



## Culturae Vitae

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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 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](mailto: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](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

### 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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net)) for assistance.

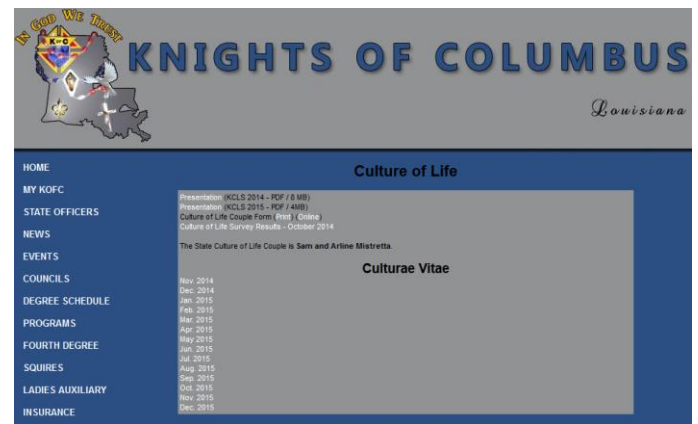


### CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE

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.

Please contact us if you cannot find what you are looking for.



### 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 Life. 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.



NEW WEB SITE AND RESOURCES

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

Respect Life Office [website](#) is now up and running, but still under construction. There is a page with basic Respect Life information that incorporates the USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities — the focus topics of our work and the four pillars for carrying out our work. It includes links to Church teaching on Respect Life issues, links to local activities, and regional, state, and national links for Respect Life work in the Church. There are still features to be added such as the weekly newsletter, an events calendar, a parish highlights page, the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer page, and the Respect Life Office videos (40 Days for Life & Post-Abortive Healing). Please stop by for an on-line “visit!” I welcome any suggestions/ideas you have!

Brochures are also available upon request on the following topics:

- Natural Family Planning Methods in the Archdiocese
- Catholic Women’s Health Care

If you have not yet received your handbook or sample brochures, please contact Debbie at [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org).

ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES

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

“Why is the Catholic Church opposed to reproductive technologies such as ‘in vitro’ fertilization? The child conceived in human procreation is a human person, equal in dignity with the parents. Therefore he or she deserves to be brought into being through an act of total and committed marital love between husband and wife. Technologies that assist the couple's marital union in giving rise to a child respect this special dignity of the human person; technologies that replace it with a procedure by a technician in a laboratory do not. The moral problem is aggravated by efforts to introduce gametes (sperm or egg) from people outside the marriage, to make use of another woman's womb to gestate the child, or to exercise

“quality control” over the child as though he or she were a product. IVF as practiced today also involves a very high death rate for the embryos involved, and opens the door to further abuses such as embryo cryopreservation (freezing) and destructive experimentation.” Excerpt from a Washington Post [article](#).

HELP MOTHERS IN NEED!

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

You can provide practical help to an expectant mother and her baby right here and now in the Archdiocese of New Orleans! We have currently raised only \$100.00 of the \$3,500.00 needed for our Mother & her Baby receiving care through St. Vincent’s Maternity Clinic!

The Respect Life Office in collaboration with St. Vincent’s Maternity Clinic in Metairie will be raising funds to allow St. Vincent Maternity care to continue to provide quality prenatal care in our community. St. Vincent Maternity Clinic (<http://www.ccano.org/stvincent/>), a program of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, provides personalized prenatal and delivery care, including care of the mother & new baby after delivery.

For every mother and child served, St. Vincent's has a gap between reimbursed costs and actual expenses, which total about \$3,500 for a vaginal delivery. Donations to the program will help offset these costs and ensure that the many clients who come to St. Vincent's continue to receive the care they deserve.

Donations (make check payable to “Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans”) may be sent to- St. Vincent’s Maternity Clinic, 3019 N Arnoult Rd, Metairie LA 70002. For more information about donations for this project, call 504-885-1141. Please email me ([respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org)) if you have questions.



## CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

### PROUDLY PRO-LIFE DINNER

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, New Orleans Right to Life held their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Proudly Pro-Life Award Dinner at Chateau Country Club in Kenner.

This year's recipients of the Proudly Pro-Life Awards are the Louisiana Knights of Columbus and Mr. John Hauler. John is one of the most committed pro-life people that I know. Please take some time to read this wonderful [article](#) by Peter Finney, Jr. in the Clarion Herald!

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus was also given a Proudly Pro-Life Award for their numerous contributions to the pro-life cause since 1973. Most notably, the Louisiana Knights were recognized for having funded and supported the youth outreach efforts of Louisiana Right to Life through their sponsorship of Camp Joshua as well as the very successful Ultrasound Initiative. State Deputy Vernon Decote was there to accept the award.

