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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.

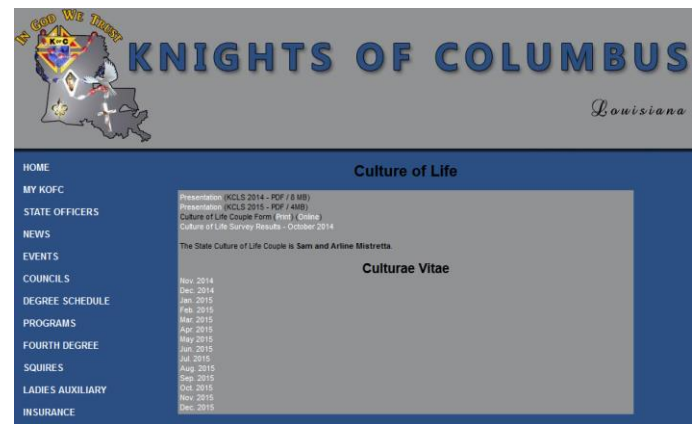


CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE

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.

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

There is great news from the Knights of Columbus for the Gianna Center of the Gulf South on the Northshore. Kelvin and Mary Langlois from Council 12906 are leading a new Ultrasound Initiative

The Northshore's KC Councils have formed a committee to explore options to obtain matching funds for an ultrasound machine for the Gianna Center. Fundraising for this is expected to start first quarter 2016. If you are interested in helping the Knights to raise the matching funds to assist in the pro-life, Catholic healthcare for women right here in our Archdiocese, please email me at respectlife@arch-no.org and I will get you in touch with the proper person.

CHASTITY RESOURCES

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

There are many good Catholic people who struggle with pornography...if you or someone you know is one of them, you are not alone & help is available right here in the Archdiocese:

My House Men's Group – Confidential 12 Step Program for Men Struggling with Pornography – myhouse@archdiocese-no.org - 504-430-3060

The Archdiocese has a local Courage chapter, a spiritual support system which would assist men and women with same-sex attractions in living chaste lives in fellowship, truth and love.

For more information please visit <http://couragec.org/chapter/new-orleans/>

Natural Family Planning classes available here:

1. Northwest Family Services — SymptoPro Fertility Education:

<http://nwfs.org/couples-a-singles/natural-family-planning.html> or call: 504-861-6243

(7 teachers Northshore & Southshore.

2. Creighton Model FertilityCare System:

<http://www.creightonmodel.com/>

Southshore — (3 teachers) call: 504.496.0214

Northshore — (5 teachers including 1 Spanish teacher) call: 985.466.1919

3. Couple to Couple League — The Sympto-Thermal Method

<https://www.ccli.org/> or call 504-861-6243

3 teachers on the Southshore only.

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) if you have questions.



A MESSAGE FROM LRTL

Ben Clapper (Executive Director LRTL)

With the sad passing of Justice Scalia, who frequently visited Louisiana, the future of the Supreme Court and admitting privilege laws to be considered by the court on March 2nd are up in the air. We are happy [Sen. Bill Cassidy already defended](#) Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's intention to wait until after a new president is sworn in to consider a nominee.

In Louisiana, the regular legislative session begins March 14th. Among other items, we are looking at supporting legislation ensuring parents who have suffered a miscarriage have a right to bury their deceased babies. If you or others have had difficult experiences with hospitals or other facilities on this note, please share your story with us at info@prolifelouisiana.org. With your approval, we want to present your testimony as additional reasons to advance the legislation.

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,
Benjamin Clapper

P.S. I am headed this evening to Westwego to speak to a Knights of Columbus Council. Remember, Louisiana Right to Life is able to offer you an inspiring pro-life speaker to your group, no matter the age, on a number of different topics. [Please contact us!](#)

EDWARDS JOINS AMICUS BRIEF TO HIGH COURT

Louisiana Right to Life

On Feb. 4, Gov. John Bel Edwards joined an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court initiated by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and joined by eight other governors urging the Supreme Court to uphold provisions of legislation requiring admitting privileges for abortion facilities ([link](#)).

