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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 this year? 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 presentation provides specific guidance on the activity grading form.

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. We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

CULTURE OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS FROM 2014 ARE AVAILABLE

The results a 2014 survey of Culture of Life chair couples is 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 materials 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

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.

CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES

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: <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).

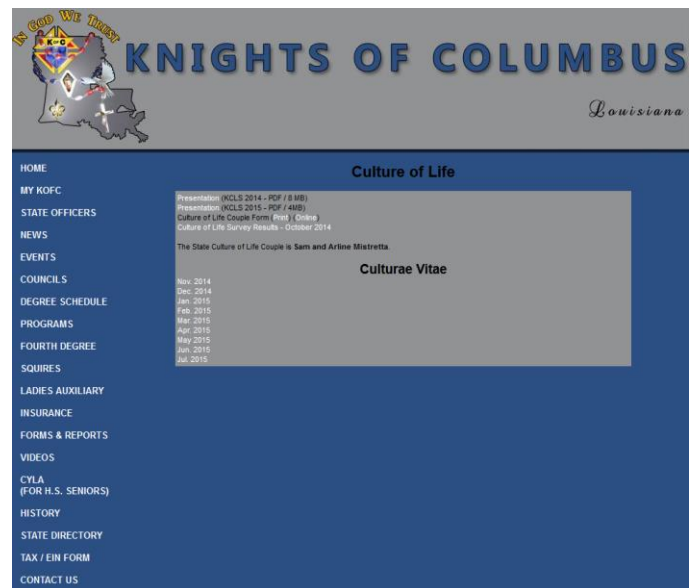
Your State Culture of Life Chair Couple is ready to assist your council in participating in this program. Please contact Sam Mistretta (225-975-1501 or smistretta2@cox.net) for assistance.



CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE 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](#).

This will make it easier for you to share this information with others and utilize the information in your pro-life activities. The newsletter also provides helpful information and ideas to enable councils to receive 100 points in Culture of Life.



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 in our Culture of Death. 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.



PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

Every year, the Louisiana Pro-Life Oratory Committee sponsors a pro-life oratory contest among high school juniors and seniors from throughout the state. Contact the State Director to learn about times and other information for the current year!

Louisiana Oratory Contest State Director: Shanon Snyder: snyder@prolifelouisiana.org, 866.463.5433

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. Local oratory contests will often award a small cash prize to the winner and runner-up of their competition.

The winner of the Louisiana Oratory contest competes in the National Oratory Contest at the National Right to Life Convention held every summer.

Cash prizes of the Louisiana Oratory Contest are:
First Place: \$500 plus expenses to attend the National Right to Life Convention (not to exceed \$1000). Second Place: \$250

The contest is non-denominational and originates with National Right to Life. Topics to choose from:
Tragedy of Abortion
Tragedy of Euthanasia
Tragedy of Infanticide
Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Talks must be between 5-7 minutes and do not have to be memorized.

The National Right to Life Jane B. Thompson Oratory Contest takes place annually at the National Right to Life Convention (the statewide Louisiana winner will compete in this).

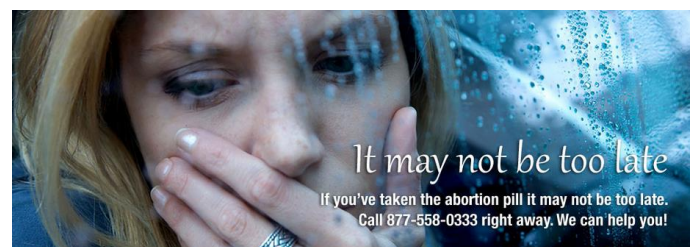
A list of local Louisiana Pro-Life Oratory Contest Coordinators can be found at this [web site](#).

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus will recognize the Pro-life Oratory Contest winner at the 2016 State Convention Banquet. The winner will be given 5 to 7 minutes during the dinner portion of the banquet to give their winning talk. The immediate family members of the winner will be given free tickets to the banquet. These speeches are impressive and inspiring, so the Knights of Columbus is pleased to partner with LRTL to do it.

Please work with your parish and council to encourage high school juniors and seniors to participate in the contest.

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

Women with a crisis pregnancy often take drastic actions to deal with their situation. These women may take the first dose of an abortion pill (Mifepristone or RU-486) and immediately regret that decision. Sidewalk counselors may encounter such situations, so it is important that they be aware that help is available to reverse the effects of the abortion pill. Of course, fast action is required. People are available to provide timely help by calling 877-558-0333. You can find out more information at www.abortionpillreversal.com.



CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

HE DID IT AGAIN!

Ali Dazzio (Women's New Life Center)

The Lord Provides a Third Location for Us to Serve.

As we move into the second week of 40 Days for Life, Woman's New Life Center has news to share with you as we work to protect and build a culture of life.

As most of you know, Planned Parenthood is building a large regional center on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans for the express purpose of selling elective abortion.

AND WE JUST PURCHASED THE LAND DIRECTLY NEXT DOOR TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD!

Yes, friends, yet again the Lord has provided a place of hope directly next to a place of despair. For the third time in the Woman's New Life Center's short history, we have been given the opportunity to serve women in crisis as they walk into an abortion facility.

God's timing is something we talk about often here at Woman's New Life Center. This time, just like countless others, we see His hand leading us every step of the way, providing for every need. Those peace-giving words from Jeremiah come to mind:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Woman's New Life Center has started a full medical clinic called Hope Woman's Clinic under chief medical director, Dr. Susan Caldwell. With the increase of medical services, we can not only compete with, but transcend Planned Parenthood.

And where would the perfect location for these new services be? Next door to Planned Parenthood, of course! The Claiborne location is an excellent place to provide women's healthcare. Near universities and the bus line, our new Claiborne property will

attract many women to receive our life-affirming services.

We are now raising money to build on this ideal plot of land. We hope to be able to fundraise quickly so that we can begin construction as soon as possible. I am sure everyone has seen, or at least heard about, the horrendous videos which captured the essence of Planned Parenthood from the inside.

You are needed and wanted in the work of protecting and saving lives. We see the miracles of your support every day in lives transformed and lives saved by joining Woman's New Life Center mission and ministry! Please pray for us as we go **"into the deep"**, as Pope Saint John Paul has called us, to provide hope on a whole new level.



KICKING-OFF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE!

Victor Weston (Council 13632)

Fr. Paul Counce of St. Joseph Cathedral led Council 16632 in the rosary for the opening day of 40 Days for Life at the Delta Clinic in Baton Rouge. We setup at 6:30 AM and commenced with the rosary at 7:00 AM to kick off the event for its fourth year in Baton Rouge.



TOMB OF THE UNBORN

By Darryl Barrios (Council 13819)

In keeping with Respect Life Month, we blessed and dedicated a Tomb of the Unborn monument in the Prayer Garden at Maria Immacolata Catholic Church in Houma. A big thank you to all who came and made this a memorable morning.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR
BATON ROUGE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Day 18 email from Shawn Carney with 40 Days for Life highlighted the activity in Baton Rouge: "The 40 Days for Life vigil in Baton Rouge has received an outstanding response from churches in the area, as each day a different church has encouraged members to pray outside the Delta Women's Clinic."

One recent day brought even more encouragement to this campaign. 'We just got confirmation that two babies were saved,' said one of the team members. 'A great group of moms, dads, babies and toddlers were out there on a Tuesday morning, a day when Delta is very busy.'"

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Council 9016 in Baton Rouge was active in the month of October. The council participated in 40 Days for Life by praying at the local abortion mill on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. We had a great crowd from St. Louis Parish and the council. Thanks all of you who came to pray.

The council also organized a pro-life baby shower at St. Louis King of France parish. This year's campaign collected items to help unwed mothers take care of their babies. As always, the members of parish and council came to the rescue.



STEM CELL RESEARCH CLARIFICATION

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

A recent inquiry was made to the Respect Life Office regarding the support of a charity that was raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). In my research of the issue I contacted the LLS directly to clarify the issue. Their CEO Louis J. DeGennaro's 2015 public comment on the issue indicates that "LLS supports the use of human embryonic stem cells for research and the development of therapies whenever the proposed research is judged meritorious by appropriately constituted scientific review committees and the board of directors of LLS." Sadly, this policy violates the teaching of the Catholic Church which states that it is not acceptable to use an evil means (use of embryonic stem cells) to obtain a good result (a potential cure for a disease).

The USCCB notes in their document on stem cell research: "Stem cells from adult tissues, umbilical cord blood, and placenta (often loosely called "adult stem cells") can be obtained without harm to the donor and without any ethical problem, and these have already demonstrated great medical promise. But some scientists are most intrigued by stem cells obtained by destroying an embryonic human being in the first week or so of development. Harvesting these "embryonic stem cells" involves the deliberate killing of innocent human beings, a gravely immoral act."

