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PRELIMINARIES

COUNCIL CULTURE OF LIFE CHAIR COUPLES WANTED!

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

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

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

KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATIONS

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

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

The 2014 presentation provides an overview of the main Culture of Life issues. The 2015 presentation provides specific guidance on the activity grading form. The 2016 presentation provides updated information, and it covers new topics.

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).

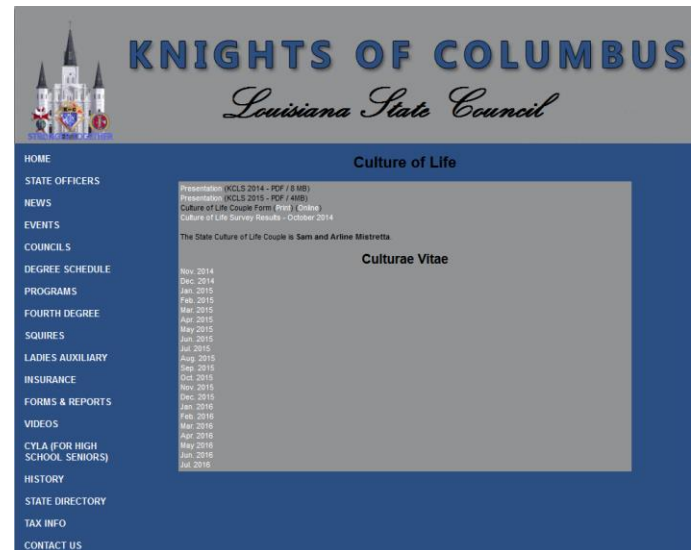
Your State Culture of Life Chair Couple is ready to assist your council in participating in this program. Please contact Sam Mistretta (225-975-1501 or smistretta2@cox.net) for assistance.



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



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.



ABORTION IN LOUISIANA LRTL

The number of abortions in Louisiana decreased by 10 percent from 2014 to 2015, according to preliminary figures provided to Louisiana Right to Life recently by the Department of Health and Hospitals.



There were 9,311 abortions performed in Louisiana in 2015, down from 10,211 abortions reported in 2014. The number of abortions performed in the state had increased steadily since 2008, when population numbers began returning to pre-Katrina levels. The 2015 figure is the lowest total number of abortions in the state since 2012, when 9,225 abortions were reported.



Even with numbers going down, on average, 26 abortions per day were performed in Louisiana, and Louisiana Right to Life will continue working hard to reduce these numbers until every baby is saved.

Caddo Parish had the highest number of abortions in a single parish with 3,243, while the greater New Orleans area saw the most abortions performed with 3,750. Of those, 1,921 were performed in Jefferson Parish, but the Causeway Medical Clinic in Metairie has since closed its doors.

Out-of-state residents accounted for 15 percent (or 1,362) of all abortions. This number is down slightly from 2014, when 1,432 women traveled across state lines into Louisiana for the procedure.

Some quick facts about the 2015 statistics in Louisiana:

- There were 9,311 abortions performed in 2015. That means there were, on average, 26 abortions per day.
- 37 girls under the age of 15 had abortions in 2015. Another 822 girls between the ages of 15-19 aborted their babies.
- The largest number of abortions - 2,916 - were performed on women between the ages of 20-24. There were also 1,140 women ages 35 and older who had abortions in 2015.
- Women categorized as "non-white" accounted for 70% of abortions performed in 2015.
- 87% of women who had abortions in 2015 were unmarried.
- 66% of babies were aborted within eight weeks of pregnancy.

You can download a fact sheet [here](#).



A COMPREHENSIVE PRO-LIFE POSITION

The following is a portion of a major political party platform:

Protecting Human Life

The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth. We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women who face an unplanned pregnancy. In order to encourage women who face an unplanned pregnancy to choose life, we support legislation that requires financial responsibility for the child be equally borne by both the mother and father upon conception until the child reaches adulthood. Failure to require a father to be equally responsible for a child places an inequitable burden on the mother, creating a financial and social

hardship on both mother and child. We celebrate the millions of Americans who open their hearts, homes, and churches to mothers in need and women fleeing abuse. We thank and encourage providers of counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance for empowering women experiencing an unintended pregnancy to choose life. We support funding for ultrasounds and adoption assistance. We salute the many states that now protect women and girls through laws requiring informed consent, parental consent, waiting periods, and clinic regulation. We condemn the Supreme Court's activist decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* striking down commonsense Texas laws providing for basic health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

We applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for leading the effort to add enforcement to the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act by passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which imposes appropriate civil and criminal penalties on healthcare providers who fail to provide treatment and care to an infant who survives an abortion, including early induction delivery whether the death of the infant is intended. We strongly oppose infanticide. Over a dozen states have passed Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Acts prohibiting abortion after twenty weeks, the point at which current medical research shows that unborn babies can feel excruciating pain during abortions, and we call on Congress to enact the federal version. Not only is it good legislation, but it enjoys the support of a majority of the American people. We support state and federal efforts against the cruelest forms of abortion, especially dismemberment abortion procedures, in which unborn babies are literally torn apart limb from limb.