This year's keynote speaker was Rachel Campos-Duffy, an author, TV personality and mother of seven children. Rachel gave a stirring speech highlighting the unique role of a woman as mother. She also explained the damage being done to our society by gender ideology. She also described the real war on women involving sex selective abortions and the disproportionate impact of abortion on minorities. Nevertheless, she ended her talk on a positive note, encouraging all of us to be happy warriors.



THE START OF A NEW YEAR

Alison S. Dazzio, Development Director for  
Woman's New Life Center

Woman's New Life Center marches into 2016 with hope as we continue in the work to save, protect and restore lives. We are all called to uphold the dignity of every human life. Let us begin this New Year with renewed commitment to live even more fully the call to be living witnesses of love and mercy in the world. Woman's New Life Center is thankful for the beautiful support of the Knights of Columbus in the past and as we journey into this New Year.

The Center continues to grow and will begin the construction of their new location next door to Planned Parenthood's mega abortion facility in New Orleans. The Baton Rouge Center has opened full time to meet the needs of the community thanks to the generous support of our friends and donors. All of you have been an amazing part of making this growth a reality.

Woman's New Life Center incorporates a true "woman's health" approach that treats every woman, whether pregnant, post-abortive, or in need of reproductive healthcare, as one who deserves dignity. Woman's New Life Center's medical and counseling clinics will stand as a full service life-affirming entity for women and babies. We continue to be a place where women are cared for with the respect they deserve and educated on the full spectrum of all treatments promoting the culture of LIFE and founded in truth rather than one founded on death and lies. Woman's New Life Center in its formation is designed to transcend the culture of Planned Parenthood and its anti-woman, anti-child, anti-life ideology. We are ready to expand our services and the number of lives saved by opening a full-service women's health clinic.

As our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Susan Caldwell, beautifully states, "At this pivotal time in our culture, we are called to serve and protect the dignity of women who have been lied to regarding the beauty of their vocation to bring forth life."

Please continue to stand with us in prayer and support. Together, we will save and restore more lives than ever. Thank you for the gift of your yes to stand up for life.

CROSSES FOR THE UNBORN

Jessie and Marie Stoute (Council 4085)

Fifty white crosses were displayed at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Baker. Each cross represents one million unborn babies aborted since abortion was legalized in the United States in 1973. These crosses were placed by Culture of Life chair couple Jessie and Marie Stoute, and council member Carl Michelli.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

By Kevin and Jeannie Gauthier (Council 14657)

Knights of Columbus John Paul II council 14657 donated \$2,000 to Lily of the Valley using the proceeds from their 2015 Baby Bottle drive. This annual Culture of Life appeal for donations is giving the unborn a fighting chance. Thanks to the Culture of Life chairs Kevin Gauthier and his wife Dr. Jeannie Gauthier for the time and energy spent on this effort every year.

Lily of the Valley is a pregnancy center in Alexandria. Their mission is to provide a Christian alternative to abortion through a life-changing ministry for the benefit of young women who face the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy and to provide support for post-abortion victims. Check out their [web site](#) for more information.

**Lily of the Valley Ministries**

A LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE

By Voorhies and Betty Short (Council 7557)

KC Council 7557 organized a Pro-life march on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. At Sacred Heart parish in Broussard, balloons were released to remember the unborn.

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MARCH

By Don Cubbage (Council 8978)

Council 8978 held their 25<sup>th</sup> annual pro-life march on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in north Sulphur. The participants left Our Lady of LaSalette Church on N. Claiborne St at 3 PM and marched about a mile and a half to the KC Hall on Tana St. The group received a police escort and a few city dignitaries participated in the event. After the march, gumbo was served for all of the participants. Last year, there were over 125 marchers including children, and the turnout this year was equally good.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

By David and Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

Council 8342 at St. John parish in Prairieville competed a nine month spiritual adoption and had a baby birthday party on the Feast of the Epiphany inviting our parish to join us after each Mass providing coffee and donuts for 7 AM Mass, and cake and ice cream for all other Masses. Baby gifts were received and distributed to the Sanctuary for Life and for the Woman's New Life Center.

We will be delivering checks to the Woman's New Life Center and the Pregnancy Problem Center resulting from the parish fundraising. Our Parish was very generous, so we will be able to donate about \$12,000.

Also, our Respect Life Committee and parish members, including 4th degree knights, participated in the Louisiana Life March in Baton Rouge.

Knights, youth, and parish members also erected 600 crosses on the front lawn of the church and 60 crosses on the side of our church.

