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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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net).

#### KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATION

Were you unable to attend KCLS in 2014? If not, then you can view the PowerPoint presentation given by the State Culture of Life Chair Couple. It is available on the state KC web site:

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

This presentation provides an overview of the main Culture of Life issues. We hope that the content will provide a good starting point for further study. Also, we hope that you will be motivated to publically defend the Church's teaching on these Culture of Life issues. 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 an email telling us what your council is doing and send us pictures. Email us at [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net). We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

### CULTURE OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE

The results of a recent survey of Culture of Life chair couples is now available on the state KC web site:

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

### FREE MATERIALS FROM SUPREME

The Supreme Council has a number of Culture of Life materials to aid you. All of these are free of charge except for the shipping. A list of materials can be found at the website:

[http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/programs/support\\_materials.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/programs/support_materials.html)

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](mailto:William.obrien@kofc.org).

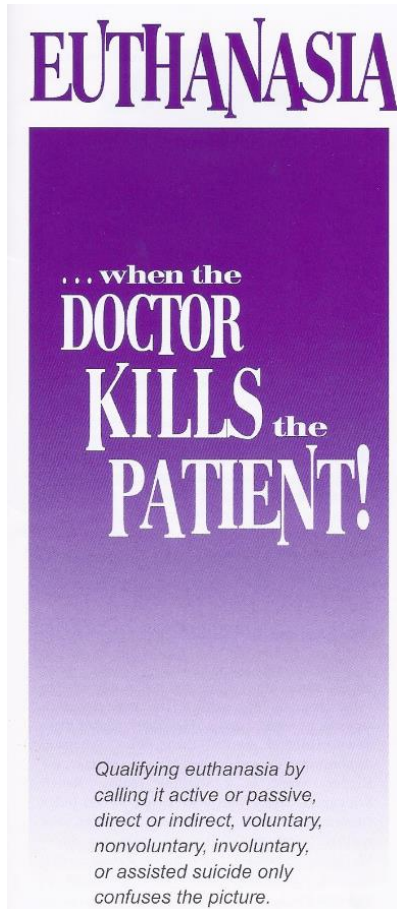
**CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES****EUTHANASIA...WHEN THE DOCTOR KILLS  
THE PATIENT!**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

One of our activities as State Culture of Life chair couple is to search out good pro-life materials that we can share with you. Arline and I came across a very impressive pamphlet on euthanasia entitled: "Euthanasia...When the Doctor Kills the Patient!" written by Dr. John C. Willke. The pamphlet is no longer published, but we were able to find the contents of the pamphlet on the internet at the Life Issues Institute, Inc. web site ([www.lifeissues.org](http://www.lifeissues.org)). Here is a [link](#).



We encourage you to share this information with your council and anyone who is concerned about end of life issues. We highly recommend it.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

The Susan B. Anthony List is an organization that is dedicated to electing candidates and pursuing policies that will reduce and ultimately end abortion. To that end, the Susan B. Anthony List will emphasize the election, education, promotion, and mobilization of pro-life women.

This organization has nation-wide exposure and has recently played a key role in efforts to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 1797). You can find out more about this organization at their web site: [www.sba-list.org](http://www.sba-list.org).

**KC ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

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: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/ultrasound/>.

The Supreme web site provides 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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net)).

NEW ORLEANS NEEDS PEACE

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

As many of you are aware, Planned Parenthood (PP) is building a new abortion facility on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. According to PP public documents, they intend to sell 2,844 abortions a year at the new facility. People of goodwill must stand against this evil.

You can find out more information about PP and their plans for New Orleans at this web site: [www.nolaneedspeace.com](http://www.nolaneedspeace.com).

DAY FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

On March 25, 2015, the International Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child was celebrated. This was a day to stand up against the evils of abortion, and it “symbolizes the Knights’ commitment to building a culture that respects and protects every human life, from conception to natural death.”

*Prayer for the Unborn cards* (#4665) are available from the Supply Department. You can also go to the [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) web site to obtain a brochure which includes hymns, suggested intercessions for the cause of life and rosary meditations ([link](#)).

CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE NOW ON THE STATE WEB SITE

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

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](#).

