

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Envisioning a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive and life is cherished.*



## Christian Civic League

*Remembering those who lost their lives*



Dear Friend,

Eight years ago, as Maine was saying goodbye to the summer of 2010, even the most optimistic defenders of life and biblical values were not expecting the positive, seismic changes about to take place in Augusta. A businessman promising to bring fiscal common sense to our government and unapologetically declaring himself as an ally of traditional family values was running for governor. As more leaves made their way to the ground that September, we were learning of more and more candidates who were publicly identifying as Christians who believed in the sanctity of human life and the morality of the Judeo-Christian ethic. Two months after that Labor Day, Paul LePage and a host of conservative legislators came into office ready to stem the tide of secular progressivism that had dominated Maine for 40 years.

Four years ago, we were facing a very motivated, highly organized, and well-funded effort by the enemies of life and religious freedom to reverse the results of the election of 2010. Their enthusiasm was buoyed by the decision to redefine marriage in 2013. The League decided to invest in voter guides and a get-out-the-vote campaign called **Pews to the Polls**. After the re-election of Paul LePage and a successful legislative campaign in general, the governor declared that no one had done more to engage the faith community and social conservatives than the Christian Civic League. That fall, we saw God provide \$100,000 (\$86,000 in 10 days) for the League to be a positive influence in that election.

We didn't accomplish everything we hoped for the last eight years, but I want you to imagine what would've happened without our allies in Augusta who were there to help us defeat physician assisted suicide, the conversion therapy ban, and other countless assaults upon life, religious freedom, and parental rights.

As we prepare for this year's election, we once again have a gubernatorial candidate who is a businessman and a defender of common sense values, including the sanctity of life and the importance of religious freedom. Once again, we have a full slate of federal and state candidates who proclaim the same allegiance to our values. The enemies of life and religious freedom are as motivated, organized, and well-funded as I've ever seen.

I pray that Christians will not be lured into a false sense of security and satisfaction from the positive results we've enjoyed from the LePage and Trump administrations. Shawn Moody, Eric Brakey, Bruce Poliquin, Mark Holbrook, and our allies running for State Senate and the House of Representatives need the League to be fully funded in order to prevail.

Please give a generous and sacrificial donation to help us reach our goal of \$100,000 to fund our **Pews to the Polls** Campaign so we can:

- ★ provide printed and electronic informative voter guides
- ★ Identify prolife citizens and motivate them to vote
- ★ encourage and equip pastors to lead their congregations through this election

Let's make sure we have no regrets as we look back on the election of 2018. Let us continue to pray and strive to see Maine become a state where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished.

*Sincerely,*  
*Carroll L. Conley Jr.*  
Executive Director

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