging Informed Consent and 48-hour waiting period. However, they can stand while being challenged. The abortion clinic in Nashville has closed.

Prayer is still our most powerful weapon. Please be aware that the 40 Days for LIFE Prayer Vigil will be taking place September 25 – November 3 at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Cherry Street in Knoxville. Churches have signed up to cover those days. Check with your Respect Life contact in your parish to see if you're signed up. If not, you can still get a group together and come to pray anytime during the 40 Days.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men/women to do nothing." Edmund Burke

"When a man/woman knows the right thing to do and does not do it, he/she sins." James 4:17

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

