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PRELIMINARIES**COUNCIL CULTURE OF LIFE CHAIR COUPLES WANTED!**

We want to encourage each council in the state to name a chair couple and allow them to contribute to the council's activities. If you have not done so, please send us the contact information for your council chair couple. A form has been created to facilitate this and it can be found on the State KC web site:

<http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>

Please send the filled-out form to us by mail or email at smistretta2@cox.net.

KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATIONS

Were you unable to attend KCLS? If not, then you can view PowerPoint presentations given by the State Culture of Life Chair Couple. They are available on the state KC web site:

<http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>

The 2014 presentation provides an overview of the main Culture of Life issues. The 2015 and 2016 presentations are also available on the web site. The 2017 presentation provides updated information on pro-life topics and the grading form guidance.

Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

WHAT IS A CULTURE OF LIFE?

Culture is the way in which men and women in a community mold or shape a particular way of relating to nature, to each other and to God, thus establishing a typical style of human coexistence.

One of the primary values of the Culture of Life is respect for human life from its beginning at conception until its natural end. When a culture is capable of protecting and encouraging this vision of mankind through its political, social, economic and legal structures, it can be called a culture of life.

Building such a culture not only requires collaboration of society's leaders, but it is also a duty and a right of all Christians.

SHARE WHAT YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

We want this monthly newsletter to be an opportunity for councils to share the good work that they are doing to build a Culture of Life. Please send us an email telling us what your council is doing and send us pictures. Email us at smistretta2@cox.net. We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE KC WEB SITE

Thanks to the work of Webmaster Brandon Hendricks, anyone can now access any previous issues of our *Culturae Vitae* newsletters on the State KC web site: [link](#).

You are welcome to use any of the content in this newsletter to make presentations to your council. The newsletter also provides helpful information and ideas to enable councils to receive 100 points in Culture of Life. Please contact us if you cannot find what you are looking for.



CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES

FREE MATERIALS FROM SUPREME

The Supreme Council has a number of Culture of Life materials to help you. All of these materials are free of charge except for the shipping. A list of materials can be found on-line. Use this [new link!](#)

Contact the Supreme Council Supply Department to order the material. Note that some of the materials are in electronic form that can be downloaded immediately. You can email your questions or other requests for materials to William.obrien@kofc.org.



KC ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Is your council interested in providing an ultrasound machine for a local pregnancy center? If so, there is a program and resources from the Knights of Columbus available to help you successfully do just that. Use this [new link!](#)

The Supreme web site provides an overview and guidelines documents. There are also two forms that must be submitted to determine if your situation qualifies for this program: 1) Diocesan evaluation (form 9884) and 2) Application to Supreme (form 4886).

Your State Culture of Life Chair Couple is ready to assist your council in participating in this program. Please contact Sam Mistretta (225-975-1501 or smistretta2@cox.net) for assistance.



YOUR FIRST STOP FOR PRO-LIFE RESOURCES IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana is one of the more pro-life states in the union. That is no accident, and continuous efforts are needed to avoid losing ground. While the attacks on the human person are global, we should start our efforts locally. There is no better place to look for help than Louisiana Right to Life (<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/>). Their web site includes a number of helpful resources and their staff is ready to help you. They also provide pro-life speakers and presentations, free of charge, for your council meetings, banquets, and other events. I encourage all councils to contact Louisiana Right to Life and find out how they can help you build a Culture of Life in your community.



**Looking for a
Pro-Life Speaker**
For your School, Group, or Church?

Call us at 1.866.463.5433
or email us at info@ProlifeLouisiana.org
www.ProlifeLouisiana.org/Speaking



DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Many of the Dioceses in Louisiana have pro-life information and resources on-line. Here are links to specific web sites:

Baton Rouge: <http://www.mfldiobr.org/>

New Orleans: <http://respectlife.arch-no.org/>

Lafayette: <http://diolaf.org/pro-life>

Shreveport: <http://www.dioshpt.org/ministries/pro-life-ministry/>

Houma-Thibodaux: <http://htdiocese.org/fm>

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

SOME GOOD NEWS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE

Greg Schleppenbach, USCCB

The movement to legalize doctor-assisted suicide has been gaining momentum in recent years. Since 2015, two states (California and Colorado) and the District of Columbia have joined Oregon, Washington State and Vermont in legalizing the deadly practice. And 28 states had assisted suicide bills introduced in 2017 with a handful coming very close to succeeding. Compassion & Choices, the leading assisted suicide proponent, has a well-organized and well-funded agenda that has been very effective in leading these efforts. So, where's the good news you may be asking?

Let's start with those 28 states that had bills introduced to legalize assisted suicide. With almost all of these states' legislatures having finished their work for 2017, not a single bill has succeeded so far. This success is largely due to the extraordinary work of broad based and bi-partisan coalitions that include disability-rights, medical, elder, minority, faith-based and pro-life groups.

What's more, the only assisted-suicide-related legislation to succeed this year either prohibits or limits the practice. Alabama, for example, enacted a ban on the practice. Arizona enacted conscience protections for medical professionals (should the practice ever be legalized there).

There has also been good news from the judicial branch of government. In the last couple of years, court challenges to assisted suicide bans in Tennessee, New Mexico, Minnesota, Hawaii and, most recently, New York have all failed. New York's highest court, in a unanimous ruling, affirmed lower court decisions concluding that there is no constitutional right to assisted suicide.