LOOKING FOR PRO-LIFE SIGNS

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

Pro-life Signs are available from the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Abortion Hurts Women
Jesus Forgives & Heals
Women Deserve Better Than Abortion
Adoption the Loving Option

If you are interested in obtaining signs, please email me (respectlife@arch-no.org) to arrange that. I recommend you set up a specific pick-up time from my office as I am often out for meetings or speaking, and I do not have a support staff.

HOMO SAPIENS AND ABORTION

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Product of conception, fetus, pro-choice, and termination of pregnancy are all terms used by the abortion industry to describe their work. Baby, love, and mother are the terms used by the pro-life generation. Both sides are referring to the same thing: a child conceived in the womb. A human is described by Webster's Collegiate Dictionary as: of relating to or having the characteristic of man; having human form or attributes. Wikipedia claims that Homo Sapiens is arguably the most influential species on the planet.

Our species is currently deemed of least concern on the Red List of endangered species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. This organization founded in 1948 in Fontainebleau, France has a mission to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. It publishes the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species which assesses the conservation status of species worldwide. It has observer and consultative status at the United Nations. It has also been criticized for placing the interests of nature over those of people. Imagine that. Someone actually criticizes an organization for valuing the planet over people.

Planned Parenthood is financially supported by the Federal Government claiming it provides medical help to women. The 2014 financial report thanks the Affordable Care Act, stating that more than 48 million women are eligible to receive birth control. Planned Parenthood also states that they will never stop fighting to protect access to safe and legal

abortion. They also state that their benefactors are not just their supporters but also their partners.

The same Federal Government **DOES NOT** support Pregnancy Crisis Centers for providing medical health services to women. However, the **CHOOSE LIFE** license plates that are popular and available in many states including Louisiana do allow for some of the excess money collected to go to these Pregnancy Centers. What is the difference in these two types of organizations? The answer is simple, Planned Parenthood, by their own admission, destroys a fetus which happens to resemble in every way possible that of a human being. It is the product of conception between a male and a female of the species.

The Federal Government has been doing this for over forty-two years. Over fifty-seven million people have been killed by abortion. Americans must want this to continue because they do not seem to care enough to try to influence the Federal Government to stop not only funding abortion, but to also have the government protect all human life.

How does one stop an unwanted pregnancy? The quick answer is abstinence. Is that even possible? Not in this day and age when no one in government, church or society hardly ever uses the word. There must be a reason!

LIFE CHANGING MATERNITY

by Katie Zumo, RN , Woman's New Life Center,
Administrative Director

Despite how little the blessed mother actually speaks throughout scripture, the New Testament is alive with her presence, love and hope. And similarly, the Woman's New Life Center is reverberating with the impact of the Blessed Mother: alive with the impact of her 'yes' to the Lord, her unwavering love, and with the hope that her Son can make all things new.

Our clients sense an intangible and almost indescribable uniqueness that is present when they walk inside. Many say that our office has a 'nice feel', or express surprise and gratitude for how comfortable they are while receiving services from our medical and counseling staff. But oftentimes

they struggle to find the words to describe what they have experienced.

While staff and clients alike find it difficult to describe, the love that we experience through this ministry is undoubtedly maternal. It is challenging, but not judgmental. While realistic, it is hopeful. Even amidst crisis, it is brimming with peace.

When Mother Mary speaks, amazing things happen. Her 'yes' to the angel Gabriel permitted God to become man within her womb. At the wedding feast at Cana, her words to Jesus engendered the start of His public ministry. When our clients find the strength of their voice, we see this as a reflection of Mary's 'yes'. Our staff knows of no greater achievement than for a woman to find her voice.

Your beautiful YES to protect life is a gift to the Mission and Ministry of Woman's New Life Center. Your prayers and support are essential to the work Katie so beautifully describe above. During these 40 Days for Life, many of you have gathered outside the abortion facilities in Metairie and Baton Rouge to pray and your presence has been and is an awesome witness. We have seen many women walk through our doors, begin working with our professional counseling and medical team and find their voice that says YES. Yes, I choose life and I choose to hope. Let me share with you Beth's story:

Beth was heading to the abortion clinic next door. She saw the sign on Woman's New Life Center's building and seeing our services were free, she came in. She took some time and met with our counselor. She was in a very dark place and very much alone. The father of the child she was carrying was not interested in being a father. She was estranged from her family and trying to make it on her own. Her hope was so dim she didn't even think it possible to find it. She was hanging on by a thread. She told our counselor that she was still going to keep the appointment with the abortion facility next door. Our counselor encouraged her again to take time, to not rush and assured her she would be available as much and for as long as she needed. Beth wanted our counselor to call her later and check in on her. When our counselor reconnected with her days later, she told the counselor, "I went next door. I could not get your words out of my head and it gave just a little room to hope and little room to believe that

maybe I could do this.” Beth and the child she is carrying is one of your miracles. Your prayer, your support and your presence is restoring and saving lives. This is one of many stories and with your help there will be many more.