PRO-LIFE AND ACTIVE

Mike and Lee Richard (Council 3015)

My husband and I are the pro-life couple for both Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and our Knights of Columbus council. Our council has held a number of pro-life events this fraternal year. Here are some highlights:

We coordinate the Gabriel Project for OLPS that helps women in a crisis pregnancy. The knights have been very generous each time we have had a mom.

We are also part of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat team. Lee is an angel and Mike is part of the music ministry for our retreat Mass. We put on two retreats a year with the possibility of adding a third.

We help put on our Annual Diocesan Respect Life Banquet. On January 12, 2016, Mike and Lee were awarded the Laymen of 2016 Pro Vita Award by Bishop Provost.

We participated in the Our Lady of LaSalette (Sulphur) March for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2016 that was sponsored in part by our council.

Mike also coordinates a monthly prayer vigil outside an "adult" store and every Friday during Lent.

DON'T STOP!

John Hauler (Council 9016)

Judges rule against the pro-life movement and the news media refuses to cover the pro-life cause, at least from a pro-life standpoint. We must not stop promoting the cause. This is our country even though the President and many members of Congress think it is theirs to ruin. And, for the past forty-three years, they appear to be right. We must not stop!

Tens of thousands braved the freezing cold and snow of Washington D.C. this year to attend the March for Life. Many hundred braved the cold weather of Louisiana to participate in the Louisiana Life March. We must show them that we support them every step of the way. The youth of today are our future. If we let them down, then we have no future. Please continue to write to your legislators and congressmen early and often to remind them of the importance of respecting life. If we do not respect life, who is going to respect us?

### THE MARCH FOR LIFE

Nick and Peggy Prosperie (Council 8932)

KC Council 8932 in Bourg provided funding for one parishioners to attend the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux's pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. We went on the trip as well.

Nick also attended as a Logistics dad, making sandwiches and proving other support for the travelers. Our two busses departed at 7:40 AM on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after Mass with our Bishop Shelton Fabre on board.

We stopped in Nashville to join the Dominican Sisters for night prayer that evening then drove to Arlington cemetery, arriving at 11 AM on Tuesday for the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. After lunch, we went to St Matthew's Cathedral in downtown D.C. for Mass and confession after entering through the door of mercy.

Wednesday brought us to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception where our bishop offered Mass for any of the Louisiana groups who desired to attend, and many participated.

We spent the afternoon touring the Holocaust museum. As the weather forecast began to look more serious, the bishop and leadership decide to end our trip early to avoid the potentially dangerous weather conditions that were predicted.

We spent Thursday morning walking the route for the March for Life since we would not be there for actual march on Friday. Then, we got on our busses and headed back home, arriving at the Diocesan Pastoral center around 9 AM Friday morning.

Because of the early arrival some of us pilgrims (Peggy and I included) were able to participate in the Louisiana Life March in Baton Rouge.

### SOUTH REGION MARCH FOR LIFE

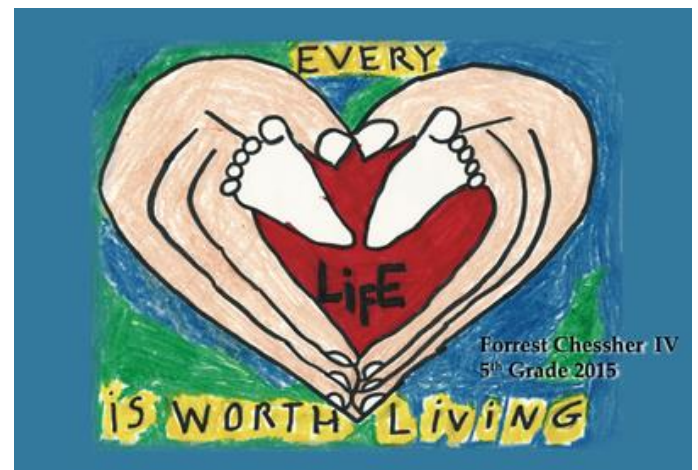
Vincent and Alice Pillaro (Council 1208)

On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Council 1208 organized a march for life in New Iberia. The event included a silent Eucharistic procession, a Mass for Life, a Five-Day Rosary Congress, and 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration. The march began at the Gratto on Main St. and ended at St. Peter's Catholic Church. The Fourth Degree honor guard participated as well.

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER CARD CONTEST

David and Anna Jouandot (Council 7226)

We are the co-chairs for a Respect Life Prayer Card Contest for our parish school each year at Visitation of Our Lord Church. The winning prayer card is distributed to all parishioners and students during the first week of Advent. Here is the winning card and prayer:



Dear Lord,  
 Let everyone take the path of ending abortion.  
 Let your children grow in peace and kindness.  
 We respect all human life and dignity to all people.  
 May your church grow in holiness  
 and may our lives grow in peace.  
 You are the light of our world.  
 Let us continue to bring joy to others' lives.  
 When we pray to you, please remind us that  
 every life is worth living. Amen.

