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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 us 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 NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE KC 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](#).

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.



CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES

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.

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.



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.



DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Many of the Dioceses in Louisiana have pro-life information and resources on-line. Here are links to specific web sites:

Baton Rouge: <http://www.mfldiobr.org/>

New Orleans: <http://respectlife.arch-no.org/>

Lafayette: <http://diolaf.org/pro-life>

Lake Charles: <http://www.lcdiocese.org/prolife.html>

Shreveport: <http://www.dioshpt.org/ministries/pro-life-ministry/>

Houma-Thibodaux: <http://htdiocese.org/fm>

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

SADDEST BIRTHDAY EVER!

By Alex Seghers, Youth Programs Co-Director

Planned Parenthood Responsible for Millions of Birthdays Never Celebrated

Young and trendy millennials sharing high fives, pretty pink colors, balloons, birthday cakes, and historical victory flashbacks are overflowing Planned Parenthood's social media platforms. Using the tagline #100YearsStrong, they've been celebrating the 100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood that occurred yesterday, Sunday, Oct. 16.

Their countdown website proudly stated, "We've made incredible gains during our first century. Birth control, once out of reach, is widely available. Abortion, once a crime, is safe and legal." There were victorious T-shirts displaying messages like "Health, Passion, Freedom, Care," and commemoration videos stating such things as, "Reproductive Freedom is an American value."

The videos also reflect on the abortion legislation battles, imploring, "When I hear politicians talk about women's rights... (they) will never understand what it feels like to be a woman and (have) the decisions that you make about your body trying to be policed."

But we see through Planned Parenthood's pink mask of championing women's rights. In 100 years, while the rhetoric has been expertly polished from Margaret Sanger's "Negros are human weeds that need to be picked" to today's "Reproductive Freedom," the agenda has viciously gone off the deep end.



Pro-Life coalitions are responding to the social media campaign, coming together to expose PP's "100 years of strength" as #100YearsofAbuse. And National Right to Life has answered with SaddestBirthdayEver.com to provide materials to help pro-lifers publicize the REAL work that Planned Parenthood does, primarily killing babies.

My pro-life generation will never forget that so-called "reproductive freedom" has extinguished 6.7 million unborn lives, using a half a billion of our tax dollars annually to do so. We will never forget the additional profit revealed by the Center for Medical Progress videos featuring PP officials joking about Lamborghinis, organs and "intact cadavers."

We will also never forget the Live Action videos demonstrating that "Health, Passion, Freedom, Care" also means covering up statutory rape and perpetuating sex trafficking.

In order to preserve "an American value," Planned Parenthood has fought tooth and nail against common sense regulations such as accommodating emergency equipment and personnel and enacting common-sense waiting periods. Apparently being presented with all options still means blocking laws ensuring that women would have seen an ultrasound of their baby before their final abortion decision.

In our own back yard Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast will be celebrating "33 Years in New Orleans, 100 Years Nationwide." And Planned Parenthood plans to continue growing in Louisiana.

PP CEO Cecile Richards stated as much earlier this year when she was interviewed at the ribbon cutting of Planned Parenthood's new facility on S. Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans.

"We definitely built this so we can provide abortions," she said, referring to the new center. "Planned Parenthood has been around 100 years, and we will be around another 100. And we are so excited to be opening this new health center where we will provide thousands more people in New Orleans and surrounding communities high-quality affordable health care."

Louisiana does not need Planned Parenthood to add to its #100YearsofAbuse. While not forgetting the past 100 years, we must be vigilant in activism, prayer and promoting compassionate alternative resources as the next chapter begins.

BLACK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

Louisiana Right to Life

'Truth Matters' Tour Makes First Stop in Shreveport/Bossier

An enthusiastic gathering of new and long-time pro-life advocates kicked off the first stop on the "Truth Matters" tour in the Shreveport/Bossier City community. Praise Temple Baptist Church of Bossier City, led by Pastor Beryl Cowthran, partnered with Louisiana Black Advocates for Life and Concerned Women for America to bring a pro-life message to the Shreveport/Bossier community, which has more abortions than any other area of the state. (CLICK HERE to view Louisiana abortion statistics.)

The evening event featured a program in the church sanctuary, activities for children outside, an array of snacks and a dinner buffet. Pastor Cowthran welcomed the more than 100 people present to open the event and spoke about the need for community solidarity in addressing life issues in the black community.