This will make it easier for you to share this information with others and utilize the information in your pro-life activities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Charlotte Bergeron (40 Days for Life)

In 2014, the Louisiana Legislature passed HB 388 (now Act 620) that requires doctors performing abortions to be able to admit patients to a hospital within 30 miles of their abortion clinics. The law is aimed at protecting women by ensuring that any patient experiencing complications from an abortion can be transferred easily to a nearby hospital. The law is similar to those passed in several other states including Texas and Mississippi. The law was challenged in August 2014 in federal court and a temporary restraining order was issued blocking it from going into effect. The trial on Act 620 is scheduled for June 22-29 in the U.S. Middle District Court in Baton Rouge and will be heard by U.S. District Judge John deGravelles. There are five abortion facilities in Louisiana located in Shreveport, Bossier City, Baton Rouge, Metairie

and New Orleans. Three of the six abortion providers have admitting privileges.

*And here are some additional notes on the Louisiana Legislature from the office of Marriage and Family Life - Diocese of Baton Rouge:*

HB 388 (2014 session) – requiring admitting privileges for doctors providing abortions. Hearing date pushed back to June 2015. As of right now, no change in abortion facility statuses, i.e. no closures.

HB 701 (Rep. Whitney, co-author Rep. Hoffmann) – Louisiana Pre-Natal Non-Discrimination Act (PRENDA) - Prohibits abortion based on sex selection. Eight states - Illinois, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas and North Carolina - have enacted laws prohibiting sex-selection abortion. Louisiana would be the ninth.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**

### **CORRECTION**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

After this year's state convention, we were contacted by GK Charles Schexnaydre of Council 8342 in Prairieville because their council did not receive any District Deputy points for Culture of Life. As Charles said: "This is one of our strongest areas with David and Anne Gregory working countless hours for the Pro-Life cause."

I immediately investigated and found that their council was awarded 100 points in Culture of Life, but I had not transferred the score to spreadsheet that was submitted to Robert Boudreaux. This was my error, and I apologized to Charles, David, and Anne.

In response, I contacted Robert Boudreaux and he was able to provide a Culture of Life 100 point certificate to the council in recognition of their accomplishment. In addition, the state scoring spreadsheet was updated accordingly, and the council rank was increased. I am grateful for Robert's effort here to make things right. I also thank Charles for reaching out to us about this problem and giving us a chance to correct my error.

We will highlight the council's work in this month's newsletter.

### **DO UNBORN CHILDREN FEEL PAIN?**

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Recently the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that broke down mostly on partisan lines. The Senate will prove to be a harder passage. However, the President promises a veto even if both houses of Congress pass this bill.

You may wonder if the abortion supporters know what they are supporting. Consider the following excerpt taken from Abby Johnson's book *Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line* in which she watches an abortion using an ultrasound machine: "...My eyes still glued to the image of this perfectly formed baby, I watched as a new image entered the video screen. The cannula – a straw shaped instrument attached to the end of a suction tube – had been inserted into the uterus and was nearing the baby's side. It looked like an invader on the screen, out of place...

At first the baby didn't seem aware of the cannula. It gently probed the baby's side, and for a quick second I felt relief. Of course, I thought. The fetus doesn't feel pain. I had reassured countless women of this as I'd been taught by Planned Parenthood. The fetus tissue feels nothing as it is removed. Get a grip, Abby. This is a simple quick medical procedure. My head was working hard to control my responses, but I couldn't shake an inner disquiet that was quickly mounting to horror as I watched the screen.

The next movement was the sudden jerk of a tiny foot as the baby started kicking as if trying to move away from the probing invader. As the cannula pressed in, the baby began struggling to turn and twist away. It seemed clear to me that the fetus could feel the cannula and did not like the feeling. And then the doctor's voice broke through, startling me.