We call on Congress to ban sex-selection abortions and abortions based on disabilities — discrimination in its most lethal form. We oppose embryonic stem cell research. We oppose federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. We support adult stem cell research and urge the restoration of the national placental stem cell bank created by President George H.W. Bush but abolished by his Democrat successor, President Bill Clinton. We oppose federal funding for harvesting embryos and call for a ban on human cloning.

THIRD PARTY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

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

What are the medical and ethical concerns with Third Party Assisted Reproduction (that is conceiving a child through means of a third person in addition to the husband and wife)? We know that the Catholic Church has explained in Church teaching documents the concerns regarding third party reproductive technology as it relates to God's design for marriage and procreation. Science has increasingly backed up what the Church already knows. You can learn more using this [link](#).

ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

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

The Louisiana State Legislature recently passed a law that codifies surrogacy in the state of Louisiana. The Coalition Against Reproductive Technologies (CART in the Diocese of Lake Charles) notes there are many issues with this new law ([link](#)) as outlined below:

“It ignores the importance of maternal-infant bonding *in utero* and the profound attachment that occurs during pregnancy and childbirth.

It ignores the serious health risks with the drugs required for all gestational surrogates. These drugs come with no long term health studies.

Despite no legal payment being allowed for surrogates, attorneys and brokers still charge large sums of money for their services. This bill invites a corrupt industry of human traffickers posing as professionals

It inherently involves systematic abortion. IVF babies are at far greater risk of developing health problems and yet are at far greater risk of being aborted precisely because of health problems. The clause in this bill that addresses ‘forced abortion’ and payments to abort do not address and prevent the many ways a woman can be pressured to abort.

Lastly, it is already being challenged by LGBT and transgender activists because as one representative of the group Louisiana Equality said, ‘It leaves us out.’”

You can find out more about this issue using this [link](#).

END OF LIFE ISSUES

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

“Legalizing assisted suicide leaves the doors wide open for health insurance companies to deny coverage of expensive treatments for the terminally ill, in favor of approving the far less expensive lethal drugs for suicide. This horrific danger has already been documented in Oregon...”

Read more [here](#).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

ATTENTION: NFP teachers are needed for the Archdiocese of New Orleans! If you are interested, please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org or 504-286-1119 to discuss the possibility of training to teach Natural Family Planning in the Archdiocese. You are needed!

Natural Family Planning methods, class information, and contact information to register for a class can be found here: <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/natural-family-planning>.



FertilityCare System
CREIGHTON MODEL

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIESMESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE CULTURE OF
LIFE CHAIR COUPLE

Sam and Arline Mistretta

Brother Knights,

We are beginning a new fraternal year, so this is the time to start planning council events. We hope that every council will include at least one Culture of Life event or activity. Some of you may think that starting a new Culture of Life activity will be difficult, but it doesn't have to be that way. Every month, there is a Culture of Life event in your area. Your council may choose to participate in it.

So, how do you know about Culture of Life events in your area? You can contact us by phone or email. You can find our contact information on the state council web site. We are ready to help!

We are also publishing a monthly Culture of Life newsletter. These newsletters provide timely information that you can use to develop your council Culture of Life program. We are using this newsletter to promote Culture of Life events throughout the state. In addition, you will see stories from individual councils showing what they are doing to build a Culture of Life. The previous newsletters are also on the web site: <http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>.

We want to send these newsletters to as many people as possible by email. The way to get on our mailing list is to name a Culture of Life chair couple or director for your council and send us their contact information, including email address. However, every knight is welcome to join our email distribution list for the newsletter. Just email us and tell us to add you to our distribution list.

Please get involved in building a Culture of Life. We need you!

May God bless you and your family.

ULTRASOUND DRIVE FOR NEW LIFE
COUNSELING CENTER

Louis Gaudet (Council 15006)

On January 22, 2009, the Knights of Columbus launched the Ultrasound Initiative Program, in which the Supreme Office committed to provide half of the cost of an ultrasound unit if a council or group of councils could raise the other half. They hoped to put at least one unit in each state. On November 2, 2014, the 500th ultrasound unit was purchased by a council in Baltimore. These 500 units, valued at more than \$26 million, have been placed in all 50 U.S. states. This program shows the commitment that the Knights of Columbus have for the sanctity of life.

In April, 2015, Grand Knight Louis Gaudet from St. Martin de Porres council 15006 was approached to investigate the feasibility of purchasing an ultrasound machine for the New Life Counseling Center in Lake Charles ([link](#)). The plan was to raise half of the needed funds for the ultrasound and receive the other half through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

Raising half the funds was still going to be a major task for one council. On May 11, 2015, a meeting of Grand Knights of District 49 was held, representing councils from St. Martin de Porres, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Margaret, St. Henry, Christ the King, and St. Theodore in Moss Bluff. At that meeting, it was agreed that each council would hold a fundraiser and the funds raised would be combined and deposited into the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Fund. An envelope campaign was held so that parishioners would be able to easily make a donation. An envelope campaign was also held by Fr. Long at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The proceeds from these fundraising efforts totaled \$32,724.16. We would like to thank the parishioners from these Church parishes who made donations.