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 Visitation of Our Lady School  
 Marrero, Louisiana  
 2015

REFLECTION ON MARCH FOR LIFE

John and Elaine Hauler (Council 9016)

The following article is from Lauren Reed, the sister of our newest brother knights. She rode one of the nine buses from Baton Rouge to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. One thought that I have is that we did not serve shepherd's pie...

The 2016 March for Life pilgrimage to Washington D.C. was a life changing experience. Though things did not go as planned. A bout of shepherd's pie induced food poisoning in conjunction with an unexpected blizzard sent us home earlier than expected. I would not have changed a single thing about the trip. The memories that were made and bonds that were formed amongst the nine bus-loads of teenagers from Baton Rouge and surrounding areas impacted everyone involved in ways none of us expected. Our eyes were opened to the horrifying realities of abortion and other terrible occurrences in history, such as slavery and the Holocaust, that have violated people's human dignity and basic right to life.

Thanks to the bus leaders, youth ministers, chaperones, nuns, priests, and seminarians that traveled with us, we learned what it truly means to be pro-life and how we can act in ways that reflect that mentality, all while growing in our faith as well.

Because we were not able to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C., we all met up at the Baton Rouge march on Saturday, January 23rd to show our support for the pro-life movement here at home. We prayed the rosary while walking from the Old State Capitol to the new one, where we listened to live music provided by Bethany Church before hearing speeches from those whose lives have been affected by abortion and those working to reverse the Roe v. Wade verdict of 1973.

THE REGIONAL PRO-LIFE WALK

Norris and Patsy Thibodeaux (Council 10293)

On Saturday, January 23 we had our annual Pro-Life March. It is a total of 4 miles long. It starts with the choir singing from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM. At 8:30 AM, the Bishop gave the opening prayer. Pastor Fr. Dutel also spoke briefly, followed by instructions from Norris. The walk started at St. Edmond Church and continued down Johnston St. to St. Mary's Church. There was a 30 minute break and then the group returned to St. Edmond Church.

A city permit was obtained and a five man police escort was provided. Acadian ambulance was notified and on standby in case medical attention would have been needed. There was a prayer wagon with speakers to lead the Rosary twice on each route with the choir providing pro-life music. There was a little over 300 people participating in the march. It included people from surrounding church parishes, as well as adults and youth groups from surrounding schools.

FEEDING THOSE GOING TO  
THE MARCH FOR LIFE

John and Elaine Hauler (Council 9016)

Fr. Hurst Council 9016 purchased about 150 lbs of ham to contribute to the 540 sandwiches the council put together to feed the nine bus loads of pilgrims who traveled to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. Brother Vince Whittington from Council 9247 and worthy State Event Chairman collected yogurt, fruit, cookies to add to the meal.

Preparing the sandwiches and other goodies takes about three days of work. It takes about 14 to 20 people to make about 500 poboy style ham and cheese sandwiches. At 6 AM on the day the group left for the march, there were three vehicles each loaded down with two styrofoam ice chests and several boxes of cookies, muffins, and fruit for the nine buses leaving from three bus departure locations. Awaiting excitedly for the trip to begin, the kids quickly unloaded the trucks at their respective locations and soon left for their pro-life adventure. We can't wait to feed this group again next year!

Although they did not make the march this year because of the bad weather, they at least had a great meal on the first part of the trip. They were to join together with the tens of thousands of others from across the country to protest the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court decision allowing the killing of unborn human beings.



### MORE ON THE REGIONAL PRO-LIFE WALK

Richard Randle (Council 10293)

On Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Council 10293 organized a 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Edmond Knights of Columbus Regional Pro-life Walk in Lafayette. The event included music by the St. Edmond Choir, an opening prayer by Bishop Michael Jarrell, and a Rosary. Snacks, fruit, cold drinks and water were provided by St. Mary's Catholic Church.



LIFE MARCH AND MORE

Dan and Sue Hake (Council 15133)

St. Anselm Council 15133 Culture of Life chair couple Dan and Sue Hake participated in Life March South in Baton Rouge.

Also, our council is helping Access Crisis Pregnancy Center by doing our annual baby bottle drive. We typically collect over \$6,000 each year.

The Harry Tompson Assembly Color Corps participated in the Mary Queen of Peace Church Memorial Service for the unborn. Dan and Sue are also on the committee to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Gianna center of the Gulf South.