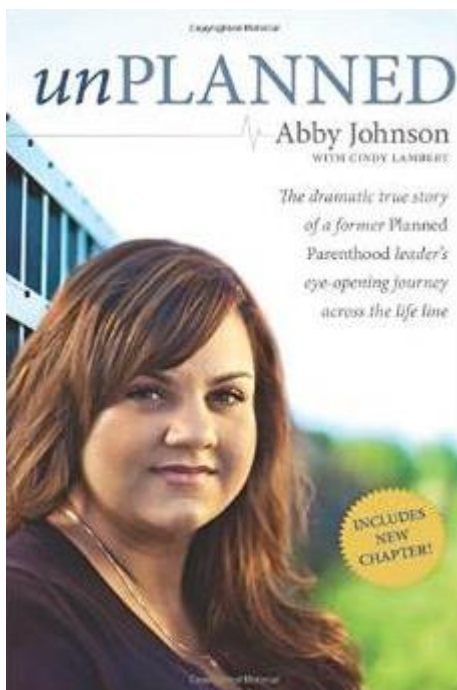
...[T]he cannula was already being rotated by the doctor, and now I could see the tiny body violently



twisting with it. For the briefest moment it looked as if the baby were being wrung like a dishcloth, twirled and squeezed. And then the little body crumpled and began disappearing into the cannula before my eyes. The last thing I saw was the tiny, perfectly formed backbone sucked into the tube, and then everything was gone. And the uterus was empty. Totally empty.”

Society dehumanized segments of our population with slavery and the persecution of the Jews. Now it is dehumanizing the unborn and has been for forty-two years with the death of over fifty-six million babies and counting. Abby explains in the prologue what she sees as both the good and bad sides of the abortion issue. She is now an outspoken advocate for the pro-life cause.

The United States Senate will take up this issue shortly. If the bill passes, then it will be with the help of the constituents of the Senate. The President of the United States vows to veto the bill. Elections are about choice. We have the right to choose. The unborn have no choice, no voice, and without us, no chance. Support life not just with words, but with action. If we are to call ourselves pro-life, then we must act pro-life. Read about abortion and learn, but don't just sit there, take action!



## ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE UPDATE

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

At the state KC convention banquet on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Supreme Council Board Member Michael Conrad provided an update on the Ultrasound Initiative: “Since the conception of this program, we as an Order have funded in partnership with the jurisdictions a total of \$16,548,652.38 for the purchase of ultrasound machines. Louisiana with the funds that you have raised in the amount of \$140,591.50 and the matching grant from Supreme, the total amount for machines placed here in Louisiana totals \$281,183.00. There are ten pregnancy centers that have benefited from your generosity and your love for the unborn, five in Baton Rouge, and one [each] in Lafayette, Livingston, Monroe, Vicksburg, and Metairie.”



Louisiana folks making it happen, pictured are: Ron Cocco, Richard Bosse, and Angie Thomas ([link](#))

## PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST WINNERS

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Every year, the Louisiana RTL Pro-Life Oratory Committee sponsors a pro-life oratory contest among high school juniors and seniors from throughout the state. The winner of a local Pro-Life Oratory Contest is allowed to compete in the Louisiana State Oratory Contest, which is held in May in coordination with the Knights of Columbus Convention. Cash prizes are awarded. The topic for the talk is chosen from the following list:

- Tragedy of Abortion
- Tragedy of Euthanasia
- Tragedy of Infanticide
- Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

This year, the finalists were: Stephanie Verdin, Luke Johnson, Ben Parks, and Casey Schallenberg. The talks were very impressive, as always. It is inspiring to hear the articulate pro-life arguments from such fine, young people. Luke Johnson was awarded first place, and Casey Schallenberg was the runner-up. Congratulations to the winners!



#### COUNCIL'S PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

David and Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

Council 8342 in Priarieville is actively building a Culture of Life. This fraternal year, the council held a Baby Bottle Campaign May 2014, raising \$7,000 for the Pregnancy Problem Center. The council also participated in 40 Days for Life last fall with approximately 70 knights and parishioners adopting an entire day. In January, the council erected 600 pro-life crosses and held a pro-life rosary to pray for an end to abortion. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the council participated in the Louisiana Life March in Baton Rouge. They also began a Spiritual Adoption Program starting on March 21<sup>st</sup> that includes knights, the parish youth group and parishioners.

#### COUNCIL COOKS FOR PREGNANCY CENTER

By Randy Mobley (Council 3779)

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Marian Council 3779 and the Ladies Auxiliary purchased, cooked and served lunch to the clients and staff at the ARC of Shreveport and Bossier City at their location on Greenwood Road. The council served hot dogs with all the fixings, drinks, chips and dessert. The Clients and Staff enjoyed their lunch and the knights

and their ladies got a great deal of satisfaction from helping.