A quote for a 4D ultrasound machine for \$44,000 was proposed and accepted by Jeanne Lebato, Director of the New Life Counseling Center. The quote was then sent to Supreme and they agreed to match half the cost. A check for \$22,000 was subsequently received from Supreme.

The ultrasound machine was purchased for the center. This was the 677th machine purchased by the Knights of Columbus, contributing to the goal of placing 700 machines by the end of 2016.



PICTURE L-R: JACK O'REILLY JR, FS 13931, JEANNE LEBATO, DIRECTOR OF NEW LIFE COUNSELING, BOB SUYDAM, 3622, LOUIS GAUDET, ULTRASOUND CHAIRMAN AND DD DISTRICT 49, STEVE BERTRAND GK 3208, DANNY SHERIDAN, PRO LIFE CHAIRMAN 15006, JOE BABINEAUX, 13931, RICHARD STUTES PGK 13931, DAVID GROCE, FS 3622, JOHN RICHARD, GK 13931, JOE GRANGER, PGK 3208.

BATON ROUGE RIGHT TO LIFE BREAKFAST

Andrew and Amanda Collins (Council 6326)

Council 6326 in Denham Springs was well represented at the 6th annual Baton Rouge Right to Life Benefit Breakfast held on Saturday, June 25, 2016. The theme of the Breakfast this year was celebrating pro-life healthcare providers.

Pictured are: starting with Ms. Mary Toler to her right is Jessica Cowart, Joseph Bergan, Fr. Amrit Raj, IMS, from Grosse Tete area, Madison Milton, Amanda Milton, Amanda Collins and Andrew Collins.



DESORMEAUX FOUNDATION NEEDS HELP

Karol D. Meynard, Diocese of Lafayette Director
Office of Pro Life Apostolate

The DesOrmeaux Foundation is growing in order to help more expecting mothers and their babies in Acadiana!

They have made a request for the donation of following needed items:

- Two refrigerators (prefer apartments size)
- Two (2 drawer) filing cabinets
- One (4 drawer) filing cabinet
- Two utility wagons

These items will be used for a new boutique to be used by the staff and the DesOrmeaux Foundation offices to be used for classes and meetings. The utility wagons will be used to help move inventory for the Baby & Me Boutique.

As always, anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Michela Camel at 337-289-9366 or e-mail michelacamel@aol.com. Thank you for all you do for us, our mothers and their babies!



SAVING YOUNG LIVES

John and Maria Eitmann (Council 9347)

Our council voted to donate \$50 per month to the Metanoia project to assist in fighting the culture of human trafficking. If you too want to save young female human trafficking victims, please partner with Metanoia, Inc. and donate today ([link](#)).



HELP REQUESTED FOR PREGNANCY CENTER

David and Mary Daigle and Emily and Ethan Daigle
(Council 1317)

We have been trying something different here for the culture of life. While I know there are guys in councils that may do this, I don't know of anyone doing it quite like this.

As a council and culture of life couple, we do the baby bottle campaign and pro-life mass as our major events, but we also consider the following part of our culture of life.

I (David) lead a Liturgy of the Word on the first Sunday of the month at Heritage Manor nursing home in Houma with my wife and two children ages 12 and 13 participating. There is no priest available to perform Mass there on Sundays, so we take the first Sunday in rotation with other lay people to perform the Liturgy of the Word for the residents.

My wife Mary (a.k.a Libby) started volunteering to be a part of this service as a Eucharistic Minister for St Francis deSales a few years ago. When we felt the kids were old enough emotionally to handle it, we decided to do it as a team. We consider the residents to be our born babies and love them as such. We hope to bring them joy and happiness as well as to have them see that there are families still in this world, that is, families as they may remember them. They seem to enjoy it and really light up when we sing a familiar hymn as a family with them at the closing of the liturgy. It brings us joy to put a smile on their faces and to have some of them sing along.

Our other motive of course is to teach our children that there is a lot more to the world than Pokemon. We want to teach them how to honor commitments and be a good Christian and a good Catholic even when it may be hard to so. A nursing home, particularly like Heritage Manor, is hard to visit as an adult. I pray that it will be easier for them later in life because we have exposed them to the human side of the elderly and infirmed.

We have not worn our KC culture of life badges while we were doing this, but we will start doing so in August.

CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

Michael & Cathy Abbate (Council 9623)