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH NORTH 2016

On Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Louisiana Life March was held in Shreveport. The event began at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, and participants marched over the Texas Street bridge to gather at Festival Plaza for speakers and music. Chris Davis from Council 10728 gave an inspiring speech before the march.



LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH SOUTH 2016

On Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Louisiana Life March was held in Baton Rouge. The event began at the Old State Capitol and participants marched to the State Capitol. The event featured several speakers. It was a bright cold day, and thousands of people from around the state gave public witness for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Several Culture of Life chair couples and knights participated in the march this year.





### LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH CENTRAL 2016

For the first time ever, a Louisiana Life March was held in the central part of the state on January 30, 2016. The event began on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville. The march proceeded down Main Street toward the Jackson Street Bridge, crossed the bridge and concluded at the amphitheater on the Alexandria side of the Red River where inspiring speakers and musicians led the audience in prayer for life. The weather was beautiful, and an estimated 1,200 people came out for this event. Local press coverage was very good ([link](#)). The central part of the state is off to a great start!





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### PULSE PRO-LIFE YOUTH INITIATIVE

The PULSE Pro-life Youth Initiative is a multi-faceted effort to train the junior high, high school, and college students of Louisiana to be pro-life agents of change in their communities. Get Involved! For more information visit this [web site](#).

PULSE will include LARTL's PULSE Immersion Weekends and PULSE Leadership Institute. While the weekend and week-long youth training programs will remain virtually the same as "Camp Joshua" and "Joshua Leadership Institute", they are looking forward to expanding their youth education under the banner of PULSE!

PULSE Immersions dates in 2016 are:

- Baton Rouge: February 12-14
- Shreveport: March 4-6
- Baton Rouge: April 15-17
- Covington: April 29-May 1
- Baton Rouge Institute: June 19-24

For more information, contact Alex Seghers, LARTL Co-Youth Programs Director [alex@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:alex@prolifelouisiana.org).

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immersion  
\*formerly "Camp Joshua"

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1-866-463-5433

**Shreveport**  
@ Camp Bethany  
March 4 - 6 2016

**Baton Rouge**  
February 12 - 14 2016  
April 15 - 17 2016

**Covington**  
April 29 - May 1 2016

July 24-29 2016  
Pulse Institute  
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PRO-LIFE DINNER IN NEW ROADS

Pointe Coupee Right to Life is EXCITED to announce that nationally known pro-life advocate and writer, ABBY JOHNSON is coming to her childhood hometown in Pointe Coupee parish to speak! Abby was the former director of the Planned Parenthood clinic that was in Bryan, TX (now closed!). Come DINE with us and hear about Abby's amazing story and ministry on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads!



**POINTE COUPEE RIGHT TO LIFE**  
*presents Abby Johnson*

Former Planned Parenthood Director, Nationally Renowned Pro-Life Advocate, and Hometown Hero – Sunday, February 28 – 6:30pm – Scott Civic Center -- **\$50 per ticket** – Banquet & Silent Auction

I have enclosed \$50 \_\_\_\_ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_ to purchase \_\_\_\_ # of tickets.

**Please make checks payable to "Louisiana Right to Life" with "Pointe Coupee" in the Memo line.**

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**SEND TO: Scott Smith, 405 Penn Ave.,  
New Roads, Louisiana 70760**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocese of Baton Rouge  
Marriage Family Life Office

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - Lake Charles**

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will take place on February 5-7<sup>th</sup> in Lake Charles. It is a safe place to renew, rebuild, & redeem hearts broken by abortion. These retreats offer the women & men hurt by abortion a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental environment to express, release, & reconcile post abortive emotions, allowing the process of healing, renewal, & restoration to begin.

For information on the Lake Charles retreat, please contact Marjorie Long at :

[rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org)

or call 337-439-7400, Ext. 317.

For more information on retreats scheduled for Louisiana in 2016, visit the Rachel's Vineyard website.

**NFP 101: The Basics of Natural Family Planning**

NFP 101 provides a general introduction to Natural Family Planning including Catholic Church teaching, the science of fertility and how to chose a method.

This educational opportunity will take place on February 13, 2016 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am at the Bishop Tracy Center, Baton Rouge. \$10/couple. Register at :

[www.mfldiobr.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.mfldiobr.org/natural-family-planning).

**Diocesan Youth Conference**

This event is scheduled for February 20, 2016 at the at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge. Keynote speaker is Oscar Rivera, Jr. and the house band leader is Cooper Ray. From January 13 - February 3, 2016, Registration will cost \$49. Please view the [Registration Tab](#) for more detailed information.

### Sidewalk Counselor Training with Yvette Fouchi

The training will take place on March 19, 2016 at Bethany Church-South Campus (11107 Honore Lane, Baton Rouge 70809).