Black Advocates State Director Dr. Kathy Allen discussed the tragic level of abortion in the black community across the state and reminded attendees that we already have the power to reduce and end abortion in our communities. Kim and Greg Banks, who serve as Black Advocates for Life Coordinators for Northwest Louisiana, spoke about the value of foster care and adoption in providing secure and faith-filled homes for children. Greg also discussed the need for men to take an active role in supporting families and for public policy that supports having fathers in the home. Other speakers offered powerful personal testimonies and information about health insurance options, church-based adoption awareness programs and post-abortion recovery programs.

The evening ended with a healing prayer time, the awarding of door prizes, including a \$100 gift card

from Albertson's, and signed copies of Dr. Alveda King's book, "King's Rules." Several "Ambassadors for Life," who will assist with outreach at health fairs, pro-life presentations in the black community and ongoing awareness efforts, were also recruited, and there was also an opportunity for attendees to confidentially sign up for post-abortion counseling.

The "Truth Matters" tour will resume in Spring 2017 with stops in Lake Charles, Alexandria, Opelousas, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans. If you would like to participate in the tour at any of these stops, become an Ambassador for Life, or if you are in need of post-abortion counseling, please contact Allen at kathy@prolifelouisiana.org.



ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES (ART/IVF)

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

"A five-month-old boy is the first baby to be born using a new technique that incorporates DNA from three people...The controversial technique, which allows parents with rare genetic mutations to have healthy babies, has only been legally approved in the UK. But the birth of the child, whose Jordanian parents were treated by a US-based team in Mexico, should fast-forward progress around the world, say embryologists...The method approved in the UK is called pronuclear transfer and involves fertilising both the mother's egg and a donor egg with the father's sperm. Before the fertilised eggs start dividing into early-stage embryos, each nucleus is removed. The nucleus from the donor's fertilised egg is discarded and replaced by that from the mother's fertilised egg." Read more [here](#).



THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Ben Clapper, Director of Louisiana Right to Life

This past Friday, Sept. 30, was the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Hyde Amendment. Named in honor of Congressman Henry Hyde, the Hyde Amendment prevents government funds from directly paying for abortion-on-demand through programs such as Medicaid.

Make no mistakes, the Hyde Amendment has saved lives over the past 40 years. A recent estimate shows that 60,000 abortions are prevented each year by the Hyde Amendment's presence. We are grateful for the 2.4 million people alive today due to the protection of the Hyde Amendment.

Sadly, the Hyde Amendment is in the crosshairs today. Planned Parenthood and Hillary Clinton have both expressed their commitment to deleting the Hyde Amendment.

Read this [editorial](#) from Congressman Chris Smith about the importance of the Hyde Amendment. Share it with friends, and be sure to educate others where candidates for office stand on the life issues.

-- [Presidential Election](#)

-- [LA Senate Election](#)



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Recently the Respect Life Office was contacted about fundraising for the American Cancer Society (ACS). While we are grateful the ACS does not provide direct support to Planned Parenthood nor do they promote or utilize embryonic stem cells for research, they unfortunately do promote Assisted Reproductive Technologies that do not respect human life, including egg harvesting, the use of donor eggs, the use of IVF & freezing of embryos conceived, donor embryos, & surrogacy. Read more [here](#).

HUMAN CLONING/STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

A remarkable break-through in Adult Stem Cell Research...“Canadian doctors have managed to reverse severe multiple sclerosis (MS) using stem cells, virtually eliminating it from a patient’s body... Of the patients, 70 per cent saw the progression of their disease halted or reversed as their symptoms began to diminish...The treatment essentially involves an extensive combination of chemotherapy and stem cell transplants that are designed to reboot the immune system. It sees doctors harvest stem cells from the bone marrow of their patients, then purify and freeze the cells. Patients then undergo extensive chemotherapy before the preserved stem cells are returned to the patients.” Read more [here](#).



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In September, the Council Culture for Life Couple met with the River Parishes Pro-Life Group which consist of several church groups. We meet every third Tuesday of each month to plan pro-life activities.

Several times during the month of September, the Council Culture for Life Couple led the Rosary for the Presidential election in our Adoration Chapel. The Angelus and St Michael the Archangel Prayer was also recited.

Council Culture for Life Couple sponsored the *Jazzed for Life* Volunteer's Day. This event was intended for volunteers working in the church parishes to help with the Culture for Life programs.

On September 18th, the Council Culture for Life Couple sent e-mails to Senator David Vitter and Senator Bill Cassidy, and the U.S. State Representative Garret Graves to Support the Pain-Capable Child Protection Act (S-1553), and to defund Planned Parenthood in Louisiana and in our nation, and to Support the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (HR-3504).