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, said the following upon the news of the brief, "Louisiana Right to Life applauds Gov. Edwards for signing on to this amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold common-sense regulations requiring abortion providers to have hospital admitting privileges. We believe admitting privileges are an important protection of the health and safety of women seeking abortion. As the governor of a state currently defending a similar law in federal court, Gov. Edwards' supportive voice is essential."

METAIRIE ABORTION FACILITY CLOSED

Ben Clapper (Executive Director LRTL)

It appears that the Causeway Medical Clinic in Metairie, one of the largest abortion facilities in Louisiana, has closed its doors, at least for the time being.

For the past few weeks, the facility has not been open and their phones have been answered by an affiliated abortion facility in Bossier City. The receptionist in Bossier City has stated that the facility in Metairie is "temporarily closed" and is unaware of when it might reopen.

Today, it was reported individuals were on site at Causeway Medical Clinic clearing out the building, including removing boxes, carpet, and other supplies. Details remain scarce, and for all we know, the facility may reopen at this location or in another location. For now, however, recent reports indicate the facility has closed.

Abortions are still be performed on a regular basis at "Women's Health Care Center" in New Orleans at 2701 General Pershing Street in New Orleans. In fact, its website states that it is the "Only Abortion

Clinic in the Greater New Orleans Area." All the while, Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast continues building its regional abortion facility on Claiborne Avenue, only a few blocks from the "Women's Health Care Center."

Over the years, the Causeway Medical Clinic facility has performed thousands and thousands of abortions, killing unborn children and damaging the lives of women and families. With alternatives to abortion readily available, we don't need abortion facilities profiting off the destruction of human life. Join me today in remembering the lives lost within that facility, and praying that abortions never resume at that site.

We encourage pro-life individuals in the greater New Orleans area to be peacefully and legally present to pray for and offer life-affirming resources to the women and men at the "Women's Health Care Center." Your voice, your prayers, and your presence can make a difference.



CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

COUNCIL SUPPORTS PRO-LIFE CLINIC

By Dale and Judy Tureau (Council 8147)

St Mark Knights of Columbus Council 8147 of Gonzales members Dale Tureau, Jimmy Sanchez, Ralph Roger, Gene Nicholas and Judy Tureau attended the Family Resource Clinic Appreciation Banquet at the Victory Temple in Walker, LA on February 11th. A delicious home cooked meal was served. There were guest speakers, games, door prizes, and testimonials given of babies saved.

Julie Rasberry, the director and owner of the clinic, had the knights stand in recognition of their

involvement with the clinic. Jimmy Sanchez and Judy Tureau were recognized for taking Christmas pictures of the clients. Bryan Rasberry also mentioned that the Knights of Columbus organization donated the ultrasound machine to the clinic. Dale Tureau also accepted a nomination to the board of directors of the clinic.

You can find out more about the pro-life work of the Family Resource Clinic at their [web site](#).



COUNCIL SUPPORTS PREGNANCY CENTER

By John and Elizabeth Hines (Council 13505)

Here is a picture from an event where we raised over \$2,000 for a pro-life crisis pregnancy center in Alexandria, Louisiana called [Lily of the Valley Ministries](#). The money was raised through a baby bottle campaign style fundraiser. Our council has decided to make this a yearly event. The picture below shows our GK Mike Waits providing a check to representatives of Lily of the Valley.



PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

By Wade Simon (Council 8770)

I was fortunate to attend the Celebrate Life Banquet, representing the Maurice Right to Life and Council 8770, to help raise money for the Desormeaux Foundation.

The Desormeaux foundation ([link](#)) is comprised of [The Women's Center of Lafayette](#) (a pregnancy resource center serving women of Lafayette and surrounding communities), the [St. Marguerite d'Youville Home](#) (a home for homeless pregnant women) and [The Baby & Me Boutique](#) (a resource for pregnant moms to find maternity clothes, baby clothes and much more).

The guest speaker was Ms. Ursula Anderson who spoke about her abortions and pro-life conversion. She now fights for the lives of the innocent unborn. We also heard the heart breaking yet inspirational story of a young mother who will soon graduate from The Saint Marquarite d'Youville Home.