The next source of good news comes from the medical profession with the recent and very significant action by the American College of Physicians to reaffirm its opposition to doctor-assisted suicide. Following a nearly two-year, multi-level review of its policy against assisted suicide, the ACP concluded that although there are

arguments on both sides, "the ethical arguments against legalizing physician-assisted suicide remain most compelling." Continuing, they say:

"[Physician-assisted suicide] is problematic given the nature of the patient-physician relationship, affects trust in the relationship and in the profession, and fundamentally alters the medical profession's role in society. Furthermore, the principles at stake in this debate also underlie medicine's responsibilities regarding other issues and the physician's duties to provide care based on clinical judgment, evidence, and ethics. Society's focus at the end of life should be on efforts to address suffering and the needs of patients and families, including improving access to effective hospice and palliative care. The ACP remains committed to improving care for patients throughout and at the end of life."

In addition to the ACP, there are at least fourteen other medical organizations that oppose legalizing assisted suicide. The biggest among them, the American Medical Association, is currently reviewing its policy against assisted suicide and needs to hear from its members that the policy should be retained. AMA members will have an opportunity to weigh in at the group's November House of Delegates meeting in Hawaii.

Opposition to assisted suicide by medical groups plays a significant role in defeating legislation to legalize the practice. Compassion & Choices knows this well, which is why they are working very hard to infiltrate and influence medical groups to, at least, take a neutral stance. We must see to it that they fail in this effort through prayer, advocacy and speaking out for the protection of those whose lives are at risk.

Greg Schleppenbach is Associate Director for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. To read the U.S. bishops' 2011 policy statement on assisted suicide and related resources, visit www.usccb.org/toliveeachday.



Pro-Life Activities

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Center is in need of diapers, wipes and other baby essentials so that they can continue serving families in need within the community. They are nearly out of larger size diapers (size 4, 5, 6 and Pull Ups), wipes and baby clothing (Size 3 M – 12 M). You can help by participating in the ACCESS Virtual Shower! For questions please contact Michelle Black at mblack@ccano.org or 504-885-1141. You can find out more about this effort at this [website](#).

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

We continue to assist a local safe house, the [Free Indeed Home](#), where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing.

If you or your group would like to participate in the collection of much-needed items, please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org to facilitate this. No drop-offs can be accepted.

The following items are needed:

- Cash or gift cards for grocery/big box stores
- Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasoning, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding
- Paper towel, toilet paper, paper napkins
- Comet Cleanser, Clorox Clean-up, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, multi-surface cleaner, baking soda, floor wax for hardwood floors, laundry detergent
- Feminine products
- Board games, puzzles, craft items

- Copy paper (cheapest kind), pens, pencils, crayons, color pencils, markers, dry eraser markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, binders, printer ink for an HP 950 and 951, batteries (all sizes, primarily AA and AAA).

**WHAT TO DO WHEN A FRIEND IS
CONSIDERING ABORTION**

Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

One who is considering abortion needs to know you care about her for her own sake and that she is not alone. Take The LOVE Approach:

1. Listen and Learn: find out about her perspective.
2. Open Options: provide facts in a loving and caring manner,
3. Vision & Value: let her know she is valued and encourage her.
4. Extend & Empower: provide practical support

Learn more about The LOVE approach at Heartbeat International:

<https://www.heartbeatinternational.org/pdf/TheLoveApproach.pdf>

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

The March for Life in Washington DC will be held Friday January 19th this coming year. It is not too early to begin making plans to go. I will be flying to D.C. and staying at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Washington, D.C. If you need any help with flight or hotel information, please contact me. If you are traveling to D.C. or you know of a group traveling to D.C., please let me know so that we could collaborate during our time there. If you need any assistance or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at respectlife@arch-no.org.

If you are interested in staying at the hotel that is March for Life central, here are the details:

Their hotel room block is now open for groups requesting five or more rooms. Individual reservations will open in mid-October. Click [HERE](#) for more hotel information.

The March for Life hosts a conference each year. For details on their conference to be held the day before the actual march on January 18th from 9 AM to 12 noon. You can find out more [HERE](#).



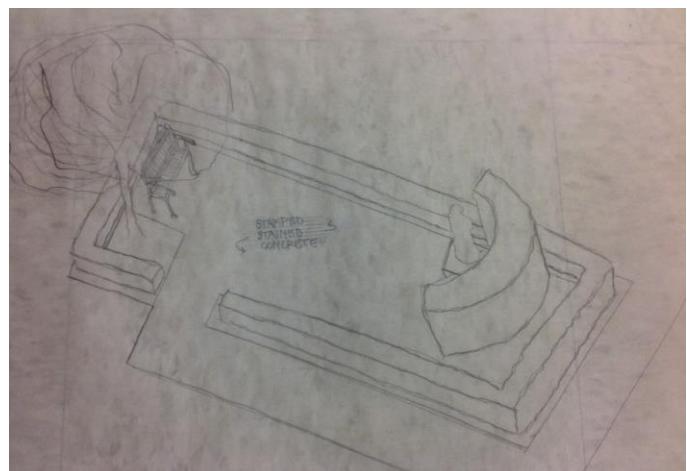
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR UNBORN PRAYER GARDEN

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Cemeteries ([link](#)) is planning to build **Unborn Prayer Garden**. It will be located very close to the location where Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies buries the babies for whom they have funerals. We are hoping to have it ready before the annual Memorial for the Unborn on January 22, 2018 so that the event may be held at this new garden.

A preliminary drawing is provided below. The outside rectangle square will be Boxwood bushes, the curved section will be Japanese Yew bushes close to the Rachel statue, and a bench and tree will be placed on the other side. There will be stamped, stained pavement inside the garden and walkway leading into the garden area.

The approximate cost is \$7,600 not including the Rachel statue that has already been purchased. Also, the installation of the granite base for the statue will be paid for by the Archdiocese.

Please contact Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans at respectlife@arch-no.org if you or your council would like to make a donation.



ULTRASOUND FOR WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER

The Woman's New Life Center is located directly adjacent to the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge. The ability to show pregnant women their child in the womb has a huge influence on their decision to not have an abortion. Therefore, this is a critical part of their pro-life work. However, the machine is outdated and it is unable to provide clients with clear and accurate pictures of the baby.