#### COUNCIL FUNDRAISER TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP JOSHUA

By LeRoy Brandow (Council 14614)

Council 14614 in Mandeville held a fundraiser to send youths to Camp Joshua pro-life camp at Camp Abby in Covington. Pictured are: Tom Carter, LeRoy Brandow (Culture of Life Chair), Tommy Alo, Tom Brady, an unidentified worker.



#### ARKANSAS WOMAN DONATES BLANKETS TO CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS

By Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

Melissa Ziegenhorn was almost forced to abort her baby by her abusive husband. Now she makes blankets and donates them to crisis pregnancy centers. You can read her incredible story [here](#).

Melissa packs her blankets in boxes and ships them to friends to donate to centers in Louisiana also. Each box contains about 50 blankets. She wanted to send some for our baby shower collection drive so the Dubret family (pictured below with Sam and



Arline) were kind enough to bring the blankets to the state convention for us.

Melissa sent 6 boxes to the convention and has previously sent at least 6 boxes to other crisis pregnancy centers in the area! She can always use donations of fabric or thread to help offset her expenses. If you are interested in making a donation, look for **Somebody Loves Me Creations** on Facebook or you can email Melissa at [somebodylovesme@prodigy.net](mailto:somebodylovesme@prodigy.net).



### BABY SHOWER COLLECTION DRIVE AT THE KC CONVENTION

By Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

In our continuing efforts to promote a culture of life and support those who choose life, we collected items needed to help new mothers in caring for their babies. We asked all councils to bring baby items to the state convention in Baton Rouge and you responded! We were able to donate items to four crisis pregnancy centers in the Baton Rouge area and to a Lake Charles area Project Gabriel ministry! Monetary donations totaling \$700 have been turned over to the state office so that checks can be written to the Woman's New Life center and Catholic Charities Maternity and Adoption program.



### MATHEWS COUNCIL IS THE STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARD WINNER FOR CULTURE OF LIFE!

By Frank Chase (Council 8840)

Council 8840 in Mathews, LA is the State Council Culture of Life Service Program Award winner for the 2014-2015 fraternal year.

The council conducted a Baby Bottle Campaign at their church. Eddie Landeche was appointed chairman and a committee was formed. The campaign was held on January 24, 25, and 31 and February 1, 7, and 8, 2015 with approval from the Pastor, Fr. Benny. Chairman Eddie contacted Miss Alida Cochran with the Crossroads Pregnancy Crisis Center. She agreed to speak at all masses of the first weekend of the event about helping women struggling with unexpected pregnancy and those considering abortion. The center provides food, clothing, and shelter for the teens, as well as needed baby items.

The Baby Bottle Campaign was promoted in church, and advertised in the church bulletin and local newspaper. The Ladies Auxiliary, the Council of Catholic Women, and the Knights of Columbus gave out baby bottles with information on the center at all doors at church.

The Knights of Columbus decided to make the 9 AM mass a special pro-life mass and march to mark the Roe vs. Wade decision. Families of the Knights of Columbus were invited to this mass along with families in the parish. The Fourth Degree carried a platform with Our Lady of Guadeloupe adorned with a bed of roses in procession to the altar. The Ladies Auxiliary brought a bouquet of pink and blue flowers for the altar. A family with young children brought up the gifts. The congregation was invited to join with the knights and families for a Rosary March to the Tomb of the Unborn. The Fourth Degree carried the platform of Our Lady of Guadeloupe to mausoleum where the Tomb of the Unborn is located (the council was responsible for purchasing the Tomb for the Unborn).



Father Benny recited the rosary in honor of expectant mothers during the march, followed by the knights and families. Upon arriving at the Tomb of the Unborn, Father Benny blessed all present. The Grand Knight laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unborn and prayers were said by everyone for the unborn.



A reception was held afterwards for the families that participated. The Grand Knight thanked everyone for attending and especially Miss Alida for her help.

The Baby Bottle campaign donations from the church families totaled \$2,700. The council thanked the congregation in the church bulletin for their generous donation.

### MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY CRUSADE FOR LIFE

By LeRoy Brandow (Council 14614)

Members of Council 14614 in Mandeville and Most Holy Trinity parishioners attended a Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life in Metairie on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The celebrant was Archbishop Gregory Aymond. The event included a Mass at St Angela Merici, a Eucharistic procession to the local abortion facility, and a closing Benediction at St Angela Merici.







### BOWTIES FOR BABIES

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

On Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Louisiana Right to Life held the third annual Bowties for Babies event at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. This was a fundraiser to benefiting their Advertise for Life project.



*Advertise for Life utilizes optimized search-engine advertising through Google to connect abortion-minded women with one of the state's pregnancy resource centers, which can effectively provide counseling and resources that save the child and help the woman. Depending on their location when conducting internet searches, women are directed to one of two websites, ADifficultChoice.com and thinkingaboutabortion.com. At both sites women*

*will find a hotline number, and they can also connect with individual pregnancy centers in their area.*

*In 2014, the Advertise for Life internet advertising campaign produced more than 14,000 unique clicks on our pregnancy help websites and generated 849 phone calls to the pregnancy help hotline. And during the first quarter of 2015, the campaign produced more than 3,300 unique clicks and generated 275 phone calls. (Taken from the event program)*

Your state chair couple and John and Elaine Hauler (chair couple for Council 9016) attended the event. The event appeared to be a big success with great food and music. The highlight of the night was a special program that included the personal conversion story of former Planned Parenthood worker Ramona Trevino and the inspirational story of adoptive parents Cary and Tyler Koch. Angie Thomas, CEO of the Woman's New Life Center, also shared her experience helping women who respond to the Advertise for Life ads. The program ended on a fun note with some great cajun jokes from Sen. Jonathan "J.P." Perry.



## COUNCIL OFFERS AN IDEA TO PROMOTE PRO-LIFE

By Jim and Vickie Jambon (Council 12529)

We try to get involvement from different organizations to help with the finances. This works really well and we haven't turned away yet. Of course this also includes **prayer** and **trust** in Divine Providence.

We also give out Pro-life bookmarks every year from an organization called Changing Hearts started in 2009 by Kay Dodds as a response to the changing culture. This is, I believe, our 3rd year doing this.

The bookmarks have a pro-life prayer, and they are free except for postage. We ordered 750 and postage was only \$32. Our council normally gives us a little extra to cover the expense.

We think more councils ought to use this to promote a Culture of Life. If people are interested, they can order the bookmarks from their web site or contact Kay by phone at 317-496-6045 or by email at [praywithus@changinghearts.us](mailto:praywithus@changinghearts.us).

You can find more information about their work on their web site: [www.ChangingHearts.us](http://www.ChangingHearts.us) or on Facebook [www.Facebook.com/ChangingHeartsUS](http://www.Facebook.com/ChangingHeartsUS). You can also sign-up for their email newsletter.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### PLAN TO ATTEND KCLS

We are rapidly approaching the start of a new fraternal year. This is always a good time to reflect on the good work that we have done during the past fraternal year, but also reflect on what could be improved. This also a time to plan for the next fraternal year. What better way to get that started than to attend KCLS?

KCLS will be held at Dutchtown High School (just as last year) on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Your Grand Knight should receive more information.

This was our first year grading activity forms, and we certainly identified some improvements that we can make to the process. As you know, we largely kept the content of the Culture of Life activity form unchanged from the previous year. Overall, we think that the current list of questions are good. However, we noticed that there were significant differences in interpretation from council to council about what specific activities satisfactorily answered a particular question on the form. Therefore, one of our goals for KCLS is to clarify what types of activities are acceptable for each question.

In addition, we intend to shorten the length of the Culture of Life session at KCLS considerably compared to last year. Everyone attending Culture of Life session this year will receive a special gift. We will also have Culture of Life literature provided by the Diocese of Baton Rouge available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at KCLS!

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2015

After 42 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 2015 Campaign will take place from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Events are held in New Orleans, Shreveport, and Baton Rouge. Make plans for your council and parish to participate in 40 Days for Life!