Many of the statistics presented were sobering and show that there is much work to be done. I would like to thank Mrs. Claudine Desormeaux (President of The Maurice Right to Life) and Brother Daniel (our former Culture of Life Chair Couple) for sponsoring my attendance and their continuing efforts to defend life. Vivat Jesus!

PRO-LIFE THOUGHTS

John Hauler (Council 9016)

April 20th is the date for the next PRO-LIFE DAY at the State Capitol. Various pro-life groups will be available providing insight into their various aspects of the pro-life movement. This is a chance for our legislators to meet and speak with members of the pro-life community on their own turf. The public is invited to stop by the State Capitol to view the

workings of our state government and find out what our state officials are doing for the pro-life cause.

Recently, judges ruled 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, tens of thousands of people braved the freezing cold and snow of Washington D.C. and many hundreds braved the cold weather of Louisiana. The same thing happened in other states, decrying the wanton killing of children just because they are not wanted by the uncaring or naïve partners who caused the baby to be conceived in the first place. The people who march in support of the pro-life cause need to know that they are not alone. They need to know that we the rest of the pro-life movement do, in fact, support them and urge them on. The youth of today are our future. If we let them down, then we have no future. Please write your legislators and congressmen early and often to remind them of the importance of respect for life.

ABORTION MILL CLOSED!

LeRoy and Ellen Brandow (Council 14614)

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

Some of you may have already heard the great news that the abortion facility on Ridgelake Drive in Metairie has closed!

A few pro-lifers were praying this morning in front of the clinic and witnessed some staff moving boxes, etc. out of the facility. There was a cleaning crew waiting to go in and the crew told the pro-lifers that everything had been cleared out.

For the past 2 weeks, the clinic had been closed because of broken pipes and phone lines. During this time, clients were referred to the abortion facility in Bossier City and to one on General Pershing in uptown New Orleans.

Causeway Medical Clinic has been in operation for over 30 years, previously located on Ridgelake at West Esplanade and has been at the current location for most of that time. Throughout the years, it had been reported that over 300 abortions were performed there monthly. At one time there were 3 abortionists on staff. Most recently there were 2.

Given these statistics, we thank God for answering the prayers of so many faithful pro-lifers, who have prayed and counseled the women and men going into that clinic. Despite all the abortions performed there, many pre-born babies were saved and their mothers helped through the efforts of many persevering Christians, who value, respect and defend life.

NOTE: The Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry will meet at the regular time on Saturday, March 12th at the Ridgelake abortion facility for our regular Rosary march in memory of all the babies aborted at that facility. We will keep you updated as to the location of future Rosary marches.

May God bless you for participating with this ministry for the past 28 years by being a visible witness for the sacredness of every human life, especially unborn human life!

John and Pam Richard, Coordinators, Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry

MORE ON ABORTION MILL CLOSURE

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Since February 1, 2016, the Ridgelake abortion mill, better known as the Causeway Medical Clinic, has been closed and our sidewalk prayer warriors witnessed workers clearing out the facility.

I have been told that the phone calls to the facility the past two weeks have been transferred to their Bossier City facility and callers have been told that it was temporarily closed.

As of now we just have to wait and see if this abortion mill re-opens at this location or at another location. As of now, no 'for sale' sign has been placed on the building.

Even though this abortion mill has been closed since beginning of February, clients have continued to arrive to make an appointment, come for an abortion or a follow-up until now. So our pro-life lay apostolate will continue coming to the abortion mill to pray and witness at least until the end of February.

After February, then our pro-life lay apostolate may be going to Women's Health Center at 2701 General Pershing.

Praise God that no babies have been aborted at this location since February 1st.

God Bless,
Wilson Breaux

The story was covered by the TV news ([link](#)).