Learn how your presence outside an abortion facility can save lives through prayer and the effective methods of sidewalk counseling women and men contemplating abortion with love and compassion. Light refreshments provided. Contact Clelie Carpenter at [cleliecarpenter1@gmail.com](mailto:cleliecarpenter1@gmail.com).



### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

For married couples, marriage is a gift, something we treasure and take care of. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend experience covers every aspect of married life and teaches a unique communication technique and gives you all the tools needed to keep your marriage the special gift God intended it to be.

Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will be one of the most important and significant decisions you make.

Visit this [site](#) to find a weekend in your area or call Jack & Angel LaBate at 470-297-8560 or 800-586-5469 or [jackandangel@bellsouth.net](mailto:jackandangel@bellsouth.net). The next Weekend is February 26-28, 2016 at the Bishop Robert Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.



### PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Family Life Federation Pregnancy Problem Center is having **A Pink and Blue Event**. This is a fundrasier to support their mission to give compassionate practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies in the Baton Rouge area.

The event will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 6 PM to 9 PM at City Club of Baton Rouge (355 North Boulevard). The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and silent auction and a cash bar. Call 225-924-1400 or email [director@pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com](mailto:director@pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com) for tickets.



### LILY OF THE VALLEY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER EVENT

On Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2 PM, Lily of the Valley Ministries, Inc. will have a Benefit Guitar Concert featuring John De Chiaro. This event will be held at:

First United Methodist Church  
2727 Jackson St.  
Alexandria, LA

The proceeds from this event will fund ALICE'S HOME, a home for unwed mother's. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call 318-442-4504 for tickets.

Lily of the Valley Ministries is a faith-based, non-profit organization in Alexandria that offers alternatives to young women facing the challenges of unplanned pregnancy and offers emotional and spiritual support and post-abortion classes for those who have experienced abortion. Please go to their [web site](#) for more information.



PRO-LIFE ENCOUNTERS TRAINING

"Pro-Life Encounters Training" will take place at Visitation of Our Lady Church (3500 Ames Blvd., Marrero, LA 70072) on February 20, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

It is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be provided. It is recommended that you bring note-taking materials with you.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn how to save lives, touch hearts, and increase ministry efforts in our area!

Please email [ProlifeEncounters@gmail.com](mailto:ProlifeEncounters@gmail.com) to RSVP or to ask any questions.

EDUCATION CORNERFREEDOM OF RELIGION VIDEO

USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty

Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo, RN, was forced by her employer to participate in a late-term abortion against her deeply-held pro-life beliefs - a major violation of her conscience rights. Please watch this short [video](#) telling her story. Will you stand with Cathy?



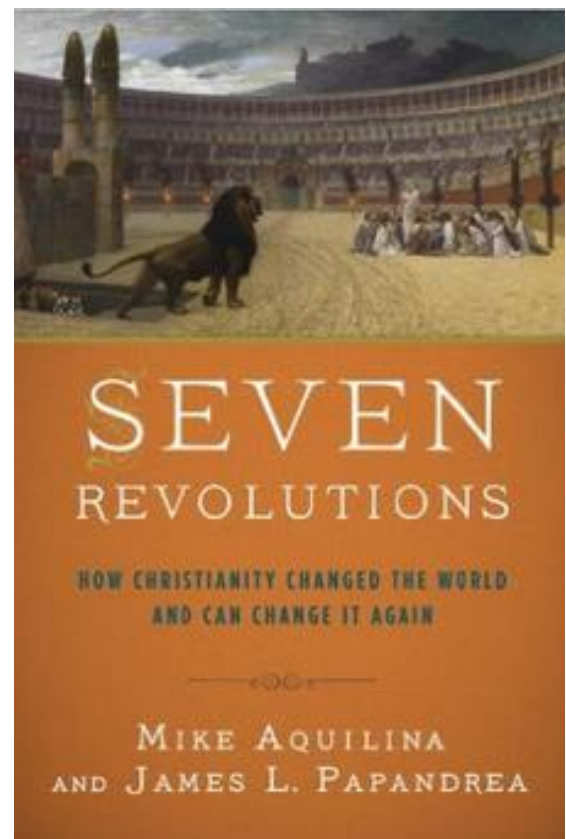
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BOOK RECOMMENDATION

A Culture of Life is built upon certain fundamental concepts such as human dignity, sacramental marriage, God is love, inclusion, equality, care for the poor, religious freedom, and separation of Church and State, to name a few. These concepts simply were not a part of Western Civilization before Christianity. Christianity changed the world in a revolutionary way.