Later in the month, Council Culture for Life Couple held a Pro-Life Baby Diapers and Baby Wipes Drive. The collection of these baby items were brought to the Women's New Life Center and Access Pregnancy Center in Metairie.

CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Paul Gagnet (Council 1437)

St. Matthew the Apostle Council 13425 made their annual donation of \$3,000.00 to the New Womens Right to Life to support their work in preventing abortions.

SLIDELL LIFE CHAIN

Paul Gagnet (Council 1437)

St. Tammany Right to Life organized the 25th Annual Slidell Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd on Gause Blvd in Slidell. Parishioners from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church really turned out for the event.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

This is a report on the two major pro-life events that we participated in during the month of October.

The first event was NOLA Life Chain that was held on October 1st. It was just a two hour example of what needs to happen every day of 40 Days for Life or better yet, every day until peoples' hearts change and they stop the killing of the innocent. There were different groups present from all over our area, and we prayed TOGETHER as ONE, being strongly supported by our Archbishop. There wasn't much traffic entering the Planned Parenthood (P.P.) facility that day (and this was a good thing).

The second event was our adopted 40 Days for Life day on October 15th. I am so glad that we partnered with St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. Both Fr. Beau Charbonnet and Fr. Patrick Carr (a brand new priest, YEA!) were there and active for more than an hour each. Both men are true leaders.

At both events, our focus was in praying and serving the Lord by our presence. But, in sharing with the other people who attended, it ministered to my heart, especially to see the common love we have for the most defenseless. This is just one gift of ministry. You unexpectedly receive encouragement and a refreshed spirit. I must admit that I was a little depressed because only a few of my solid regulars came out for support. At both events, we received cheers and jeers from the passing traffic. The worst was several times the cars would intentionally swerve over the solid right shoulder line into a puddle to splash us. (I had visions of any Bruce Willis movie that destroys cars.) Next time I'll just bring out some orange traffic cones.

One bright moment was the opportunity that I had to witness to a Jehovah's Witness and his family on how the P.P. is targeting our African American brothers and sisters. I was able to give THEM some prayer cards with pro-life support contact information. They appeared to be thankful.

The most beautiful part of these two events came on Sunday at Mass after our adopted day. I was serving the Eucharistic Cup and I was overwhelmed with confirmation that these events are what we

should do because Jesus is in each and every child both born and unborn. I was able to contain my emotion at Mass but not so well as I am writing this.

Our job is not done. As of this writing, it has been reported that 264 mothers were each lovingly met by a sidewalk counselor during this 40 Days for Life campaign in 23 countries. These women listened and decided to keep their babies. AMEN!

Yours in Christ.

LIFE CHAIN AND PEACEFUL VIGIL

Leroy and Ellen Brandow (Council 14614)

KC Council 14614 Culture of Life Chair Couple along with five Brother Knights and their wives and 32 Most Holy Trinity parishoners from Covington participated in Slidell Life Chain on October 2nd. The council and parish also had a peaceful vigil on October 10th at the Planned Parenthood Facility on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

John & Mary Gaeta (Council 10178)

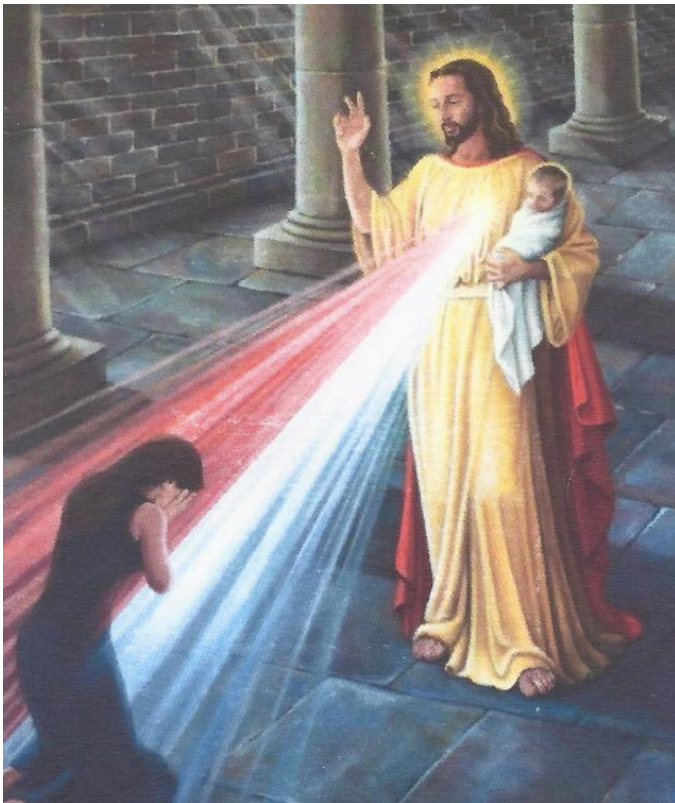
Here is a list of recent pro-life activities for St. Margaret Council 10178 in Albany:

1. A 4x6 sq ft banner was placed in front of church during the 40 Days for Life campaign. This banner is also displayed in January.
2. Twelve council members have also pledged pro-life prayers and decades of the rosary during the 40 Days for Life campaign.
3. Jim & Pat Aldredge has been hosting a weekly pro-life prayer group for several years and so has

Charles & Gayle Roach. Council members are being encouraged and reminded to attend.

4. 40 Days for Life flyers were passed out at the last two council meetings, and members were encouraged to pray outside an abortion clinic or participate in whatever way they are able.

Note: In the past, the Council made available pro-life prayer cards at the church entrance. Unfortunately, these were destroyed in the August 13th flood.



SUCCESSFUL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Frank and Joy Cusimano (Council 4663)

St. Louis King of France Catholic Church in Metairie sponsored a Baby Bottle Campaign two weeks ago and about 100 bottles were collected with donations. The Campaign was directed by the Knights of Columbus Ludovicum Council and was considered a success. The money donated was given to the Women's New Life Center in Metairie, Louisiana.



ACTIVITIES AT DELTA IN BATON ROUGE

Fr. Dan Cook, Diocese of Alexandria

On October 1st, three generations of pro-lifers took time to pray together at the Abortion Mill in Shreveport. Although the grandparents were not with them that weekend, they nonetheless have been praying at the clinic on every first Saturday of the month for over 16 years.



RIGHT TO LIFE CALENDARS

John Hauler (Council 9016)

The Right to Life Calendar published since 1974 by New Orleans Right to Life showcases 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 sell calendars please contact: www.RightToLifeCalendar.com or call 1-866-463-5433.

Also, your group can raise funds. 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.

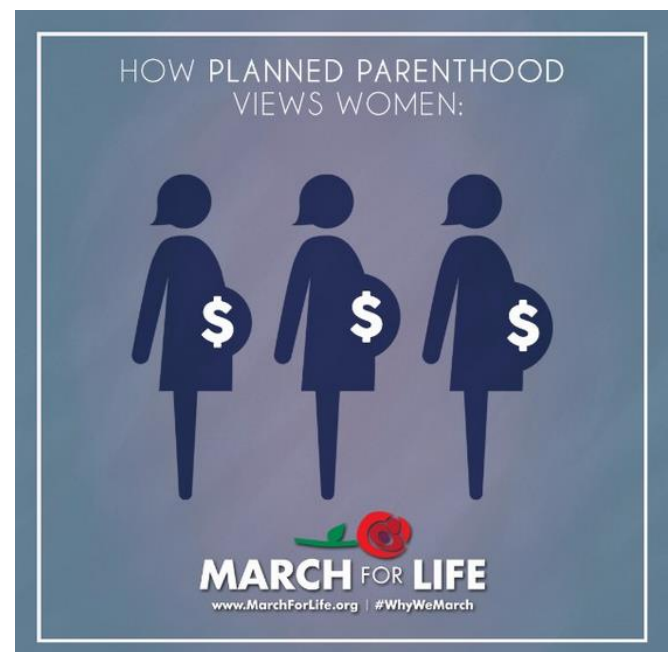
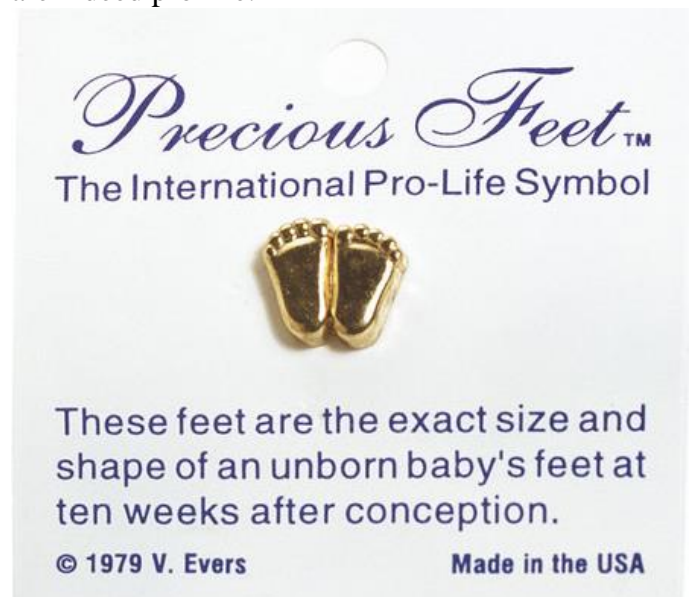
The calendars are available now. Members of Fr. Hurst Council have sold these calendars for the past nine years with the support of our pastor. It is quite easy to do. It just takes a few dedicated people to stand at each church door after each Mass and speak with the parishioners as they exit church.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