Metairie abortion clinic closing creates strong reactions



COUNCIL PRO-LIFE REPORT

Mike and Cathy Abbate (Council 9623)

In February, the Culture of Life chair couple sponsored Culture for Life Day for the School Students in Laplace. During the week of February 9th, the couple sponsored the week of prayer to end abortion in our country and around the world in the Adoration Chapel. On February 12th, the council Culture for Life couple sponsored a "Baby Shower for the Unborn Children" with the Middle School Students. All of the gifts received were given to the Battered Women's Home on West 5th Street in Laplace and the Women's New Life Center in Metairie.

On February 15th, the council Culture for Life couple attended the prayer service at the proposed site for the new Planned Parenthood facility on 4636 South Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. The Pilgrim Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa from Poland was on display at the service.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

By Frank Chase (Council 8840)

On January 23rd and January 24th, the St. Hilary Knights of Columbus Council 8840 had a Baby Bottle Campaign and Pro-Life Mass at St. Hilary of Poitiers Catholic Church in Mathews, LA.

The campaign was conducted to benefit the Crossroads Pregnancy Crisis Center in Thibodaux, LA. Alida Cochran and Shelby Ellis from Crossroads spoke at all masses. They talked on helping women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy and those considering abortion.

Baby bottles were handed out at all church exits. The parishioners brought back their donation at the next two weekend masses. The total amount of donations collected was \$3095.77. We thanked everyone for their generous donation.

The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Mass was held at the 4 PM mass. The St. Hilary Kaycee Ladies bought an arrangement of blue and pink flowers for the altar, and the Fourth Degree led the procession. The knights followed carrying a platform with the statue of Our Lady of Guadeloupe adorned with a bed of roses. Roses were placed on the altar for all aborted children.

Shelby Ellis from Crossroads spoke. A young family brought up the gifts. After mass the knights, along with parishioners said a pro-life Rosary. All in attendance were invited to refreshments provided by the knights.



HELP REQUESTED: CBIB COMPASSIONATE BURIALS FOR INDIGENT BABIES

Sam Mistretta (Assembly 2241)

Sir Brother Knights,

I am a Fourth Degree Knight from Assembly 2241 in Baton Rouge, and my wife and I are the State Culture of Life chair couple. I have a request to make.

In our society, unborn children are killed in the womb as a result of abortion because many people do not recognize the humanity of the unborn. CBIB, Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies ([link](#)), is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2007 to ensure that unclaimed and aborted babies receive a proper burial. Their mission is the respectful burial of babies that have been found thrown in trash bins or otherwise would not receive burial. In this Year of Mercy, we are reminded that burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Lise Naccari, Founder and President of CBIB, has requested that a fourth degree honor guard participate in these funerals. These funerals typically occur in the New Orleans area. I am sure that you would agree that our Fourth Degree Knights add a special degree of dignity to any ceremony. Some assemblies have participated in the past, but availability of honor guard members has diminished recently. As few as two Sir Knights are often all that is required.

I would like to know if you would be willing to have your email contact information provided to Mrs. Naccari so that your assembly could be contacted about future burials. If you would like to help with this special ministry, please reply to my email.

Thank you so much for your consideration.



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:

- 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.

PULSE
immersion
*formerly "Camp Joshua"

Shreveport
@ Camp Bethany
March 4 - 6 2016

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

Covington
April 29 - May 1 2016

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I AM PRO-LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Diocese of Baton Rouge
Marriage Family Life Office

**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.

PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDRAISER

The Family Life Federation Pregnancy Problem Center is having **A Pink and Blue Event**. This is a fundraiser 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 for tickets.

ABBAY YOUTH FEST!

The Abbey Youth Festival is an apostolic service of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. It is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to experience a day of prayer and faith formation with an exposure to the Benedictine tradition. Its focus is evangelization and vocational discernment by means of Liturgy, prayer, worship, music and education appropriate for Catholic young people ages 12 and up!