As we look to the close of this year’s 40 days for life, please continue on in prayer for the protection of Life and for the work of Woman’s New Life Center. We need you all, as we work to open our new location in New Orleans next door to Planned Parenthood and maintain our locations in Metairie and Baton Rouge to be a safe place for women in crisis, to be the light of hope and life in the face of darkness and death. Please know you are needed and wanted in our work. I invite you to come and continue to pray even when the 40 Days for Life sign is gone. Together we will build a culture of life and it begins with our very simple, YES.

Let us pray together:

Lord,

Thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for you loving me, creating me and calling me to proclaim that life is a gift from You. We know the world is hurting and wounded and in whatever way I can I want to help restore and heal. Give me the grace to say Yes ...

Yes, Lord today I want to build a culture of life right here and now today.

Yes, Lord I want and need you with me today.

Yes, Lord I want your Holy Spirit to fill me with your love and mercy.

Yes, Lord I want to proclaim that life is a gift in my words and actions.

Yes, Lord I want to see every person you place in my path as a gift.

Yes, Lord I want to see and hear your inspirations and promptings.

Yes, Lord I want to be the gift of your tender touch that offers hope and healing.

Yes, Lord I want to be filled and overflowing with your joy and hope and I want to give it away today.

Yes, Lord today I want to live a prolife life.

Thank you and praise you for hearing and answering my prayers.

Our Lady, Mother of Mercy and of Love, Pray for us.

If you would like to learn more about Woman’s New Life Center, please visit www.womansnewlife.com or contact Ali Dazzio at adazzio@womansnewlife.com.

LIFE FEST WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is held new pro-life event called **Life Fest** on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Catholic Life Center.



This celebration of life had something for everyone! It featured renowned speakers, music by Greg & Lizzy, kids activities, and Eucharistic Adoration. The day conclude with the Annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass with Bishop Robert Muench as the Celebrant.

The turnout was great and it was a wonderful experience. More highlights from the event can be found in a Catholic Commentator [article](#).



40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN BATON ROUGE

Several councils and local parishes participated in 40 Days for Life. It was truly wonderful to see so many people come out to pray for an end to abortion. Here are a few pictures from the Baton Rouge 40 Days for Life campaign:



(The setup crew, including Allen Kliebert)



(St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Council 3743)



(St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Council 3743)



(Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church)



(St. Patrick's Catholic Church)



(St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)



(Immaculate Conception Catholic in Lakeland)



(St. Aloysius Catholic Church and Council 3743)



(Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church)



(St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ponchatoula)



(St. Thomas More Catholic High School "Cougars for Life" pro-life club from Lafayette)



(Picture of the sidewalk counselors)



(St Ann Church & Catholic Daughters in Morganza)



(St. John Catholic Church in Prairieville)



(Day Coordinators David and Ann Gregory)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE IN BATON ROUGE

On October 11th, Kesley and Trey, members of Parkview Baptist led a Praise and Prayer service for the precious gift of life at the 40 Days for Life site in Baton Rouge. Pastor Lewis Richerson from Woodlawn Baptist led the opening prayer.



COUNCIL PRAYING DURING RESPECT LIFE MONTH

By Wade Simon (Council 8770)

Stanley S. Hebert Council 8770 in Maurice prayed a pro-life Rosary before our October business meeting in observance of Respect Life Month. Our Church Parish of St. Alphonsus prays a pro-life Rosary every Friday morning before Mass. We normally have brother knights from our council participate. The council is working hard to organize other pro-life activities.



LIFE CHAIN IN BATON ROUGE

Life Chains were formed in communities across the state of Louisiana and across the United States on Sunday, October 4th. This is the event's 28th year.

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing and praying for the nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visible statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the nation's churches support the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.



COUNCIL PRAYER VIGIL

By LeRoy and Ellen Brandow (Council 14614)

October 3rd and 4th, Most Holy Trinity Council 14614 in Mandeville held a Baby Shower with Most Holy Trinity Parish. The shower was held at the end of a Spiritual Adoption by the Parish. The collected items were distributed to the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington (www.northlakecpc.com).



COUNCIL PRAYER VIGIL

By LeRoy and Ellen Brandow (Council 14614)

Saturday, October 10th, Most Holy Trinity Council 14614 in Mandeville adopted a day for prayerful vigil at the abortion facility on Ridgelake Dr in Metairie in support of 40 Days for Life NOLA. Culture of Life chair couple, Ellen and LeRoy Brandow participated from 7 AM until 7 PM.