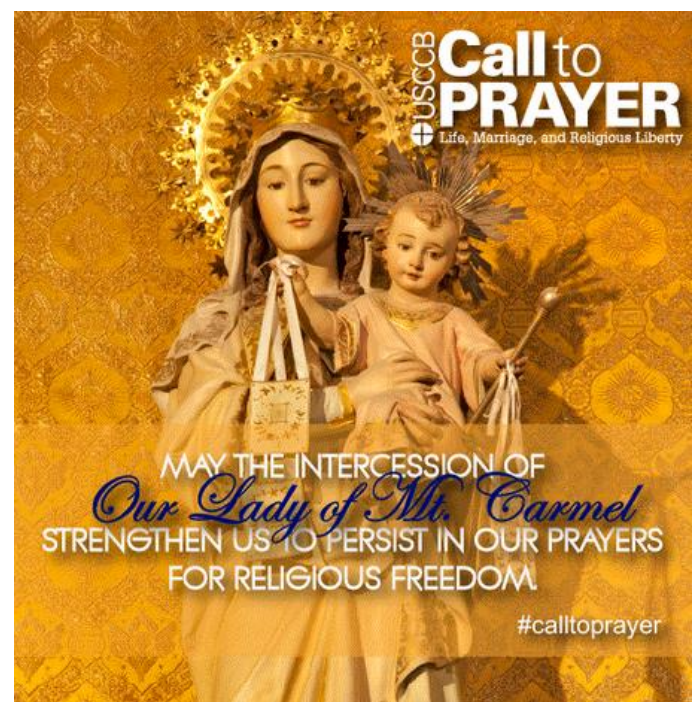
In July, the council Culture of Life couple met with the River Parishes Pro-Life group that consist of several Church groups. We meet every third Tuesday of each month to plan pro-life activities.

Also, the council Culture of Life couple sent home the Vocations Prayer Kits to the youth of our church parish and school. This is done through the school religion classes and the Monday night PREP classes. These kits were sent home for the children to pray for vocations as a family activity.

The council Culture of Life couple also made a \$250 donation to the National Pro-Life Alliance to help in the battle for Life at Conception Act. The council Culture of Life couple sent e-mails to Senator David Vitter, Senator Bill Cassidy, and Representative Garret Graves to urge them to vote for the Conscience Protect Act of 2016.

On July 12, 2016, the council Culture of Life couple attended the Peaceful Prayer Vigil at the New Planned Parenthood site at 4636 South Claiborne Ave. in New Orleans.

Later in the month, the council Culture of Life Couple sponsored NFP Awareness Week with a pro-life prayer and write up in the church bulletin.



RIGHT TO LIFE CALENDARS

John Hauler (Council 9016)

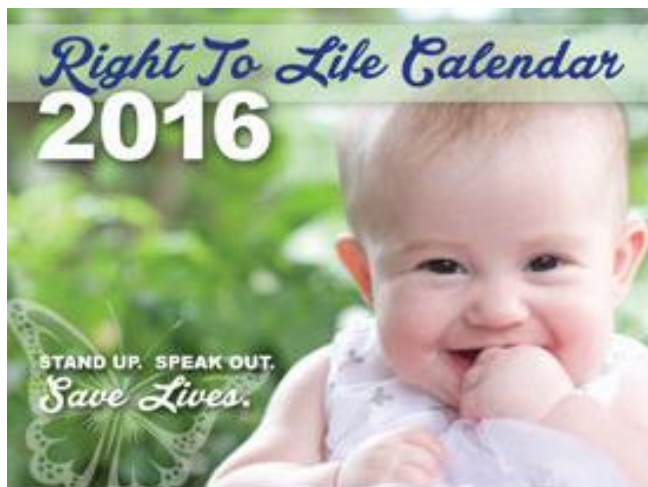
The Right to Life Calendar has been published since 1974 by New Orleans Right to Life to showcase the beauty of human life through the photos of babies and children from our communities. The proceeds of the calendars support the life saving work of New Orleans Right to Life.

If you would like to help by selling calendars please contact: www.RightToLifeCalendar.com or call 1-866-463-5433.

Also, your group can raise funds because by selling 100 or more calendars you can receive \$2 of each \$5 calendar sold. Please call the phone number above or contact the website mentioned above for more information. The calendars are being processed now and should be available by respect life weekend of October 1st and 2nd.

Members of Fr. Hurst Council have sold these calendars for the past nine years with the support of our pastor. It is quite easy to do. It just takes a few dedicated people to stand at each church door after each mass and speak with the parishioners as they exit church. Some will buy and some will not. But, no one will buy one if they do not have the chance.

Please remember that if people say they do not need another calendar, then just inform them that the information on each month is a reminder of why the calendar is so necessary in the first place. The donations help keep the pro-life movement in the public eye.

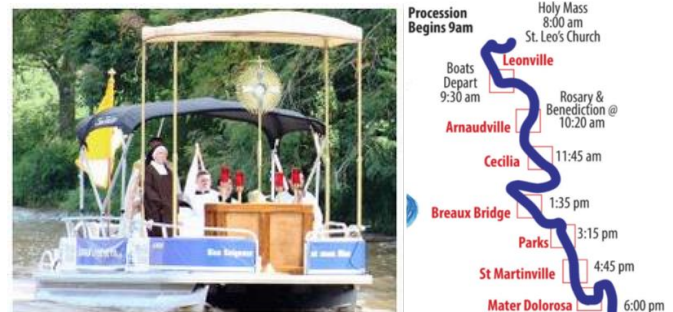
2016 FÊTE-DIEU DU TECHE

Charlotte Bergeron, 40 Days for Life

Come let us adore Him! Fête-Dieu du Teche, Eucharistic Boat Procession down Bayou Teche will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Monday, August 15th. All are invited to a Mass in French at 8:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville to begin the day. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will preside and give the homily. At the end of Mass, there will be a procession from Church with the Blessed Sacrament to the boat landing. At 9:30 AM, 50 boats will disembark in procession and make their way down Bayou Teche, retracing part of the actual journey of our Acadian ancestors toward St. Martinville.