Council 8147 in Gonzales will participate in the Ultrasound Initiative to obtain the ultrasound machine. They are looking for additional councils to pledge \$1,000 or more to help raise the required amount of money. Their goal is to raise, \$20,000.

If your council is willing to accept the challenge, please contact Ralph Roger (rroger@dow.com, 713-306-6984). Thank you for your support!



ULTRASOUND FOR NORTH BATON ROUGE

John Hauler (Council 9016)

Barbara Thomas, Director of the North Baton Rouge [Women's Help Center](#), sent a message to me asking for help in obtaining a new ultrasound machine. The one that they have is outdated, and she says the company will only service it for the next year or so. I know one council by itself cannot afford to do this, but I am putting out a call for help.

If your council would like to obtain an ultrasound machine for this center through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, then please contact John Hauler at jehauler@yahoo.com or call 504-812-8753.



ULTRASOUND FOR GRETNA CENTER

The [Community Center for Life](#) in Gretna provides pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, pre-natal and postpartum classes, educational literature, baby items, ultrasounds and an emergency shelter. Their ultrasound machine no longer works, and it needs to be replaced. This instrument is essential to their pro-life work. The cost of a new machine is estimated to be around \$33,500. This cost would include the machine, the tools associated with operating the machine, installation, training on use and also shipping.

Archbishop Blenk Council 1905 in Gretna is leading the effort to obtain a new ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. Their council is asking other councils in the New Orleans area to make a donation to this effort. If you can help, please contact Glenn Esteve (gfe1905@yahoo.com, 504-405-2576) or Don Caskey (dcaskey53@yahoo.com, 504-884-0101).



**13 REASONS
WHY NOT:
A FORUM ON
YOUTH & SUICIDE**

presented by the Diocese of Baton Rouge Offices of
Marriage & Family Life and Youth & Young Adult Ministry

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER
1800 S. ACADIAN THRUWAY

NOVEMBER 14 6:30 PM

Featuring Donna Fargason, MD
Dr. Fargason is a child and adolescent psychiatrist
with an active practice at Family Focus &
Associates in Baton Rouge.

& Staci Gulino, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC
Staci is a family mental health practitioner,
specializing in the integration of faith & mental
health.

Come join us for a discussion about the popular series '13 Reasons Why,'
the adolescent mental health issues the show brings up, and what you as
a parent, catechist, youth minister, or adult volunteer can do.

LIFE FEST 2017

The 3rd Annual Baton Rouge Diocesan Life Fest was held on **Saturday, October 7, 2017** at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge. This year's theme was "Proclaiming the Gospel of Life as Missionary Disciples."

The keynote speaker was Brian Pedraza, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. His talk included insights from the recent popes and included moving personal stories about his family life.

Breakout session topics focused on accompanying those who are: facing the end of life, experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, wanting to understand human trafficking, struggling with depression & suicidal thoughts, and seeking hope & healing after an abortion.

This year's event also included opportunities for small group sharing and getting to know others working to build a Culture of Life.



MASS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Ralph and Malvina Sapia (Council 3054)

On Saturday, September 30, Holy Savior Church in Lockport honored the Civil Servants from our area at the 4 PM Mass. Our pro-life exhibit was displayed. Ralph and Malvina Sapia, the Culture of Life couple for the KC council, distributed handouts at the event.



LIFE CHAIN

Ralph and Malvina Sapia (Council 3054)

Holy Savior Church of Lockport conducted a Life Chain on Sunday October 1st from 2 PM to 3 PM in our town. Father John led us in prayer before we started. Our silent protest on abortion was led by Father John and 56 other people of our town and the church. The event included praying the Rosary and time for meditation.

TAKING IT BACK TO THE BASICS

Shanon Snyder (Louisiana Right to Life)

Sometimes you talk through a student's cliches about bodies and choices and autonomy, and other times she discloses that she and her mother were sexually abused for years. You never truly know what winding, strange, challenging, and tragic roads you'll explore in the course of dialogue.

Other times, you talk to people like Theodore. After considering the evidence and arguments, Theodore moved from "pro-choice" to "pro-life" after seeing how abortion procedures are performed. He still has some reservations, but after seeing the process in action he said "I wouldn't want that done to me" and said he's changed his mind.

I love my work and wouldn't trade these experiences for anything.

PARISH PRO-LIFE EFFORTS

John and Mary Gaeta (Council 10178)

Fr. Jamin David, our Pastor of St. Margaret Queen of Scotland in Albany and St. Thomas Chapel in Springfield, placed a "40 Days for Life" flyer in church bulletin showing how the whole church could get involved.

Also, our council hung their pro-life banner in front of the church as they do every October and January.

An e-mail reminder was sent to our Knights and Ladies Auxiliary reiterating how they can get involved in 40 Days for Life.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN SHREVEPORT

Shawn D. Carney, President, 40 Days for Life

It was a challenging day for the team at the 40 Days for Life vigil in Shreveport. Volunteers were counseling a young woman who had just taken the first of two chemical abortion pills ... telling her the process can be reversed.

During that conversation, a car leaving the abortion center stopped. A woman opened the door, leaned out and got violently sick.

"We immediately helped her and motioned for the staff to come out and help her," said Chris in Shreveport. "We gave water and a loving hand to her, post-abortion literature to the driver – and prayers for them both."

What did the abortion center staff offer? A cold cloth and a bag. Shortly afterward, the abortionist walked out. "He was very aloof, remarking about how hot it was," Chris said.

"Your last patient might not agree," Chris responded, "but it's really pretty pleasant." The abortionist just rolled his eyes and got into his car.

