

Church Presentation Notes

Introduce yourself, read Ephesians 2:10, and share why you are passionately pro-life.

I. The Abortion Problem

- **America: 900,000 Abortions Annually**
 - 65 million preborn babies killed by abortion since 1973.
 - With the overturning of Roe v. Wade last June, women are purchasing chemical abortions online or traveling to abortion hub states for surgical abortions.
 - Half of all abortions are now chemical abortions.
- **New York State: 74,000 Abortions Annually**
 - NY is the abortion capital of America with the most abortions per capita of any state.
 - NY was the first state to legalize abortion on July 1, 1970.
 - NY now has the most permissive abortion laws in the world, next to China and North Korea.
- **NY Abortion Hubs**
 - Buffalo: 3,300 abortions annually (25% of all pregnancies end in abortion).
 - Rochester: 2,500 abortions annually (24% of all pregnancies end in abortion).
 - Capital Region: 2,400 abortions annually (26% of all pregnancies end in abortion).
- **Women**
 - Primarily get abortions because they feel alone and unsupported.
 - Physical side effects: 44% relative increase for contracting breast cancer; 52% increased risk of future preterm deliveries.
 - Psychological side effects: 5X increased risk of committing suicide; 81% increased risk of a future mental health diagnosis.
 - Women feel stuck, trapped by their circumstances, and coerced by their relationships into a decision they wouldn't otherwise make.
- **Preborn Boys and Girls**
 - Abortion represents dehumanization and destruction.
 - The most vulnerable members of society, with no voice, influence, power, protection under the law, or ability to defend themselves.
 - Preborn babies are not regarded as fully and equally human in NY.

- Violence, censorship, and political aggression against pro-life service organizations like CompassCare are ongoing.

“Abortion is a symptom of a cultural disease. It represents a fundamental misunderstanding about what it means to be human under God. Because all people are made in the image of God, we are equally valuable, without qualification both mother and baby.”

II. The Abortion Solution

- The Church through CompassCare is providing ethical medical care and comprehensive community support to women seriously considering abortion both in-person in Buffalo, Rochester, and Albany, and online through a telemedicine platform called TeleCare.
- CompassCare is an outworking of the Church’s passion and belief that ALL people are made in the image of God – His workmanship – and are therefore equally valuable and worthy of protection, from the womb to the tomb.
- The mission of CompassCare is, *“Because all people are made in the image of God and are equally valuable, CompassCare is dedicated to erasing the need for abortion by transforming a woman’s fear into confidence.”*

III. Life-Saving Results

- 445 preborn boys and girls saved from abortion and 235 women submitted their lives to Christ in 2022.
- Share a recent patient story:
 - Read: CompassCareCommunity.com/patient-stories
 - Watch: YouTube.com/CompassCareCommunity (see “Mary’s Story”)

IV. 2023 Goal

- Double the number of women and babies saved from abortion in 2023.
- To accomplish this goal, \$912,000 is needed through the Walk for Life Weekend.

V. Call to Action

The Walk for Life Weekend, the largest pro-life event in the northeast, does two critical things:

- 1) educates the community on the equal value of every person, and
- 2) raises the resources needed to serve more women and save more babies from abortion.



The Walk Weekend kicks off with an Online Rally on Friday, May 5 from 7:00-8:00PM (ET) and culminates with an In-Person Walk on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00AM-12:00PM at [Buffalo's Delaware Park, Rochester's Highland Park Bowl, or Albany's Washington Park].

The goal for our church is to raise enough money to serve _____ women seriously considering abortion [\$570 serves one woman, \$1,140 serves two, \$5,700 serves 10, \$11,400 serves 20, etc.].

You can participate as a...

1. Pledge-Raising Walker – asking others to sponsor you as you raise funds for women and their babies.
2. Sponsor – giving to Walkers in our church who are raising funds.
3. Guest – attend the Online Rally and/or the In-Person Walk. You do NOT need to raise or give money to participate in the CompassCare Walk. Join thousands of your fellow pro-life Christians, together expressing your pro-life convictions in order to forge a more pro-life community, state, and nation.

See me after the service to learn how you can participate and/or register at CompassCareWalk.com.