The boat procession will stop at each Church along the way for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (10:20 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. in Arnaudville; 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Cecilia; 1:35 – 2:20 p.m. in Breaux Bridge; 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. in Parks). The procession will arrive in St. Martinville at about 4:45 p.m. and disembark behind Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours and enter the Church for Benediction. The procession will continue on foot to St. Martin de Tours for 5:15 p.m. Benediction and then go down main street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at each of the stops along the way, including before Mass in Leonville and at Mater Dolorosa from 5-6 p.m.

For more information about the day or to register a boat, visit our website at www.fetedieuduteche.org or send us an email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call (337) 394-6550.



KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE SESSION

Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) was held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at MSA-West Academy in Plaquemine. The Culture of Life breakout session started around 9:00 AM and ended just after noon. The turnout was great with somewhere between 60 and 100 people attending the Culture of Life session.

Attendees were also given a copy of Trent Horn's book *Persuasive Pro-Life* thanks to the generosity of the State Council. This will be a very helpful resource in the battle to end abortion.

The session started with a brief outline of this year's KCLS program and Culture of Life goals for the upcoming fraternal year. Next, a new area of emphasis was introduced: Human Trafficking. Our special guest speaker was Fr. Jeff Bayhi who gave an impassioned speech about human trafficking. Prior to his talk, attendees watched a short video on human trafficking in Louisiana and the Metanoia Manor. You can watch the video on-line, learn more about human trafficking, and find out more about their work at the web site: www.metanoia-inc.org. We were also blessed to have with us Sisters Norma Nunez, Alexandrine Rasoanirina, and Ann Maria Mathew who will be running the Metanoia home. Please consider supporting their work to save the girls harmed by this terrible evil.

A presentation was also made on the topic of Gender Ideology, and it was well received. This part of the session provided a significant amount of time for discussion, and I was impressed with the insights and knowledge of the attendees.

Also, Ross McCalip from Council 3743 talked about his experiences participating in 40 Days for Life, and he encouraged every council to dedicate at least one day to praying for an end to abortion at one of the abortion facilities in Louisiana during this event.

The session ended with a detailed review of the new grading form, providing attendees with an opportunity to have their questions answered. Thank you to everyone who attended this year. Arline and I are looking forward to working with all Culture of Life chair couples and councils this year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARRIAGE RETREAT

How is Christ alive in one another? In our journey as a couple? How do we make Christ alive in our world?

The Christ Alive in Our Marriage Retreat will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 8 AM to 4 PM at the St. George Activity Center.

Charis Retreat Team lead by Becky and Chris Eldredge presents this retreat for couples in their first few years of marriage. Take this opportunity to reflect on the meaning of your vocation and how you are being invited to live out your faith. Spend the day hearing talks by other young couples, talking with your spouse and other couples, praying and reflecting as a couple.

Cost is \$40.00 per couple and includes lunch and supplies. For registration, payment, and more information visit www.charisministries.org.



CHERS BEBES

Chers Bebes: Acadiana's Soirée For Life will take place on Wednesday November 2, 2016 at Le Pavilion in Lafayette, honoring Suzanne Tierney and Brenda Desormeaux with Keynote Speaker Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Join Us for a Great Evening for Life! Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the event begins at 7:00 PM.

This event features live Acadian music, delicious food and drinks, fun baby shower games, and Acadiana Pro-Life Awards.

This fun-filled evening will benefit the Drs. William Smith and Zerben Bienvenu Acadiana Pro-Life Education Fund. The Smith and Bienvenu Fund aims to educate thousands of middle school and high school students across Acadiana through

interactive school-based presentations and activities. Through these efforts, we can strengthen the pro-life spirit of Acadiana for generations to come!

The November 2, 2016 event will be held in honor of two pioneers who dedicated their lives to building up Acadiana's strong culture of life and service, Ms. Suzanne Tierney and Ms. Brenda Desormeaux. Ms. Tierney and Ms. Desormeaux have served Acadiana very generously for the past 40 years through legislative involvement, education efforts, raising awareness of the humanity of the unborn, and assisting young mothers in need. They have set a remarkable example for today's pro-life generation to follow!

This will be an evening for our entire pro-life community to celebrate La Joie de Vivre! The evening will feature delicious food and drink, local Acadian music, and baby shower games.

For more information, contact us at 337.524.0044 or email Ryan Verret at rverret@prolifelouisiana.org.



DEFENDING LIFE CLASS

Do you have difficulty sharing your pro-life beliefs? Do you want to have successful, non-confrontational discussions with friends and family about abortion? Learn how to defend life, using straightforward scientific and moral evidence, and be a part of restoring a culture of life in America.

Clelie Carpenter, 40 Days for Life prayer leader and Baton Rouge Right to Life Board member, will present the "Defending Life" class. Carpenter is a pro-life prayer leader at Bethany Church and a sidewalk counselor at the Delta abortion facility. She and her husband, Charles, lead several different efforts, including this class, and coordinate Bethany's two days at 40 Days for Life. They also do monthly door to door canvassing to raise awareness about the harmful effects of abortion. This pro-life apologetics class is based on the "Making Abortion Unthinkable" series, and it is co-sponsored by Baton Rouge Right to Life.