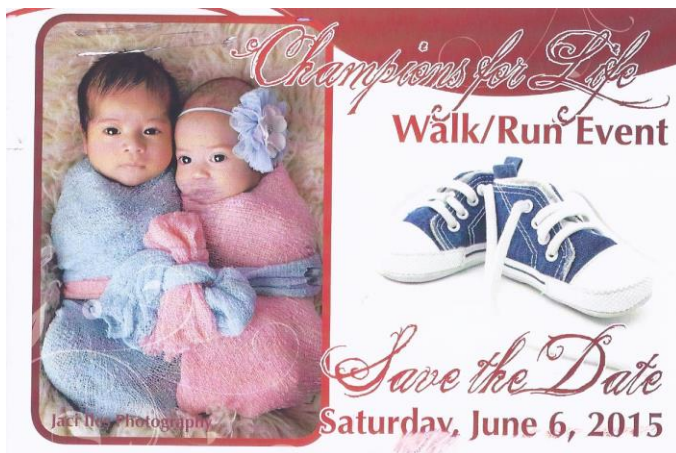




### CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE WALK AND RUN EVENT

On Saturday, June 6, 2015, the annual Walk for Life will take place at Stoner Boat Launch at 857 E. Stoner Avenue in Shreveport. The event supports the Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center (<http://www.altcpsupporter.com/>).

Registration begins at 8 AM with a 5K run and a 2 mile walk. No money is collected ahead of time, only pledges. This is a family event. Come rain or shine. There will be lots of great prizes plus a free T-shirt with each pledge level.



### BATON ROUGE RIGHT TO LIFE BREAKFAST

The annual Baton Rouge Right to Life Breakfast will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:30 am (doors open at 8:45 am) at the St. Thomas More Parish Activity Center (11441 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge).

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$200 to sponsor a Table of 8. For tickets or more information, please call Julie (225) 749-8260. Deadline for a Sponsorship Listing in the Program is June 18.

Highlights of the program will include:

- Keynote Speaker, Dorinda Bordlee, Vice-President and Senior Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund.
- Kathy Allen, State Director, LA Black Advocates for Life, an initiative of Louisiana Right to Life designed to increase meaningful participation of the Black

community in pro-life advocacy as well as decrease the rate of abortion among Black women.

Also at this event, the 2015 Joan Dowd Life Achievement Award will be awarded to Ross and Carolyn McCalip for their decades of service to the protection of unborn children in our community. Ross and Carolyn are the Culture of Life chair couple for Council 3743 in Baton Rouge. We are very excited about this well deserved recognition, so we hope to see many of you at the breakfast.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Baton Rouge Right to Life Benefit Breakfast**

- Saturday, June 27, 2015
- 9:00-11:30 AM (doors open at 8:45 am)
- St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
Parish Activity Center
- 11441 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge



### NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

The National Right to Life (NRL) Convention 2015 will be held in New Orleans on July 9, 10, and 11, 2015. The convention will take place at the New Orleans Marriott located at 555 Canal Street in the French Quarter. Guest speakers include Dr. George Delgado, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., medical director of Culture of Life Family Health Care and a regional medical director with The Elizabeth Hospice, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, and John McCormack, Senior Writer at *The Weekly Standard*. More information can be found on-line at: <http://nrlconvention.com/>.





Please save the date and spread the word for this awesome opportunity to be a part of the national movement to stand for life!

Volunteers are needed for the convention. Volunteers will be eligible for discounted convention registration. For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Carlton Guillot at: [carlton.guillot@gmail.com](mailto:carlton.guillot@gmail.com).



 A poster for a "BORN TO RUN BATON ROUGE" event. It features the logo for "WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER" and a photo of a group of runners. The text includes: "BORN TO RUN BATON ROUGE", "5K RUN 1 MILE FUN RUN AND WALK", "SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH 2015", and "NORTH BLVD TOWN SQUARE BATON ROUGE". Below this, it says: "Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater Baton and New Orleans areas." At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For more information, contact Ali Dazzio at [adazzio@womansnewlife.com](mailto:adazzio@womansnewlife.com) or call 225-218-4862".

## CATHOLIC INFERTILITY WORKSHOP

(Danielle Van Haute – Diocese of Baton Rouge)

The Office of Marriage & Family Life is offering a day-long workshop discussing the struggle of infertility from a Catholic perspective, including the spirituality of infertility, medical causes and treatment options, balancing hope and grief, and more!



Pass this information along to your parishioners, family members, friends who might be struggling with infertility. Medical or mental health professionals along with any clergy or generally interested parties are also invited to attend this workshop.