COUNCIL HAD A GOOD PRO-LIFE MONTH

By David and Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

Council 8342 in Prairieville had a busy October that included our 7th month of our spiritual adoption, participation in Baton Rouge Right to Life and the National Life Chain. We also adopted a day at 40 Days For Life that included knights and parish members. The council chair couple also attended the first ever Life Fest in Baton Rouge.

The council will soon begin our fifth Baby Bottle campaign at St. John the Evangelist parish from October 31st to November 8th to raise funds for the Pregnancy Problem Center (www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com) and the Woman's New Life Center (www.womansnewlife.com).

PRO-LIFE POSTER CONTEST

By Mike and Cathy Abbate (Council 9623)

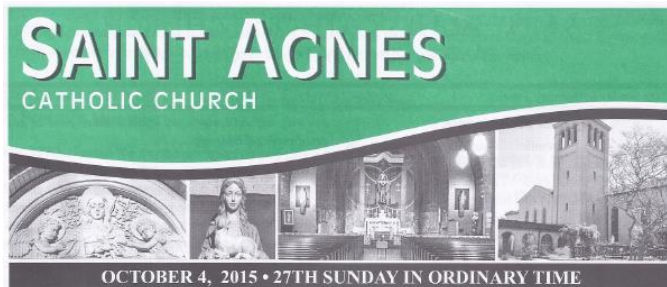
From October 12th to 22nd, Council 9623 in Laplace organized a Pro-life Poster Contest at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic School in Laplace. About 75 students in 5th through 7th grades participated. These kids demonstrated their pro-life knowledge and passion. It was a great event for everyone involved.



PRO-LIFE BULLETIN INSERTS

Allen Kliebert worked with his pastor Fr. Charbel Jamboury at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Baton Rouge to include pro-life bulletin inserts providing excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The bulletin to contain first insert also contained a wonderful pro-life message from Fr. Charbel to parishioners.

We encourage other councils to work with their pastor to do the same. Please contact the State Culture of Life chair couple if you would like to receive the inserts in Word document format.



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

By Randy Mobley (Council 3779)

Tuesday, October 13th, Marian Council 3779 participated in the Shreveport/Bossier City 40 Days for Life Campaign. Knights and their spouses prayed outside the Hope Medical Center for Women (the local abortion clinic) from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. As of October 15th, there were two babies saved.



On Saturday October 17th, my wife Sylvia, daughter and I participated in the Shreveport/Bossier Alzheimer Walk. The purpose of the event was to bring this terrible disease to everyone's attention. The disease effects many people who have the disease as well as those who may have lost someone or a care giver. A donation of \$100 was given to the local fund. More information on the walk, including how to make a donation, can be found at this [link](#).



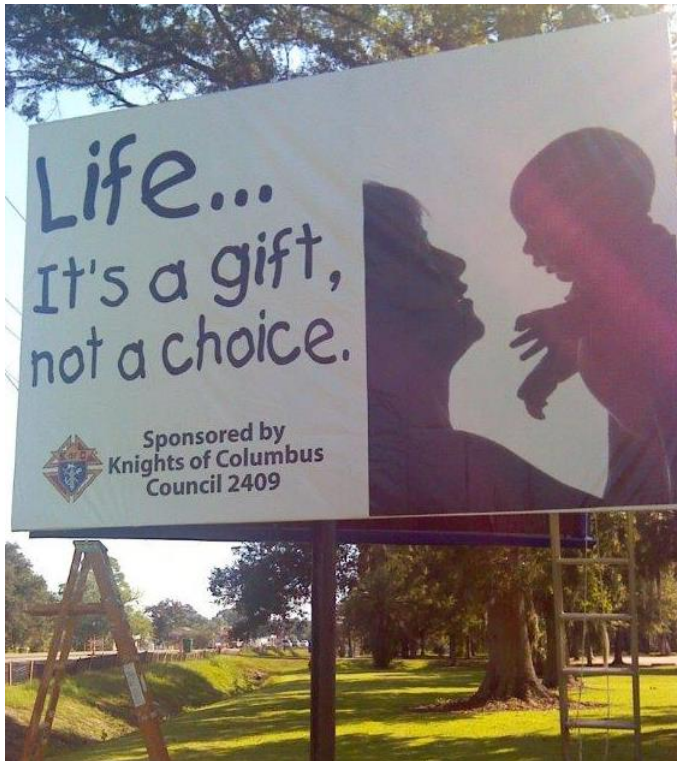
Back in July of this year, I started a ministry at the Christus Highland Hospital in Shreveport. On every Thursday, I am a Lay Eucharistic Minister to the Catholic patients in the Hospital.