Wed., August 24 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bethany Church - South Campus
11107 Honore Lane, Baton Rouge
(near Siegen Lane)

NO COST FOR THE CLASS

Contact Clelie at cleliecarpenter1@gmail.com or
225.954.4875 for more information or to reserve a spot.

UPCOMING PULSE WEEKEND IMMERSIONS

PULSE Immersion Weekend in Eunice is coming up! It is scheduled for November 11th through 13th in Eunice, LA. Click on this [link](#) to Register!

Call Alex or Krista at 866-463-5433 for more information, or to have them come speak to your youth!

SIDEWALK COUNSELING

Sidewalk Heroes, a presentation on praying and counseling at abortion clinics, will be offered by Yvette Fouchi, veteran sidewalk counselor/prayer, for those who would like to learn more about this important work on Wednesday, August 31st from 7 to 9 PM at the Louisiana Right to Life office at 7121 Catina St. in New Orleans. Please contact Yvette Fouchi (yfouchi@yahoo.com) to learn more or to register for this wonderful workshop.

SLIDELL LIFE CHAIN

St. Tammany Right to Life proudly presents the 25th annual Slidell Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 from 2 to 3 PM at Gause Blvd in Slidell.

Come join hundreds of pro-lifers in this peaceful and prayerful protest against abortion. You can stand anywhere on Gause Blvd or contact your church for a location. Signs will be passed out on site at 1:45 PM or you can pick them up ahead of time by contacting Michelle Gorney at 882-7210 or 640-8765.

An Open House at Slidell Crisis Pregnancy Center will follow the Life Chain at 3 PM at 550 Gause Blvd, Suite 2. Please plan to join this event!



CBIB FUNDRAISER

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. Our Mission is the respectful burial of babies that have been found thrown in trash bins or otherwise would not receive burial.

Mark your calendar! There will be a CBIB Fundraiser on Sunday, October 23rd from 6 to 9 PM at Rock n' Bowl located at 3016 S Carrollton Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118. It should be a lot of fun and the proceeds go to a wonderful charitable organization.

For more information, contact: Lise Naccari, Founder and President Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies, CBIB Inc., 504-202-3111, lisejnaccari@yahoo.com.





PRE-CAMPAIGN PARTY
Thursday August 25th at 6:00 PM
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
4230 S Broad Avenue NOLA 70125

SPECIAL FORUM...
ABORTION IS NOT WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE!
GUESTS INCLUDE...

			
Dr. Kathy Allen	Dr. Susan Caldwell	Archbishop Aymond	Sancha Noel Smith

Dinner Provided... First-Come, First-Serve!
40DaysForLifeNOLA.com 504.835.6520

Family Resource Clinic Presents



**6th Annual
Taste fair &
Craft extravaganza**

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

11:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

DENHAM SPRINGS, LA

Advanced Tickets: \$15.00 Adults \$5.00 Child

Day of Event: \$20.00 Adults \$6.00 Child



Free Craft Show, Silent Auction & Car Show!
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

→ **CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA**

We have many booths to shop from!
Just in time for Christmas!

→ **SILENT AUCTION:**

We have many amazing items for our
auction this year!

→ **CAR SHOW:**

Come see a variety of classic cars!
Timeless Collection!



www.FamilyResourceClinic.org

LIFE CHAIN EVENT

Shanon Snyder, Louisiana Right to Life

Life Chains are a great way to spread the pro-life message and show support for the unborn. For this event, pro-life participants stand in solidarity with the unborn and pray for the end of abortion in their communities.

Louisiana Right to Life is encouraging folks in every parish across the state to host a Life Chain this fall. Life Chains are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2nd across the U.S. and Canada, though some groups have scheduled the event for another day.

Several Life Chains are already planned in Louisiana, and many others are likely, though those sites have not been verified. Events are being added to our website as we receive information on them.

If you would like to plan a Life Chain in your community, contact state coordinator Julie Hanks at 985-351-3143 or you can email her at julieandedinhammond@yahoo.com.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
FACILITATOR WORKSHOP

Trisha Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

There will be a one-hour (or less) workshop to become a FACILITATOR for the Theology of the Body video series for your parish! The workshop will take place on Wednesday, August 31st from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at Diocese of Lafayette Immaculata Center, Katharine Drexel Meeting Room, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501.

This workshop will give you STEP-BY-STEP information on how to bring Theology of the Body to YOUR PARISH !!!! Thank YOU for saying YES to the advancement of the Culture of Life !!!

To attend, contact Adele Guillot, Cajun Catechist, maguillot27@gmail.com, (337) 335-4652.

FOOTPRINTS FOR LIFE

Natasia T. Kissinger, ChooseTheChild.com

Empowering & Educating Children
to Change the Culture

Footprints for Life is a program designed to encourage and empower children to build a Culture of Life. This program builds on a foundation of love, truth and dignity. The program covers all of the USCCB Culture of Life topics age-appropriately, and incorporates the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy into the study of these issues. It is designed to be easily integrated into an already existing program. This program can be adapted for Kindergarten through 7th grade.

