

Breakout Session Descriptions

Safe Haven Baby Boxes - *Monica Kelsey*

Monica Kelsey, the founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, will cover the Safe Haven Law, her personal story, and the organization and how it helps parents in crisis.

Snowflake Embryo Adoption - *Emily and Nathan Berning with Jordyn Garcia*

Snowflake Adoption refers to the adoption of frozen embryos that were created through in vitro fertilization (IVF) but are no longer being used by the genetic parents. In this breakout session, Emily and Nathan Berning from Let Them Live and Jordyn Garcia, Volunteer and Advocacy Coordinator at Right to Life Northeast Indiana, will explore what Snowflake Adoption is and how the process works. As reproductive technologies become more common, questions about frozen embryos, adoption, and family-building continue to arise. This session will provide an overview of the topic, share perspectives from those familiar with the process, and create space to learn about the complexities involved in embryo adoption.

*As Right to Life of Northeast Indiana does not have an official stance on embryo adoption, this will be a purely informational session.

Hospice Care and Death with Dignity - *Elaine Wilson*

Life should be honored until the last breath a human takes. This session will delve into conversations on ensuring all are allowed death with dignity and receive loving care as their natural life on earth ends. Elaine Wilson, the COO of St. Joseph Hospice Suites, will be leading this topic.

10 Things Students Can Do for the Pro-Life Movement - *Abigail Lorenzen*

Think that you have to wait until you've graduated to advocate for the unborn? Think again! This presentation will help you realize how powerful your voice can be while you are in high school or college. Learn about things that you can do right now to make a difference and get involved in the pro-life movement! Abigail Lorenzen, the Education Coordinator at Right to Life of NE Indiana, will be leading this breakout.

How to be Effectively Pro-Life in the Political Arena - *Corrine Youngs*

What does it actually look like to be pro-life in the political arena? Drawing from firsthand experience in legal and policy work, this session will give students a behind-the-scenes look at how pro-life legislation at the state level is developed, negotiated, and passed. Students will learn how legislative strategy evolved before and after Dobbs, what it was like to pass major pro-life legislation in Indiana following the decision, and what the path forward looks like today. Students will leave with a clearer understanding of the legislative process, pro-life legal strategy, and practical ways to become involved in advancing pro-life policy.

Exploring Our Culture's Aversion to Masculinity - *Shawn Meyer*

Masculinity—Our culture scorns it as harmful and outdated. Christianity celebrates it as valuable and absolutely necessary to the common good. This session will explore why true masculinity benefits everyone by giving us responsible, protective, and self-sacrificing men.

The Hard Cases - *Robin Atkins*

Often in talks about the topic of abortion, the most difficult cases will be used to shift the focus from abortion itself to traumas that occur outside of abortion. How we talk about rape and fetal anomalies is very important. There are thousands of people walking around who were conceived following a rape. There are thousands of parents, siblings, and other family members of children who were diagnosed with a fetal anomaly in utero. There are children who were born the same day their mother died, who are all too familiar with the cases of risk to the life of a mother. They deserve as much respect as anyone else involved in the topic of abortion. So, how should we talk about abortions following a rape? Is abortion a cure or treatment for the trauma of rape or even a traumatic experience during pregnancy? Do parents who choose to terminate due to fetal anomaly have an easier experience than those who choose to continue their pregnancy? We will dive into these situations and discuss the various narratives we hear about those involved in these situations, what the research says, and ways we can affirm the inherent dignity of all involved.

Conceiving After Rape - *Genevieve Stroud*

The world says abortion is mercy for rape survivors. Genevieve is here to tell you a different story — her own. Join Genevieve for an honest conversation about surviving sexual assault, continuing her pregnancy under unimaginable pressure, and walking a road that led — unexpectedly — toward deep faith, healing, and joy.

Less than a decade later, Genevieve stands before you as a wife and mother of four, more convinced than ever: abortion doesn't erase trauma — it compounds it. Every life is worth protecting. In this session, she'll share what it truly means to choose life in the hardest circumstances imaginable. Come ready to engage the toughest questions in the pro-life conversation with courage and compassion.

The Least of These: Examining the Ethics of Embryo Experimentation - *Rev. Michael Salemink*

Learn to understand innovations such as stem cell research, germ-line genetic editing, mitochondrial replacement therapy (three-parent embryos), and gametogenesis. We'll consider what makes an embryo a member of the human race and reflect on how these biomedical technologies offer opportunities for confessing how Christ's divine love treasures every human being.