PRO-LIFE BILLBOARDS!

By Allen and Cherie Thibodeaux (Council 2409)

St. Charles Council 2409 has just completed updating our pro-life billboard located at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Paradis, La. on US Hwy. 90.

COUNCIL'S PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

By Dale and Judy Tureau (Council 8147)

St Mark Council 8147 had our Baby Bottle Campaign in church Sunday, October 25. Also, we placed 40 crosses at church entrance. for the 40 Days for Life campaign.



SILVER ROSE PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

By Tommy Ruemker (Council 8342)

Council 8342 in held a Silver Rose program at St. John the Evangelist parish in Pairieville on Wednesday, October 28th. The event included a children's mass with celebrant and pastor Fr. Jerry Martin. The Fourth Degree honor guard also participated. Four hundred people attended the event and it was just great. Vivat Jesus!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BORN TO RUN 2015

Again this year, the Woman's New Life Center will have a major fundraising event in Baton Rouge:

www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun.

WNLC is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. WNLC offers a unique range of services, including:

- Professional counseling
- Pregnancy testing and ultrasounds
- Medical history review
- Case management
- Adoption facilitation
- Professional post-abortion counseling
- Creighton Model FertilityCare
- Internship/residency programs

Dear Knights,

Your participation is wanted and needed to help save the lives of the unborn and protect their mothers from its violence. It would be an honor to have all of you, your families and parish families involved with Born to Run Baton Rouge 2015. Your participation will save lives and protect lives. Please pass this to all of the councils serving within the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Contact me, Ali Dazzio, 225-241-9822 or adazzio@womansnewlife.com for details. I can't wait to hear from y'all!

**BORN
TO RUN**
BATON ROUGE

5K RUN
& 1 MILE FUN RUN AND WALK

SOUTH REGION MARCH FOR LIFE

Again this year, the South Region "March for Life" will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in New Iberia.

There will be a silent Eucharistic procession from the Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church at 6 PM. A Mass for Life will also be celebrated with Fr. Garrett Savoie as the Celebrant. A five-day Rosary Congress will begin following the march and Mass with a pro-life rosary recited every hour on the hour.

If you live in the New Iberia and surrounding area, please consider participating. For more information, call 337-369-3816.

Please Join Us!

*In praying for an end to abortion
and all pro-death activities in our
nation and in our world.*



Council 1208

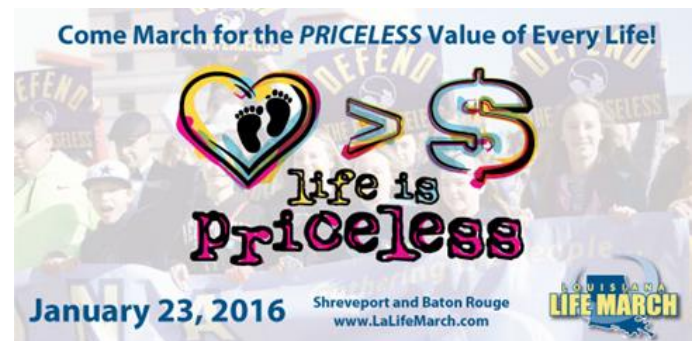


A picture of the Grotto of Lourdes in New Iberia:

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH 2016

On Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 10 AM to noon, the Louisiana Life March will take place at two locations: Shreveport and Baton Rouge.

The 2016 theme will be "Life is Priceless." With horrendous videos highlighting Planned Parenthood's sale of baby body parts, we must remind the world, in the spirit of Luke 12:6-7 that human lives are valuable and priceless: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."



Louisiana Life March North:

Start at Boardwalk's North Lot

Gather at 9:45 AM.

www.LaLifeMarch.com, phone: 318-658-9456

In Shreveport, the format will be similar to the previous two years. The event will begin at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, march over the Texas Street bridge, and gather at Festival Plaza for speakers and music.



Louisiana Life March South:
Start at Old State Capitol
Gather at 9:45 AM.

www.LALifeMarch.com, phone: 1-866-463-5433

In Baton Rouge, we will begin at the Old State Capitol and march to the State Capitol. Due to a possible special session of the legislature that may fall on that Saturday, there is a chance we will hold the "rally" portion of the event in A.Z. Young Park on the Capitol Grounds. If there is no special session planned, we should be on the Capitol steps like normal. This will be unclear until after a new Governor is elected.



WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER EVENT

Fais Do Do, the annual Woman's New Life gala will be held Friday, November 20, 2015...7:00-8:00 pm Patron Party...8:00-11:00 pm at the Messinas at the Terminal, Lakefront Airport, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

The Woman's New Life Centers annual gala is soaring into a new phase and we are inviting you to climb aboard as Fais Do Do Takes Flight! Join us for a charming evening as we dance the night away and enjoy an exquisite selection of Louisiana cuisine at our brand new venue - Messinas at the Terminal. Register at www.womansnewlife.com/FaisDoDo!

Woman's New Life Center's Annual

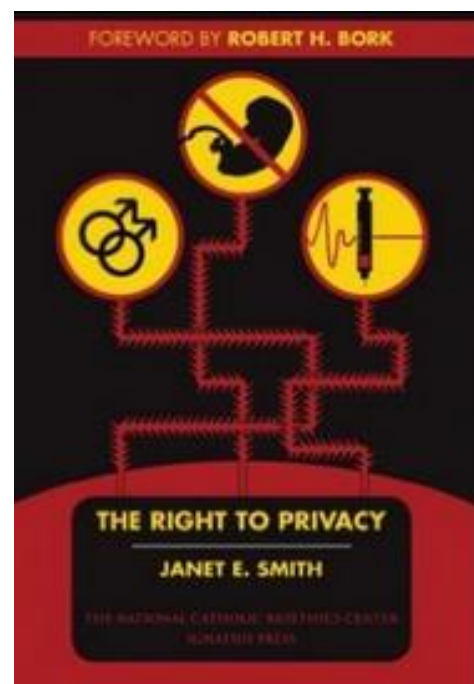
Fais Do Do

EDUCATION CORNER

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Those of us who wish to understand the life issues would be wise to seek out solid Catholic guidance from Janet E. Smith. She holds the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Also, she speaks nationally and internationally on the Catholic teachings on sexuality and on bioethics and has published numerous articles on sexuality and bioethics. The first book that I read from her is **The Right to Privacy**.

This small book (only 75 pages long) explains the history and legal reasoning behind key court decisions that led to the Roe v. Wade decision as well as other court decisions that shape our culture today. Janet demonstrates that the current Culture of Death did not appear suddenly, but it gradually developed over years. She also clearly shows where such reasoning went wrong, leading to further errors that continue today. Much of this reasoning is based on concept of a "right to privacy" that is not found in the U. S. Constitution. It was really just an invention that has led to the legal protection of abortion, euthanasia, and now same-sex marriage.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Bill Nye the Science Guy Kills His Brain to Promote a Lie](#)

[Pope Francis at Independence Hall](#)

[Pope Francis Met With Kim Davis, Kentucky County Clerk, in Washington](#)

[Carly Fiorina's Pro-Life Campaign Raises Tough Questions for Pro-Abortion Feminists](#)

[UN Bureaucracy To Push "LGBT Rights" Despite Tensions](#)

[Belgium's Euthanasia Slippery Slope: Now It's for Grief](#)

[Oops! Watch MSNBC's Pro-Abortion Hit Job Backfire on Live TV](#)

[ACLU Sues Trinity Health Corp., Demanding--You Guessed It!--Abortion](#)

[How Pro-Lifers Are Saving Higher Education](#)

[Media Kryptonite incarnate: Why such secrecy for pope's chat with Kim Davis?](#)

[Cecile Richards, Kim Davis and the Dictatorship of Relativism](#)

[Bill Nye the Unscientific Abortion Guy](#)

[As Synod Starts, Pope Affirms Marriage Between a Man and a Woman Is the Foundation of the Family](#)

[Do You Agree With Abortion Forgiveness?](#)

[Abortion is the Primary Preventable Risk Factor for Breast Cancer](#)

[40 Days for Life Is 'Witnessing to Hope'](#)

[Euthanasia is Always Wrong; You Do Not Kill Innocent People](#)

[Kelsey Grammer's pro-life witness](#)

[Marriage Mess: How We Have Systematically Rejected God's Plan for Marriage](#)

[Will California's Assisted-Suicide Law Lead to Abuse?](#)

[Natural Family Planning in Service to the Family](#)

[Reflections on Pro-Life Protest Rhetoric](#)

[Is the Homosexual Tendency a Complex Reality?](#)

[On Resistance: What are the Options?](#)

[Little Sisters of the Poor to be awarded 2016 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal](#)

[Full text of Cardinal Erdo's introductory report for the Synod on the Family](#)