There will be an informational meeting on **Saturday, August 20th at 9:00 AM**. The meeting will be held at Chateau Cafe, 3501 Chateau Blvd in Kenner. This meeting is for anyone who may be interested in starting a club this year or at anytime. You may want to also invite your pastor and/or principal. RSVP by Wednesday, August 17th to Natasia (504-339-5384, ntkissinger@gmail.com).



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Baton Rouge's sixth 40 Days for Life campaign will run from September 28th to November 6th from 7 AM to 7 PM in front of Delta Abortion Facility located at 756 Colonial Drive off Goodwood Blvd.



The 2015 campaign was a huge success with 13 unborn babies confirmed saved. Between 2011-2015, 76 babies have been saved! Please encourage your council to adopt time on the prayer calendar! The Knights of Columbus play an important role in the success of 40 Days for Life in the United States. It is very encouraging to have the KCs present--particularly during the early and late hours--when the days get shorter with the changing season.

Many varied talents are needed to make this year even better! Please consider helping us during the fall campaign with event planning, communications, outreach, site coordination, fundraising, and more.

We are again offering individualized flyers to the extent that we have pictures of your school, church or prayer group from past campaigns (with time permitting). Individualized flyers will help your group stay organized, but the pictures and the specific commitment shown on the flyer will also encourage people who may never have participated to come out this year.

Check out this flyer for St. John's School and Church in Plaquemine as an example of how a flyer can be tailored to your group: http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/uploads/docs/40DF_LBRFLYEREXAMPLE.pdf). Please make your request as soon as possible to get the word out about this powerful prayer campaign. For more information, please contact co-campaign directors Charlotte Bergeron or Danielle Van Haute at (225) 242-0164 or 40daysforlifebr@gmail.com.

EDUCATION CORNERLEGISLATIVE ACTION

Are you intersted in an easy way to contact your senators and U. S. repretatives regarding pro-life issues? If so, you should check out the **Human Life Action**, a project of National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc., (NCHLA).

NCHLA helps you become aware of federal legislative action regarding pro-life and conscience protection issues. Through email alerts, you can easily contact your representatives to make them aware of your concerns. You can also get educational resources on their web site.

Since its founding in 1974, they have enabled grassroots advocacy at the federal level for pro-life legislation. They also have educated citizens about the need for a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. They have created pro-life legislative networks to assist dioceses, state Catholic Conferences, and Catholic lay groups. They also worked closely with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of their pro-life legislative agenda.

Their web site also has a library full of rich resources and tools for the citizen-advocate.

You can check out their current Legislative Report for an up-to-date account of the life issues before Congress. Do you need to do research? You can search legislative reports from past years or go to the issues tab for more detailed information by topic. You can check out www.EndRoe.org for in-depth information on the Supreme Court cases which shaped the abortion laws in our nation.

Please take a moment to go to their [web site](#) and sign-up for free email alerts.



HELP FOR EDUCATORS

Healing the Culture is a 501(c)(3) organization that develops and implements pro-life educational resources and programs. Audiences span youth to adult in religious and secular settings. Resources include print, video, audio, Internet, social media, interactive multimedia, and live presentations. They are a major and respected voice, providing outstanding, sophisticated pro-life education since 2003. The current flagship program is **Principles and Choices**, a high school curriculum that helps students master the principles of logic, ethics, and justice that lead to pro-life convictions, and inspires young people to live with purpose and moral integrity.



The Principles & Choices high school curriculum is now in 57 schools in 27 different states.

More than 10,000 students have enrolled in a Principles & Choices class. Nearly 100% of these students will go on to attend college and impact the culture in meaningful ways.

After studying part one of our three-part Principles & Choices series, the percentage of students who agreed with Church teaching on respect for unborn human life increased from 51% prior to taking our course, to 86% afterward. Those who chose “loving God and others” as the meaning of true happiness over “sex, money, power, and success” increased from 56% to 91%. And the percentage of students who agreed with Church teaching on assisted suicide rose from 54% to 66%.

For more information go to:
www.healingtheculture.com.

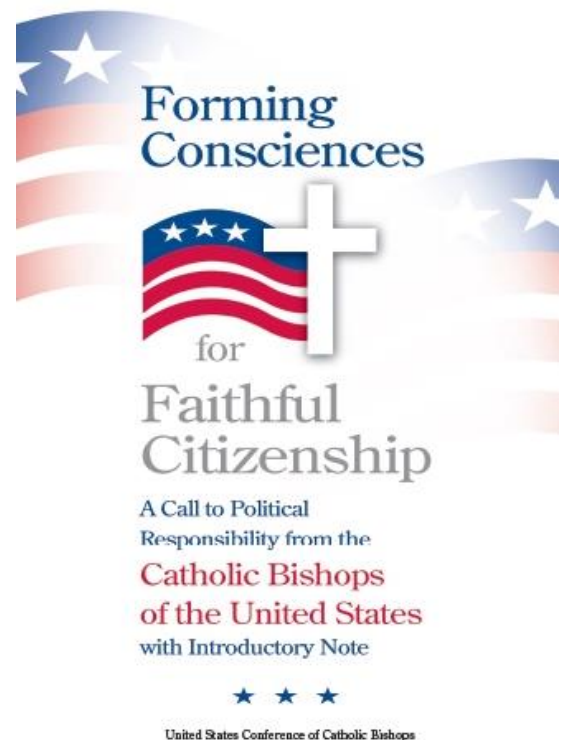
PREPARE FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

How should faithful Catholics make informed decisions inside the voting booth? First, we need to be clear on fundamental principles and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. A great starting point is the booklet “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility.”