The keynote speakers are:

- Tammy Evevard, speaker and author featured on EWTN and CNN
- Dave Moore, Christian Singer-Songwriter
- Matt Fradd, Catholic Apologist and speaker
- Fr. Josh Johnson, Catholic priest
- Fr. Bryce Sibley, Catholic priest

Registration Cost: \$40 (includes t-shirt)

Pre-registration closes: March 1, 2016

Click here to register:

<http://www.reg.abbeyyouthfest.com>

Learn more about this event at:

<http://www.abbeyyouthfest.com/#our-story>

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP MEETING

Dear Friend of Louisiana Right to Life,

On Saturday March 12th, Louisiana Right to Life will host a Chapter and State Leadership Meeting in Lafayette at John Paul the Great Academy. This meeting serves as an opportunity for leaders of Right to Life chapters and local pro-life efforts to join together, discuss the state of the pro-life cause in Louisiana, share projects and ideas, and make plans for the future.

Click here to register:

<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/LeadershipMeeting>

In the morning, we will have a closed Board of Directors meeting that will conclude at 11 AM. We will open doors at 11:30 and begin serving lunch. Our statewide meeting will run from Noon - 3 PM. While not required, a \$10 donation would be helpful in assisting us in offsetting food costs.

We are working on having some volunteers that can help take care of children, as the grounds of JPG Academy are beautiful and offer the opportunity for outdoor activities. If you are interested in bringing your children, please let us know so we can get a count.

As a reminder, Louisiana Right to Life is a non-sectarian and non-denominational organization open to all. We are blessed that JPG Academy, a strongly pro-life K-12 school, has offered their facilities to us free of charge.

We hope to see you there, and if you have others that you believe we should invite, please let us know!

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,
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MEMORIAL MASS AND SERVICE

Causeway Medical Clinic has closed down! In response, there will be a Memorial Mass and Service. Please spread the word. All are invited.

Memorial Mass and Service Honoring Babies Aborted at Causeway Medical Clinic

Saturday, March 12th, 2016 from 8:30 - 9:15 AM at St. Angela Merici Church at 901 Beverly Garden Drive Metairie, Louisiana

Immediately following Mass, there will be a Memorial Prayer Service at Causeway Medical Clinic at 3044 Ridgelake Drive, Metairie, Louisiana

Fr. Beau Charbonnet will be the celebrant at the Mass and Memorial Service. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry (a ministry of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office)

Contact John and Pam Richard, Coordinators for more information at 504.460.9360 or 985.809.0773.



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For more information, please call 504.460.9360 or 985.809.0773*

Sidewalk Counseling Training

Presented by Yvette Fouchi

Louisiana Right to Life Sidewalk Ministry Coordinator



Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:00 AM– 1:00 PM

Bethany Church—South Campus

11107 Honore Lane, Baton Rouge

No cost, please RSVP for planning purposes

RSVP to clleicarpenter1@gmail.com or 225.954.4875

A few of the topics covered:

- How to begin the dialogue with an abortion-minded woman
- How to maintain a peaceful, non-threatening atmosphere
- How to implement effective sidewalk counseling techniques
- How to offer assistance to a post-abortive woman or man

Yvette Fouchi serves as a sidewalk counselor in front of abortion facilities in New Orleans and Metairie offering alternatives to abortion, as well as resources for post-abortive help. She has provided numerous training and educational classes on sidewalk counseling.

Yvette is on the board of New Orleans Right to Life and is also the Louisiana Right to Life Sidewalk Counseling Ministry Coordinator.

Sponsored by:

Louisiana Right to Life, Baton Rouge Right to Life and
40 Days for Life Baton Rouge

EDUCATION CORNER

FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

From the USCCB

Are you looking for solidly Catholic resources to strengthen your marriage? If so, check out the “For Your Marriage” [web site](#) from the USCCB. Major topics on the site are:

- Dating and Engaged
- Parenting and Family
- Marriage

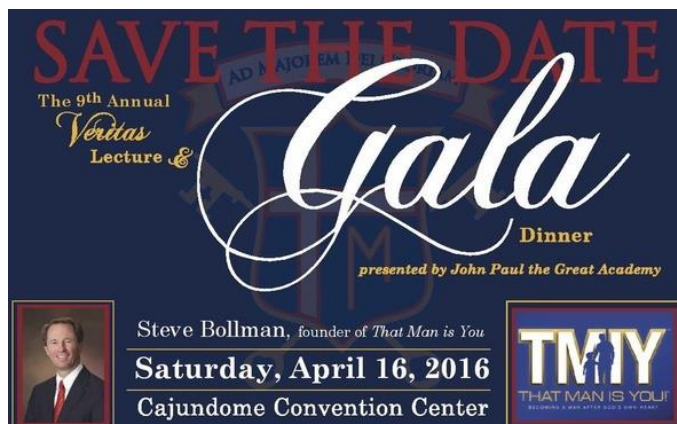
Consider sharing this content with your councils during the regular business meetings.