Chris said this was the second conversation he's had with this doctor. "Pray for him," he said, "and pray for the guidance from the Holy Spirit for me."



SIDEWALK COUNSELING IN N.O.

Shanon Snyder, Projects Director,
New Orleans Right to Life

A woman chose life for her baby at the abortion facility today!

I was standing on the sidewalk with my back faced to the street. She marched up the side walk, and looked me in the eye. I smiled and said hi.

She pauses, and I ask her "Are you pregnant?" "Yes", she replies. "Do you know if you have a little boy or little girl?" She smiles softly. "I don't know yet." I ask her how far along she is. She guesses about 10 weeks.

I show her what her baby looks like. Fingers, toes, a heart, a smaller brain, eyes. As we talk about her baby, this short, tatted, braided, beautiful black woman turns into a little girl smiling and giddy thinking about her baby.

She looks down, ashamed. She goes on to say that she needs housing and a job. She's trying to get away from something. "I don't want to do this." She says she's running out of options. I recommend the pregnancy center 4 blocks away. "They have free parking?" Of course! And she smiles and takes the literature and leaves.

After nearly four months of going out weekly with Wilson, this is the first save I've facilitated first hand. Incredible and encouraging to see God move in that moment. Pray for "Jay", her baby and the other women we talked to.



CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT

Wade and Melissa Simon (Council 8770)

Mrs. Mary Ann Mire President of Maurice Right to Life along with her husband and Brother Knight in Council 8770, set up a wonderful display in the Vestibule of Church for Respect life Sunday and the month of October. Our Council provided prayer cards and information obtained from Supreme.

**COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN
40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Randy and Sylvia Mobley (Council 3779)

Marian Council 3779 participated in 40 Days For Life prayer vigil on Tuesday, October 10th. We had members pray outside the local abortion clinic. A total of 27 council members, Auxiliary members and others were present on the sidewalk outside the Clinic. We had all 12 hours of the day's vigil filled. The council members are from Sacred Heart and Saint Mary of the Pines parishes.

CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

On October 7th and 8th, Council 9623 handed out Baby Bottles for our Baby Bottle Campaign at all Weekend Masses. Also, council Culture for Life Couple coordinated the 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer walk in front of the New Orleans Women's Abortion Clinic at 2701 General Pershing Drive, from 7 PM until 7 PM. They are also leading pro-life prayer services throughout the month of October.

BUSY COUNCIL

David Babineaux, GK (Council 2398)

On the weekend of October 7th, Breaux Bridge Council 2398 participated in the DesOrmeaux Baby Bottle Campaign. We handed out approximately 800 bottles. During the weekend of October 14th, the parishioners of St. Bernard parish returned 385 baby bottles with donations. More will be collected over the next month.

I am proud to say that in the past 3 years, Council 2398 has helped raise over \$35,000 for this anti-abortion organization.

Also, Council 2398 participated in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to help raise funds for three local non-profit organizations with in our community. A total of \$2500 was raised in 3 1/2 hour period.

Also, the council provided all necessary paint and supplies to freshen up the crucifixes in both of our cemeteries for All Saints Day.

The last two weekends have been quite exciting here, and we got a lot accomplished. Thanks to all that participated in our recent events.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SHREVEPORT

Chris Davis (District Deputy 58)

On October 20th, Carol Harris drove in from Carthage again and was on the sidewalk this whole morning. At first it was tough; she had people say, "No thanks, we are good" and worst of all, "I am getting rid of this baby!" Pray for these people and all advocates when they hear this.

Things got a little better when a man eagerly accepted literature but the woman snatched it away, grabbed his hand, and pulled him inside. Later they walked out very dejected. Pray for them, too.

Things got much better with the next two people. One went to Mary's House for a pregnancy test instead of the abortion facility. Another had been to Mary's House for an ultrasound, but had a negative pregnancy test. She went in to the abortion facility, but came out saying she was not interested in an abortion. Pray that these TWO TURNAWAYS never come back!

The last person was a man who was there with a friend who was pregnant. He was beaming when he told Carol the best decision he and his girlfriend made was to choose life 5 years ago. He was HOPEFUL that his friend would also.

Keep the stories coming and make some more of your own!



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Gentlemen, we are moving on with making the Pro-life Yard angels, and I need help. I have been taking orders for angels tailored to the buyers request. It is really nice to see an angel in someone's yard that reflects their culture and hair color, with the baby gender customized to their wishes. (Please note the gender of the baby is indicated by the color of the swaddling blanket.)

In order to reach our goal faster, we need the power to look into our "customer's" eyes and honestly be

able to say that the purchase of this angel is going 100% to the purchase of an ultrasound machine. To do this, we need an alternate source of funding for the materials. I have solicited the big box stores on the Westbank that carry the materials needed for construction, and I have had minimal success. The True Value store in Harvey said that he didn't carry cedar fence boards, but he was quite generous with the wood screws and Thompson's water treatment.

Some purchasers and donors indicated that they wished to help purchase the materials. Our Brother Knights at St. Thomas More Council 7226 in Marrero donated \$100 towards our cause. Thank You Gentlemen!

We will never reach our goal with pre-sales only. We need to build an inventory of completed angels for on-site sales. In short, I need help in the procurement of materials, manufacturing and distribution of these angels.

I am still feeling the effects of our adopted day of 40 Days for life. It was on October 21st, and we shared it with St. Ann in Metairie and St. Andrew in Algiers. In total, we had 41 people sign-in and several other groups, that included two priests (one was Fr. Breaux) as well as a wonderful group of men from the Monday Night Disciples.

The not just good but GREAT news is that the NEW Woman's New life Center directly adjacent to the Planned Parenthood facility is now open and operating. We were blessed to have one of their counselors (and her family) praying and walking with us. The official Grand Opening was held the following week. One thing that always keeps me in awe about the 40 Days for Life events is the beauty and strength of everyone's faith, spirit and love.