This 2015 limited revision of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* gives pastoral guidance to help Catholics in the United States exercise their political responsibility well. This important teaching document integrates new policy developments in the United States as well as new papal teachings, including that of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis to-date. The limited revision presents to the Catholic faithful, and all those of good will, an up-to-date guide for forming their consciences as they participate in the civil order.

The booklet can be ordered at the USCCB web site ([link](http://www.usccb.org)).

Additional resources are also available at the USCCB.org web site ([link](http://www.usccb.org)).



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[California Dreams Up Nightmare for Catholic Education](#)

[Pro-Gay Atheist Sides With Christian Mingle](#)

[Pro-Lifers Push Back against the Supreme Court](#)

[Mother Who Rejected Abortion Met Pope, Thanks to Her Priest-Son](#)

[Dr. Jérôme Lejeune, Hero of the Pro-Life Movement](#)

[Iowa Bureaucrats Force Trans Bathrooms On Churches, Forbid Non-PC Preaching](#)

[Dear Iowa Christians, Use the Right Pronouns in Church . . . Or Else](#)

[Iowa's Law-Gospel Dialectic](#)

[The Court Has Completely Destroyed Its Own Legitimacy](#)

[How to Talk to LGBTQ Supporters](#)

[Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori Call on Congress to Pass Conscience Protection Act](#)

[Nearly Half of US States Sue Federal Government Over Bathroom Rule](#)

[Catholics Battle for Protection Against Abortion Mandates](#)

[Why Homosexuality is a Natural Law Issue](#)

[Regret Isn't Rare: The Dangerous Lie of Sex Change Surgery's Success](#)

[Is It Ever Immoral Not to Practice NFP?](#)

[Catholic Colleges: 'Gender Identity' in Title IX Threatens Religious Freedom](#)

[Man Isn't Meat](#)

[Trouble in Bakersfield](#)

[Mexico's Supreme Court rejects legalizing abortion nationwide](#)

[What is abortion? Planned Parenthood's euphemisms vs. reality](#)

['Transgender' male arrested for taking pictures of woman in Target changing room](#)

[5 reasons why Planned Parenthood knows the 'baby parts' videos are true](#)

[My son was conceived in rape, but he is innocent and worth protecting](#)

[LMU Reinstates Employee Accused of 'Hate Crime' for Defending Church Teaching](#)

[Quebec can't kill them soon enough](#)

[All Risks Factors Are Important in Assessing Adolescent Suicide](#)

[Canadian Law Societies Target Christian University's Faith-Based Beliefs on Marriage](#)

[The Devil, You Say?](#)

[Celebrating the Life of a Stillborn Child: Seven Ways to Say Goodbye](#)

[Obama Administration Ramps Up Global LGBTI Activism in Lane Duck](#)

[The Data on Children in Same-Sex Households Get More Depressing](#)

[This law effectively targets religion](#)

[Cardinal Burke: Doctor encouraged my mother to abort me](#)

[A Physician Exposes the Truth About the Pill](#)

[Can We Stop Kidding Ourselves About "I'm Personally Opposed, But"?](#)

[Teaching the Faith in a Time of Crisis](#)

[D.A. Dismisses All Bogus Charges Against David Daleiden for Exposing Planned Parenthood](#)

[He aborted 1,200 babies, but now he fights to save them](#)

[Third trimester abortions: more common than you think](#)

[Is "Pro-life and Gay" Possible?](#)

[Roe v. Wade Was a Form of Tyranny That Deserves Eternal Hostility](#)

[If NFP works, why does she have ten kids?](#)

[How knowing your fertility can catch diseases early](#)

[Americans support higher standards for abortion clinics, poll finds](#)

[Doctor Death? A sinister one-stop-shop opens in California](#)

[US bishops throw support behind conscience protections on marriage](#)

[Video on the Right to Religious Freedom](#)
USCCB

The Little Sisters of the Poor face a dire threat to their religious freedom in the United States. [Find out more](#) about what the Catholic Church teaches on religious freedom, including the groundbreaking Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*) from the Second Vatican Council.



[QUOTES OF THE MONTH](#)

Quotes from Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae*:

"No member of the faithful could possibly deny that the Church is competent in her magisterium to interpret the natural moral law. It is in fact indisputable, as Our predecessors have many times declared, (1) that Jesus Christ, when He communicated His divine power to Peter and the other Apostles and sent them to teach all nations His commandments, (2) constituted them as the authentic guardians and interpreters of the whole moral law, not only, that is, of the law of the Gospel but also of the natural law. For the natural law, too, declares the will of God, and its faithful observance is necessary for men's eternal salvation."

"Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

Statue of Pope Paul VI at Fatima, Portugal



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