Mike Aquilina and James L. Papandrea have written a fascinating book that can give you a renewed appreciation for the profound changes that the Catholic Church brought entitled: **Seven Revolutions (How Christianity Changed the World and Can Change It Again)**. Our modern world is increasingly rejecting Christianity and we are witnessing the dire consequences. Culture of Life chair couples certainly understand this reality.

This book is written for a popular audience, so it is a fast and interesting read. The book has a hopeful message. Things will change for the good if our society changes course to rediscover the good, the true, and the beautiful. It is highly recommended.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Will Year of Mercy Offer New ‘Opening’ on Abortion?](#)

[Five Big Pro-Life and Pro-Family Wins in 2015](#)

[Newman Society’s Top 15 Articles of 2015: Scandal, Same-Sex Marriage and Fighting for Faithfulness](#)

[NYC Will Fine You \\$250,000 For ‘Misgendering’ A Transsexual](#)

[Planned Parenthood Exposés: Abortion Unmasked in the Video Age](#)

[Stifling Democratic Debate over Same-Sex “Marriage”](#)

[Abortion facilities have history of lying to women about fetal development](#)

[Marching Forward: Pro-Life Movement Looks to Build on 2015 Victories](#)

[Protesting 43 Years of Legalized Abortion](#)

[The innocence of children](#)

[New Year’s Resolve: Stand Against Physician-Assisted Suicide](#)

[SCOTUS Brief Against HHS Mandate Defends Catholic Education](#)

[Keep ‘Harmful’ Gender Ideology Out of High School Sports, Say Nebraska Bishops](#)

[People or Property? IVF and Surrogacy Have Opened a Pandora’s Box of Law](#)

[Report: Pregnancy centers saved 300,000 babies from abortion in 2015](#)

[Ending the Real American Idol of Abortion](#)

[Brave New World: The Future Is Now](#)

[Cardinal Wuerl: Firing Employees Opposed to Church Teaching Protects Mission of Catholic Schools](#)

[Love, hate, and civil debate](#)

[Abortion Fight Still Key, as New Front on Culture War Opens Up in Election Year](#)

[A Catholic Deacon in Post-Abortion Ministry](#)

[What Euthanasia Enthusiasts Really Want](#)

[Dire Population Predictions Are Not Just For China](#)

[Does Planned Parenthood Care as Much About Homosexuality as Abortion?](#)

[Pro-Life Pharmacists Fight Planned Parenthood's Agenda](#)

[The Secret Pro-Abortion Plan to Target the Catholic Church](#)

[Transhumanism: The Future Horror is Here](#)

[Judge sides with Catholic hospital in fight over contraceptive healthcare](#)

[Alabama’s National Champion for Marriage](#)

[Indiana Bill Seeks to Clarify Religious-Freedom Protection](#)

[How Can Pro-Lifers Reach More Americans? Share God’s Mercy, Cardinal Dolan Says](#)

[Taking It to the Streets: Pro-Life Marches Create a Coast-to-Coast Groundswell of Action](#)

[Why the March for Life Matters: ‘America Is a Pro-Life Nation’](#)

[Could New Tests Lead to “Extinction” of People with Down Syndrome?](#)

[Marching for Life, Mother Teresa, and Mrs. Clinton](#)

[They Are Not Everywhere. They Are Not Like Us.](#)

[7 Things Most People Think are True About Roe vs. Wade That are Totally False](#)

[Pro-Woman is Pro-Life, and Pro-Life is Pro-Woman](#)

[Monster storm can't keep massive crowds from March for Life](#)

[Gender Identity vs. Catholic Identity Face-Off After Title IX Expansions](#)

[Catholic Millennials Passionate About Building a Culture of Life](#)

[President Obama challenges pro-lifers to join March for Life \(sort of\)](#)

[Elle Is 'flabbergasted' that fetus on newsweek cover looks 'like baby' instead of 'actual pregnancy'](#)

[Obituary for Dr. Al Krotoski, M. D.](#)

[Anti-abortion banners along St. Charles Avenue raise questions about use of city property for political messaging](#)

[Cardinal Wuerl: Abortion is 'the fundamental basic issue' for 2016 election](#)

[Knights of Columbus March for Life Video](#)

[The Surprising New Normal in the Abortion Debate](#)

[Planned Parenthood abortion giant closes down another facility in Iowa](#)

[Supreme Letdown for North Dakota Pro-Lifers as Court Won't Hear State's Law](#)

[Canadian Bishops Warn of 'Totalitarianism' as Gender Agenda Forced on Schools](#)

[Shut Down Roe v. Wade with These 4 Points](#)

[From My Heart: What I Wish Every Woman Considering Adoption Could Hear](#)

[Forty-Three Years After Roe, Hope is Alive](#)

[UN Report: "There Is No Definition of the Family"](#)

[QUOTES OF THE MONTH](#)

The following quotes were taken from an email from the Thomas More Law Center.