One closing thought. Dee came home from her bible study one evening and told me about one young man that has been struggling in many ways. By explaining his growth, he brought it all into focus by simply stating that: "The Holy Spirit is user friendly." Do I hear an AMEN!

Yours in Christ,
Don and Dee Caskey

**COUNCIL AND PARISH TEAM-UP
FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

On Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th, St. Aloysius Parish in Baton Rouge and KC Council 3743 participated in 40 Days for Life.

Council Culture of Life Director Ross McCalip did another great job of coordinating our council participation. We also want to thank all of the knights, family members, and friends who participated this year.

**PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST**

Charles and Betty Barbre (Council 9247)

KC Council 9247 at St. Jean Vianney parish in Baton Rouge held their second pro-life breakfast in the SJV parish hall on Saturday October 7th.

The featured speaker was state representative Katrina Jackson from Monroe. She has been the lead author on many pro-life bills passed by the legislature. She is a product of loving and committed parents. Her life's work is dedicated to the service of God and community. She credits her success for being in alignment with God's will for her life. She and her family worship at Riverside Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe.

The event also featured talks by Anna Starnes and Clelie Carpenter.



LIFE CHAIN 2017

Nick Prosperie (Council 8932)

KC Council 8932 was well represented at the 2017 Life Chain by the members well as friends and family. This is the first year in my memory that we had to brave rain in order to Stand for Life. Normally, it's just the heat. In any case, it's a minor inconvenience for us when compared to what abortion does to the child and the mother. May God soon grant us the day when we no longer call abortion a "choice."

Next up is the March for Life in Washington D.C.. We will be fundraising and preparing for this event, as some of us will be in that number.



PRO-LIFE SERVICE

Robert Schroeder (Council 4663)

On October 8, 2017 immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass, Ludovicum Council 4663 in Metairie had a commemorative service for aborted infants. The service was held outside St. Louis King of France church in front of the tombstone erected by our council. Brother Knight Deacon Glen Casanova led our parishioners with a prayer especially chosen for this occasion. Upon completion of the prayer service, a bouquet of pink and blue balloons were released.



UPCOMING EVENTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TALK

In accordance with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Ninth General Synod, St. Andrew Parish and the Algiers-Plaquemines Deanery invite you to an engaging presentation about Human Trafficking at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 3101 Eton Street (School Cafeteria), Algiers, LA – November 15, 2017 – 7:00 –8:30 P.M.

Human Trafficking is real, it's here and it must end! Presenters are Special Agent Michael Forrester, FBI, New Orleans and Debbie Shinskie, Director, Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please note that due to the graphic nature of the discussions, attendance is restricted to persons over the age of 18. All are invited and encouraged to attend the free event and learn how together we can best serve in our churches and communities and do work to end human trafficking. For more information contact the Parish Office at 504-393-2334.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT**A Mother/Daughter Program**

for Young Ladies in 8th-12th Grade and their Mothers

(Must be Accompanied by a Parent or Guardian)

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

6:30pm to 8:30pm

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Barrett Complex

105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, LA 70005

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Mothers have a unique responsibility to teach and guide their daughters as they make the journey from little girl to young woman. The goal of this program is to give moms the tools they need to help their daughters not only survive the journey but become the women God created them to be, fully alive and full of grace. Topics include:

- Your period and your body: What is normal and what is not? When should you see a doctor?
- The Birth Control Pill: Is it really the best option?
- Making good decisions regarding the gift of sexuality
- Dating and healthy relationships: Living the virtue of chastity
- The feminine genius: The great power and responsibility of being a woman
- Anonymous Q&A session

Presented by Susan Caldwell, M.D., CFCMC and Sarah Denny, MA, FCP.

Light refreshments will be served. Cost: \$25 for mother and one daughter; \$5 for each additional daughter. Space is limited. [Make your reservations](#) today Questions? Contact Allison Millet at 504.496.0212 or amillet@womansnewlife.com.

2018 LOUISIANA LIFE MARCHES

Life March South in Baton Rouge will take place on January 20, 2018, Life March North in Shreveport will take place on January 27, 2018, and Life March Central in Alexandria will take place on February 3, 2018. More details may be found [here](#). Make plans for your council to participate!

WNLC BORN TO RUN BATON ROUGE

The Woman's New Life Center's Born to Run event in Baton Rouge will take place on November 4, 2017. It will start at the North Boulevard Town Square in Downtown Baton Rouge.

Schedule is as follows:

7:30 am - Runner sign-in
8:30 am - 1-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
9:00 am - 5K begins
Post-race "Birth"day Party to follow

Use this [link](#) to register for the event.

Have fun, get a great workout, and help women and babies all at the same time!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

After 44 years of legal abortion-on-demand in our nation, we must unite in our local communities, and across the nation for an end to abortion. Stand with us this fall to protect women and unborn children from abortion through inter-denominational prayer, peaceful vigil, and community activism.



The 2017 Campaign will take place from September 27th through November 5th. Events are held at three locations:

- o New Orleans-Planned Parenthood
- o Baton Rouge-Delta Clinic
- o Shreveport-Hope Medical Group

This event saves lives and helps people become knowledgeable and active on the life issues.

This is a major activity for the Knights of Columbus. Make plans for your council and parish to participate in 40 Days for Life!



40 Days for Life Louisiana is an interfaith pro-life effort that involves prayer and fasting. People of faith throughout our city and region are invited to

join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. It is a peaceful vigil of standing for life through a 40-day peaceful witness outside of a local abortion facility.