Note: Priests and Deacons are invited to attend for FREE! When registering, be sure to include "Fr." or "Dcn." with your first name. Then, disregard information on payment. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2015

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Location: St. Thomas More Activity Center, 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge

Cost: \$10 per person, includes lunch

Register online: [www.MFLDiobr.org](http://www.MFLDiobr.org)

## Infertility: You're Not Alone

A day-long workshop discussing the struggle of infertility from a Catholic perspective, including the spirituality of infertility, causes and treatment options, balancing hope and grief, and more!



Carmen Santamaria



Dr. Caldwell



Darryl Ducote, LCSW

EDUCATION CORNERWHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

When it comes to establishing the morally illicit nature of abortion, a fundamental question that must be answered is: When does human life begin?

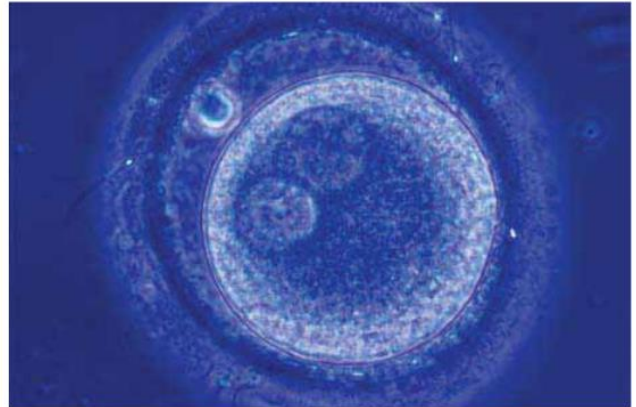
This is a very important question because nearly everyone will agree that it is wrong to kill innocent human life. This statement is based on a fundamental ethical principle of nonmaleficence which basically states that we should avoid unnecessary harms. In making its Roe v. Wade decision, the Supreme Court decided that the question of the beginning of human life could not be answered.

Of course, this justification by uncertainty is flawed because it proves nothing. Making a decision based on uncertainty is dangerous. This can perhaps be illustrated with an example. If I am hunting deer in the woods and I see the rustling of the leaves of a bush, then it would be wrong for me to shoot into the bush assuming that there is a deer behind it. There could very well be another hunter there.

Today, medical science has advanced to the point where the question of the beginning of human life can be answered definitely. A unique human being begins to exist at the moment of conception. A white paper written by Maureen L. Condic, Senior Fellow at the Westchester Institute for Ethics & the Human Person provides an solid scientific basis for this position ([link to white paper](#)). Dr. Condic is also an Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah School of Medicine. This is a very helpful resource for the scientific skeptic.

*When Does Human Life Begin?*

A Scientific Perspective

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Again, the slippery slope is a fallacy if, in a series of elements, the succeeding ones do not flow inevitably from the others, either as effects from causes, or as logically inevitable. We can’t say that the man who begins by breaking the Sabbath is going to end by killing priests. But we can say that the man who justifies murder justifies slavery also, since both murder and slavery spring from the same evil principle, that human life is not sacred, and that we may use or abuse the lives of others as we see fit. Opponents of abortion have long claimed that there is no moral difference between killing a child in the womb and killing a child outside it, and that only a residual sentimental disgust prevented the more obvious infanticide. And now there are proponents of the abortion “right” who say exactly the same thing. Notice, I am not saying that a particular person who snuffs out the life of an unborn baby will himself undoubtedly snuff out the life of the baby in the crib. I am saying that the logic of evil has a life of its own, and will play itself out as far as it can until it is torn up by the roots.”

Taken from **Defending Marriage (Twelve Arguments for Sanity)** by Anthony Esolen, Saint Benedict Press, 2014.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

This prayer was sent to us by David and Anna Jouandot (Culture of Life Chair Couple from Council 7226). It was written by Emily Amaya, a fifth grader at Visitation of Our Lady School in Marrero, LA.

Heavenly Father,

May we be guided by the Holy Spirit and be able to recognize that all of your creations, from the smallest to the largest, include an unborn baby in a mother’s womb is a miracle of life.

I ask you to please allow us to open up our hearts and minds and may we always remember that each of us is a masterpiece of your creation.

Amen.