Many legal scholars, even those sympathetic to abortion rights, acknowledged that Roe v. Wade was not based on any precedent.

“What is frightening about Roe is that this super-protected right is not inferable from the language of the Constitution, the framers’ thinking respecting the specific problem in issue, any general value derivable from the provisions they included, or the nation’s governmental structure.”

— John Hart Ely, Yale Law Professor

“One of the most curious things about Roe is that, behind its own verbal smokescreen, the substantive judgment on which it rests is nowhere to be found.”

— Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard Law Professor

“As a matter of constitutional interpretation and judicial method, Roe borders on the indefensible. I say this as someone utterly committed to the right to choose. ... Justice Blackmun’s opinion provides essentially no reasoning in support of its holding.”

— Edward Lazarus, former clerk to Justice Harry Blackmun

“[I]t is time to admit in public that, as an example of the practice of constitutional opinion writing, Roe is a serious disappointment. You will be hard-pressed to find a constitutional law professor, even among those who support the idea of constitutional protection for the right to choose, who will embrace the opinion itself rather than the result. This is not surprising. As a constitutional argument, Roe is barely coherent. The court pulled its fundamental right to choose more or less from the constitutional ether.”

— Kermit Roosevelt, University of Pennsylvania Law Professor

“Judges have no special competence, qualifications, or mandate to decide between equally compelling moral claims (as in the abortion controversy). ... [C]lear governing constitutional principles ... are not present [in Roe].”

— Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law Professor

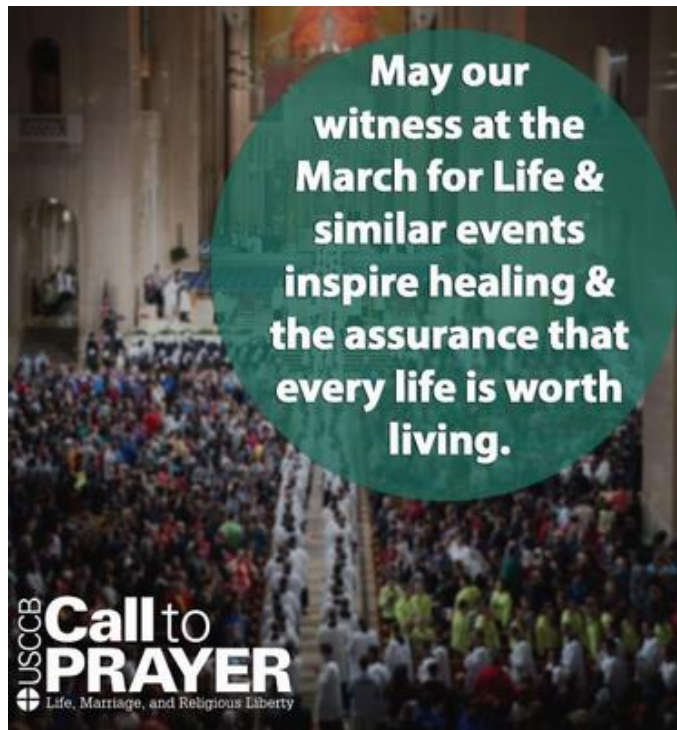
“[O]verturning [Roe] would be the best thing that could happen to the federal judiciary. ... Thirty years after Roe, the finest constitutional minds in the country still have not been able to produce a constitutional justification for striking down restrictions on early-term abortions that is substantially more convincing than Justice Harry Blackmun’s famously artless opinion itself.”

— Jeffrey Rosen, George Washington University Law Professor

For more information about the Thomas More Law Center, visit their web site:

<https://www.thomasmore.org/>

### PRAYERS OF THE MONTH



### **A Prayer for the End of Human Trafficking**

(As shared by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.)

God of freedom, beauty and truth  
we believe that your deepest desire,  
your most powerful energy,  
is that all creation might know abundant life.  
We raise our voices in anguished prayer  
for our sisters and brothers,  
women and girls, men and boys,  
who are modern day slaves;  
They are your beloved daughters and sons,  
exploited sexually or forced to work  
because of human violence and greed.  
Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion  
that those who are trafficked might know healing  
and justice;  
that traffickers will come to repentance and  
conversion;  
that all of us might live in such a way  
that others are not made to pay the price  
for our comfort and convenience.  
Hasten the coming of the day when all people  
and our precious Earth itself  
will be treated, not as a commodity,  
but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and  
truth.  
Amen. May it be so.