For more info, go to:

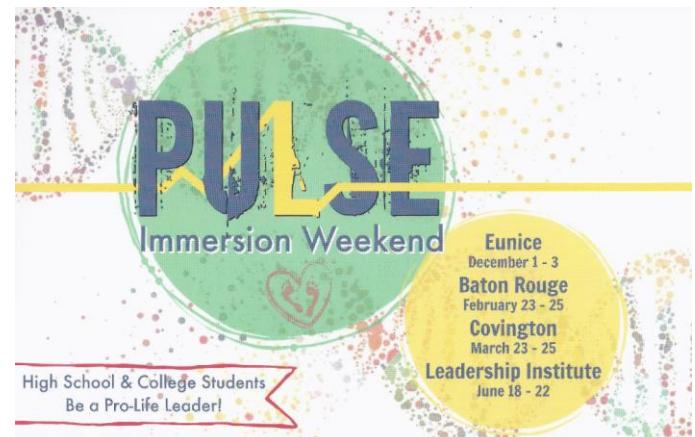
- o www.40DaysForLifeBR.com
- o www.40DaysForLifeNOLA.com
- o <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/shreveport/>

There is still time for your parish or council to participate in 40 Days for Life. Please contact the State Culture of Life chair couple for assistance.



MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on **January 19, 2018**. Consider joining a group from your dioceses. If you are interested in planning ahead, please use the trip planner available at the March for Life official [website](#).



CHERS BÉBÉS!

*Annual Fund-Raiser
for Acadiana Youth Education Nov. 2*

Acadiana and Louisiana Right to Life will host the fourth annual Chers Bébés: Acadiana's Soirée For Life, on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017.

This year's event returns to Le Pavillon (1913 Kaliste Soloom Road) in Lafayette. Doors open at 6:30, and the event begins at 7 p.m.

Chers Bébés benefits the Dr. Zerben Bienvenu and Dr. William Smith Fund for Acadiana Pro-Life Education. This fund is dedicated to the pro-life education of middle and high school students across Acadiana through interactive presentations and activities. Through these efforts we continue to strengthen the pro-life spirit of Acadiana for generations to come.

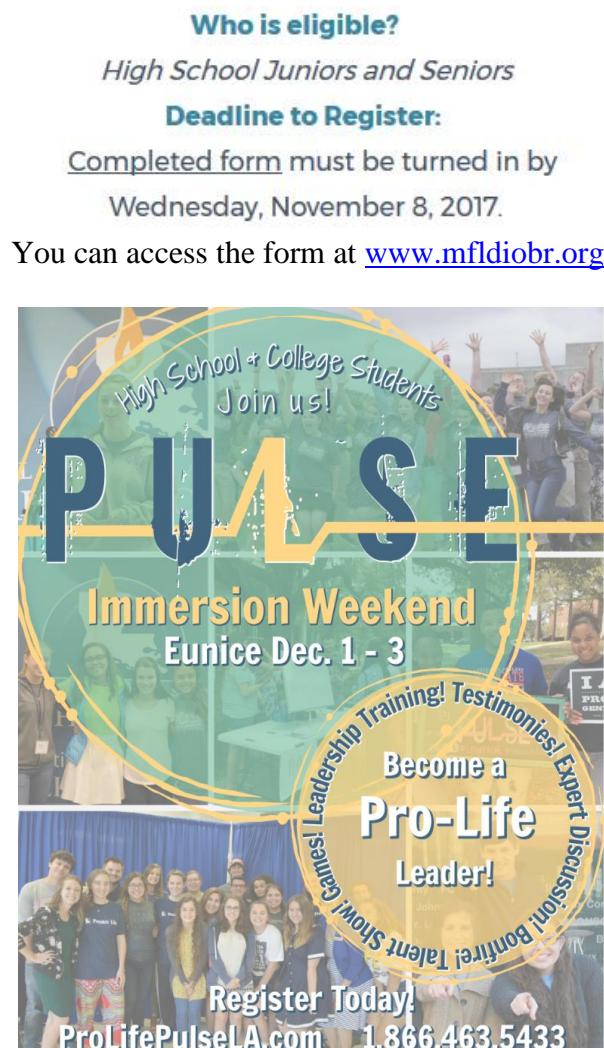
Chers Bébés will also be held in honor of Mrs. Annette Domingue and Mr. Dud Lastrapes. Annette and Dud have served Acadiana's pro-life cause generously for the past 40 years and have set a remarkable example to follow.

The event is being underwritten by generous donations and sponsors, and guests will not have to pay to attend (there will be an appeal for donations at the end of the evening). Event organizers are currently seeking sponsors and table hosts.

For more information or to become a sponsor or table host, click on this [link](#) or contact:

* Krista Corbello, 337-303-8886 or
krista@prolifelouisiana.org

* Ryan Verret, 337-257-3029 or
rverret@prolifelouisiana.org



HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be November 10-12, 2017 at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA).

The cost to attend is \$170 per person with financial assistance available. The priest facilitator is Fr. Joseph Palermo. To register or for more information, please contact the retreat facilitators:

Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or

richj504@bellsouth.net or

Donna Scheuermann at 504-258-9183

For more information, you can also visit:

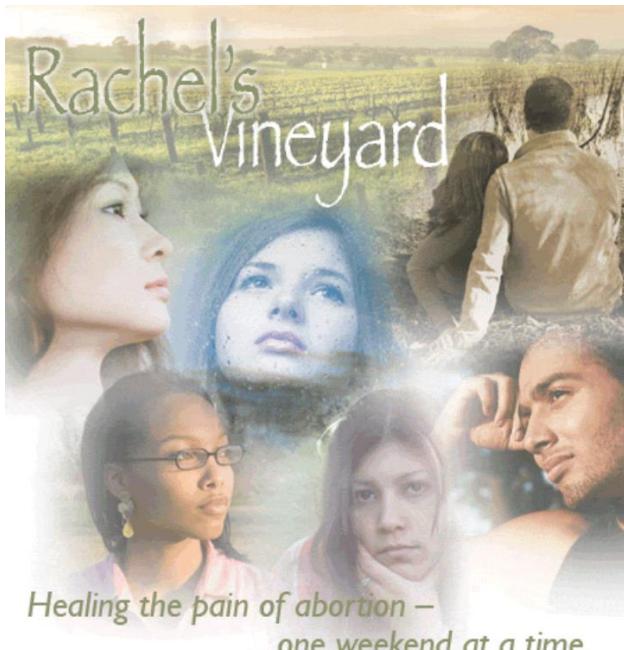
facebook.com/rvrNOLA or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Consider joining together with those around you to participate in our Spiritual Bouquet for Rachel's Vineyard. You are needed!