END OF LIFE VIDEO

9 Days for Life from the USCCB

Please view this short 3 minute [video](#) “Maggie’s story” about living with a terminal illness.



NCHLA UPDATED WEB SITE

NCHLA has a new look! Human Life Action (HLA), a project of NCHLA, is underway. The site is still evolving, but I invite you to take a sneak peek at www.HumanLifeActionCenter.org. There you will find easy access to our alerts and hot topics. While this web site is an effective and user-friendly action center, it is also a library full of rich resources and tools for the citizen-advocate.

Check out our current Legislative Report for an up-to-date account of the life issues before Congress

Need to do research? You can search Legislative Reports from past years or go to the Issues tab for more detailed information by topic.

Hop on the Hot Topics page whenever you want to catch up with the latest legislative priorities.

But not everything is changing. You can still rely on us for timely, accurate and effective legislative updates and calls to action. As we prepare to mark the 43rd anniversary of the deadly Roe v. Wade decision, the need for us to take action is more urgent than ever. I plan to be back in touch later today with a call to action. I know I can count on you to contact Congress.

We value your participation in our mission and thank you for continuing to stand with us as we raise our voices in defense of life and liberty. Together we will be heard!

Best regards,

Amy McInerney
Executive Director

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.

In “[A Perfect Gift](#),” one parent shares about the experience of raising a child with Down syndrome, contrasting it with what onlookers might perceive: “It’s like looking at a stained-glass window from the outside: The colors look dark, and you can’t quite make out the figures. From the inside, however, with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color.” May each of us experience the power of God’s transforming love, that our eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of the people the Lord places in our lives.”



The following was taken from the Joint Declaration of Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia:

20. The family is based on marriage, an act of freely given and faithful love between a man and a woman. It is love that seals their union and teaches them to accept one another as a gift. Marriage is a school of love and faithfulness. We regret that other forms of cohabitation have been placed on the same level as this union, while the concept, consecrated in the biblical tradition, of paternity and maternity as

the distinct vocation of man and woman in marriage is being banished from the public conscience.

21. We call on all to respect the inalienable right to life. Millions are denied the very right to be born into the world. The blood of the unborn cries out to God (Genesis 4:10).

The emergence of so-called euthanasia leads elderly people and the disabled begin to feel that they are a burden on their families and on society in general.

We are also concerned about the development of biomedical reproduction technology, as the manipulation of human life represents an attack on the foundations of human existence, created in the image of God. We believe that it is our duty to recall the immutability of Christian moral principles, based on respect for the dignity of the individual called into being according to the Creator’s plan.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

“Help them to comprehend the truth and strength and inviolability of your love, the generosity of your mercy; show them the outpouring of your grace; gift them with your healing and let them recognize it and trust that your gifts once bestowed are never rescinded. You, Alpha and Omega, in whom we live and move and have our being, spread forth your peace like sweetest honey to refresh starving hearts and weary spirits. Let your Light touch us, like consoling balm, to soothe and warm our chilled humanity, that we might be opened to your justice and willing to be made whole. But I am no worthy intercessor, only a faulty and broken vessel trusting in your mercy. Consider not what I deserve in your sight, but only the needs of these whom you love, these I bring before you and for whom I, the least, plead. Let my prayer rise before you like incense to carry these forward. Forgive my sins, especially my failures in love, my sins of omission, and cast them behind your back as your prophet Isaiah has promised, and with your grace may I do better. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, the sinner, in your name I pray ...”

Elizabeth Scalia, The Catholic Answer ([link](#))