[Statement Calling for Constitutional Resistance to Obergefell v. Hodges](#)

[Bishop Robert Barron: Living as the Image of God: Created for Joy and Love](#)

[Understating the Marriage 'Commitment'](#)

[On Religious Freedom, the Pope and the President Speak Different Languages](#)

[Exposing Planned Parenthood's Sale of Baby Parts](#)

[The Case for Investigating Planned Parenthood](#)

[The Planned Parenthood Exhibits](#)

[The New Leviathan: Planned Parenthood](#)

[Former abortionist describes horrific dismemberment abortions during Planned Parenthood hearing](#)

[Here's why Planned Parenthood's 3 percent abortion claim is misleading](#)

[Planned Parenthood announces halt on accepting 'reimbursements' for fetal body parts](#)

[Man Recovers from Blood Cancer after](#)

[Op-Ed from Senator Bill Cassidy on Planned Parenthood](#)

[Women will have more healthcare access if Planned Parenthood is defunded](#)

[Pope Francis: Refusing to sign gay ‘marriage’ licenses is a human right](#)

[Coming soon: Planned Parenthood’s competition](#)

[UN Data Backs Pope on Abortion and Contraception, Climate Alarmists Disappointed](#)

[Planned Parenthood is Nothing to Smile About](#)

[The Catholic Church, Children and Same-Sex Parenting](#)

[Pro-abortion madness in Argentina: half-naked activists attack cathedral](#)

[This Pro-Abortion Liam Neeson Ad Reeks of Anti-Catholicism](#)

[Poll: Papal Visit Imparts Pro-Life Opinion Boost in United States](#)

[The Primacy of Conscience, the Synod and the Catholic Faith](#)

[Save the Baby Humans](#)

[“The Martian” and Why Each Life Matters](#)

[Joe Biden ... Catholic Statesman?](#)

[Georgetown, Other Catholic Colleges Celebrate LGBTQ Instead of Respect Life Month](#)

[Planned Parenthood can be replaced: Health clinics outnumber them 20 to 1](#)

[Four non-religious reasons to be pro-life](#)

[Will Supreme Court Hear Little Sisters’ Case?](#)

[Final Synod Document Strongly Backs Church Teaching on Family Life](#)

[DUMB OX MINISTRIES](#)

Dumb Ox Ministries works with teens, young adults, and families; cultivating their authentic masculinity and femininity through the Theology of the Body, helping them to prepare for, discern, and pursue their unique vocations to love.

The ministry is focused on young adults, and they have a number of programs such as:

ECHO - a Theology of the Body camp for teens and young adults.

Abbey Youth Fest – A youth festival, collaborating with St. Joseph Seminary College.

Ignite – a mentor-based formation program for young men who want help discerning and pursuing their Vocation.

The organization is based in New Orleans. You can learn more about them at their web site: www.dumboxministries.com.



[QUOTES OF THE MONTH](#)

Here are Culture of Life related quotes from Pope Francis obtained from the October 2015 issue of *Catalyst* produced by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights:

On Abortion:

“It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother’s womb.”

“A pregnant woman isn’t carrying a toothbrush in her belly, or a tumor... We are in the presence of a human being.”

On Euthanasia:

“A civilization whose technological advancements do not seek to protect the most vulnerable, from conception until natural death, fails to live up to its responsibility.”

On False Compassion:

“The dominant thinking sometimes suggests a ‘false compassion,’ that which believes that it is helpful to women to promote abortion, an act of dignity to obtain euthanasia, a scientific breakthrough to ‘produce’ a child and to consider it to be a right rather than a gift to welcome, or to use human lives as guinea pigs presumably to save others. Instead, the compassion of the Gospel is that which accompanies in times of need, that is, the compassion of the Good Samaritan, who ‘sees,’ ‘has compassion,’ approaches and provides concrete help.”

Same-sex marriage:

“At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother, and children.”

“At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God. At stake is the total rejection of God’s law engraved in our hearts.”

Gender Ideology:

“I ask myself, if the so-called gender theory is not, at the same time, an expression of frustration and resignation, which seeks to cancel out sexual differences because it no longer knows how to confront it. Yes, we risk taking a step backwards.”

“The crisis of the family is a social reality. Then there are ideological colonizations of the family, modes and proposals from Europe and also from overseas. The error of the human mind that is gender theory creates a lot of confusion.”

“Gender ideology is demonic!”

PRAYER OF THE MONTH**Prayer for the Unborn**

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

EWTN Pro-Life Resources

(<http://www.ewtn.com/prolife/pro-life-resources.asp>)