The collection of our Spiritual Bouquet for our November Rachel's Vineyard retreatants begins now! Here is how you can to participate:

1. Commit to say a prayer(s)/go to Mass/make a Holy Hour/offer up a work(s) of mercy, etc.
2. Write your commitment in an email and send it to respectlife@arch-no.org.
3. Spread the word to get others to join us in prayer!



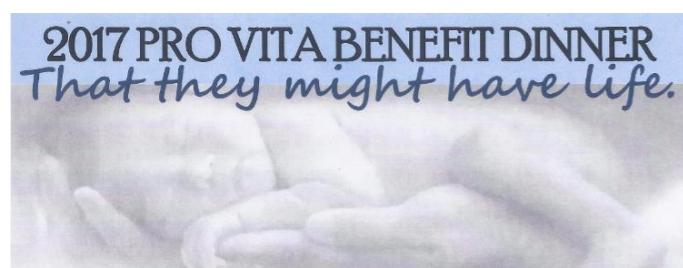
Entering Canaan
DAY OF
PRAYER & HEALING

HAVING UNRESOLVED FEELINGS ABOUT
YOUR ABORTION EXPERIENCE?
JUST DON'T FEEL FORGIVEN?
DO FEELINGS OF GUILT, SHAME, REGRET,
AND SADNESS RETURN TIME AFTER TIME?

Healing is waiting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
9 AM - 5 PM
FREE EVENT (INCLUDES LUNCH)

CONFIDENTIAL PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Contact Danielle at dvanhaute@diobr.org
or 225-242-0164



2017 PRO VITA BENEFIT DINNER
That they might have life.

Dinner & Silent Auction
Join us to financially support the work of the
Baton Rouge Youth March for Life Pilgrimage
Thursday, November 9 at 6:30pm
ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL GYM
\$75 per person or \$400 per table of eight

REGISTER ONLINE
www.youthmarchforlife.org
or mail registration to
St. Michael High School
P.O. Box 86110
Baton Rouge, La 70879
For more information
or to sponsor a table, contact
225-620-5291
youthmarchforlife@gmail.com

GUEST SPEAKER: David Scotton
Abortion survivor from the documentary,
I Lived on Parker Ave.



Proceeds make this pilgrimage possible & provide scholarships for seminarians, religious & youth.

EDUCATION CORNER

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please be aware of the signs of trafficking. Go to:
<http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>.

If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline is 888-3737-888. Put that number in your cell phone!

For more information, Go to the Coalition Against Reproductive Trafficking's Action page:
<http://reproductivetrafficking.org/action>.



BE READY TO TAKE ACTION ON PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Are you interested in an easy way to contact your senators and U. S. representatives regarding pro-life issues? If so, then you should check out the Human Life Action website (www.humanlifeaction.org).

Human Life Action is a project of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc., (NCHLA). Since their founding in 1974, they have:

- Enabled the grassroots to advocate at the federal level for pro-life legislation;
- Educated citizens about the need for a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;
- Created pro-life legislative networks to assist dioceses, state Catholic Conferences, and Catholic lay groups;

- Worked closely with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of their pro-life legislative agenda.

You can sign-up for email action alerts so that you can provide timely input to your government representatives about pending pro-life legislation.



WITNESS TO LOVE

Witness to Love is a virtues-based, Catechumenate model of marriage renewal and preparation that integrates modern principles of psychology and the virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship.

Check out their new [video](#). It tells the story of how this new vision for marriage prep is renewing parishes and marriages one couple at a time! This is our story and we invite you to make it your story. Even better - share it with a friend or two.



What is the best way to learn about Witness to Love? Simply order a review pack. If you fill out our parish survey you can pay only the shipping for the review pack. [Order a Parish Review Pack!](#)

Please share this with all of your priests, deacons and parish marriage prep coordinators and encourage them to review this program that is changing so many lives and renewing parishes throughout our nation!

2017-2018 USCCB RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM
THEME: BE NOT AFRAID!

This program provides a set of tools help build a Culture of Life. The materials are meant to supplement existing methods of sharing the Faith and to help integrate the joyful message of our God-given dignity across the breath of Catholic life, work, and ministry. Go to the [website](#) for more.

The new brochures developed for the years' program include:

- What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
- How to Build a Culture of Life
- Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide
- Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing
- Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A
- Understanding Conscience



HOW DO I ORDER MATERIALS?

If you are only ordering 2017-2018 Respect Life Program materials...

- ① Fill out the enclosed postcard order form.
 - ② Fax the completed postcard orer form to 301-779-8596, or put it in the mail.
(It's already addressed and postage-paid.)
- OR** Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.

If you are ordering additional materials from the catalog...

- ① Fill out the order from from the back of the catalog.
 - ② Send the completed order form by fax or mail to the number or address listed on the form.
- OR** Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[40 Days for Life resumes annual campaign in Baton Rouge](#)

[Surrogacy Reaches the Supreme Court](#)

[President Trump rolls back contraceptive mandate, allows employers to follow consciences](#)

[Barna explains why Americans are confused about abortion](#)

[Bayer Suspends Essure Sterilizing Birth-Control Implant From Foreign Markets](#)

[Judge throws out Kentucky pro-life ultrasound law; governor vows appeal](#)

[Roe v. Wade's 'Terrible Reach' Strikes Down Indiana Abortion Restrictions](#)

[Planned Parenthood Spends Almost 10X More Money Buying Political Influence Than the NRA](#)

[Gender Ideology as Abuse](#)

[Pope defends male/female differences, as well as women's equality](#)

[Trump Administration Announces Broad Exemptions for HHS Mandate](#)

[HHS Mandate Decision Represents Return to Common Sense](#)

[Trump admin reverses Obama policy: 'Gender identity' not a protected civil right](#)

[U.S. fertility rate plummets to new record low](#)

[Washington Post Fact Check Confirms: U.S. One of Just 7 Nations Allowing Late-Term Abortions](#)

[Are We Too Comfortable with Abortion?](#)

[Caritas alarm: Child trafficking in northeast India](#)

[Abortion and homosexuality are a 'living reflection of hell': U.S. Archbishop](#)

[What Big Abortion Doesn't Understand about Pro-Lifers](#)

[Moral Confusion in the Pro-life Camp](#)

[Open Your Eyes Father Martin](#)

[Why Catholic Schools Should Scrap Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

[HHS to define human life as ‘beginning at conception’](#)

[Georgetown University Holds First Official ‘Respect Life’ Forum](#)

[Why the Debate about Aborting Down Syndrome Babies Matters](#)

[Georgetown pro-marriage group faces sanctions after students complain](#)

[Archbishop Chaput’s Weekly Column: Respect Life 2017](#)

[The Moral Imagination of “Leave It to Beaver”](#)

[Department of Justice Announces Settlement in HHS Mandate Suits](#)

[‘Crucify ‘No’ voters’: Churches attacked in Australian same-sex marriage vote](#)

[Apple removes popular pro-life prayer app after liberals complain](#)

[The Pain Unborn Children Feel](#)

[Good Riddance to the Obamacare Birth Control Mandate](#)

[Abortion was a tool for men in classic Hollywood to cover up sexual assault](#)

[Research now shows that preborn babies can feel pain very early — by 8 weeks](#)

[Abortion Rate Drops 25% Over Last 6 Years as More Babies Saved From Abortions](#)

[Pope slams ‘eugenic’ mentality that seeks to eliminate disability](#)

[Why St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body Is More Important Than Ever](#)

[Meet the Man Who Has Put Up 1,000-Plus Pro-Life Billboards in Florida](#)

[Federal tax loophole let Planned Parenthood build clinics financed with ‘abortion bonds’](#)

[U.S. diocese: Funerals ‘may be denied’ to ‘married’ homosexuals](#)

[Georgetown University refuses to deny that it invests in abortion providers](#)

[Commentary: Redefining gender while California burns](#)

[California to Offer Third Gender Option on Legal Documents](#)

[BBC accused of suppressing survey showing public opposition to abortion](#)

[Death Panels: Sarah Palin Was Right](#)

[An Absurd Fate: What Happens to Abandoned Embryos?](#)

[Undercover video: Late-term abortion center offers to abort baby at 37 weeks for \\$17,000](#)

[The Giddy Appeal of Humanae Vitae](#)



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VIDEO PICKS OF THE MONTH**How one man is taking a critical stand for faith and freedom**

Jack Phillips' stand for his faith could affect all of us.

Inspired by his courage, we have an opportunity to support him and help people understand that Jack's case is about the freedom of all of us. After all, if government officials can take away Jack's freedom, they can do it to anyone.

Jack has had to endure a lot over the last five years while his case has been fought in state and federal courts. But praise God that even after experiencing threats against his family, blatant religious discrimination from state officials, and the loss of 40% of his business due to government coercion, Jack is still willing to fight for freedom.

Please watch this [video](#) to learn more about how this cake artist now finds himself at the United States Supreme Court. And be sure to show your support for Jack by sharing it on social media.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"It is physically impossible for there to be an abortion without there having been sex; only sex makes the baby that abortion kills. Abortion is the necessary trump card against the fearful 'alternative lifestyle' of motherhood and family and responsibility, against the pre-sexual-revolution lifestyle. Abortion is the insurance against that fate worse than death which is called a family. Our no-fault insurance has removed our responsibility for car accidents, and no-fault divorce has removed our responsibility for marriage accidents; why should

abortion not be our no-fault sexual insurance policy that removes our responsibility for sex accidents?"
(Taken from **Three Approaches to Abortion** by Peter Kreeft, Ignatius Press.)

"The goal of the pro-life movement is to restore the right to life of unborn human beings. Does promoting contraception help or hinder that goal? I think it's safe to say contraception doesn't help that goal. Birth control pills and condoms don't teach people that unborn children are biological human beings who are entitled to the same basic rights you and I possess. To many people, contraception just prevents pregnancy, or it prevents a 'potential person' (who will one day become a baby) from being created inside of a woman. There's nothing hypocritical about pro-life advocates not promoting contraception, because contraception doesn't do anything to reach our ultimate goal of changing public opinion and public policy to protect unborn children from harm. Promoting contraception may even detract from the goal of ending legal abortion.

(Taken from **Persuasive Pro-Life** by Trent Horn, Catholic Answers Press.)

PRAYER OF THE MONTH**One Prayer, One Life**

Loving Jesus, hear our prayer for this expectant mother and her unborn child. Help her to know that you are with her always, even when she does not feel your presence. Wipe away her tears of confusion and despair. Give her joy as a precious life grows within her and help her to know that she too is a child of God. Please protect, comfort and keep her in your loving care so that she may bring her child safety into this world. Amen.

(Obtained from the Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life office)