“PRECIOUS FEET” PINS

John Hauler (Council 9016)

The precious feet pins available from Heritage House '76 is a subtle reminder of the size of a ten week old baby in the womb. Wear it everywhere, and be proud to be pro-life. If someone feels embarsed by its presence, then their conscience must be talking to them. Never back down. Bob Winn, one of the original founders of Louisiana Right to Life in 1970, has stated many times: “If you call yourself pro-life, you must act pro-life.” So, wear the pin with pride. When someone mentions it to you, explain to them its meaning. It is a great conversation starter, and it shows the world that you are indeed pro-life.



LIFE FEST & RESPECT LIFE MASS

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest was held on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Tracy Center Ballroom of the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge.

This year's theme was "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy." The keynote presenter was Fr. Andrew Merrick, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Spiritual Director for the March for Life Pilgrimage.

Breakout session topics included: Mercy at the End of Life, Prison Ministry, Artificial Reproductive Technologies & Infertility, and Living out Every Day Mercy. The talks were interesting and very informative.

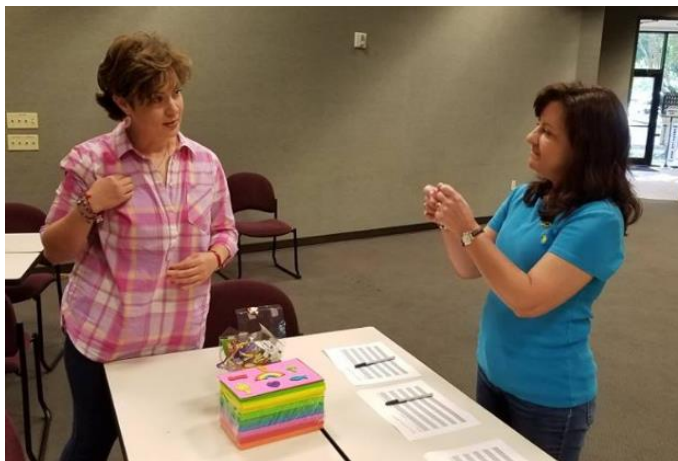
This free event also featured Eucharistic Adoration, a Kids Track for ages 5-11, music by Greg&Lizzy, various pro-life exhibitors, and the Annual Respect Life Mass.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY EVENT

Jacob and Zoe Verdin (Council 9000)

On Sunday, October 2, 2016 (Respect Life Sunday), the LaSalette KC Council 9000 and the Kay Cee Auxiliary participated in the annual Life Chain in front of the Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Golden Meadow. Our council and the auxiliary prayed a rosary, a Divine Chaplet of Mercy, sang songs, and prayed to end abortion.



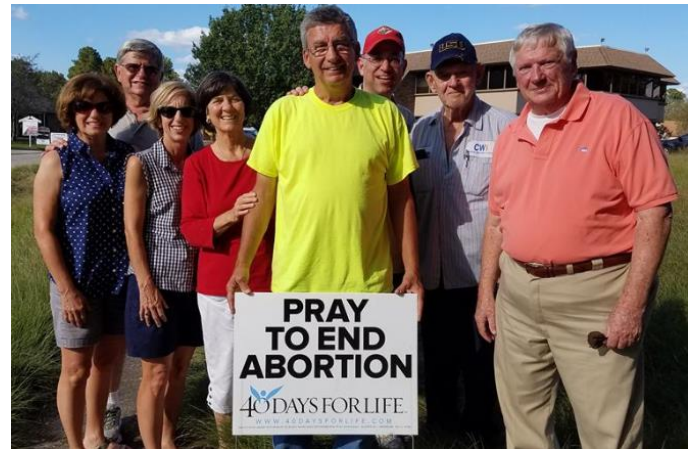
PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION
AT DELTA

Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

As you are probably already aware, this year's 40 Days for Life campaign in Baton Rouge has been officially suspended. Unofficially, we are encouraging everyone to participate anyway.

On Tuesday, October 18th, KC Council 3743 organized a day of prayer at the Delta abortion mill on 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. Due to the recent flooding event, 40 Days for Life was cancelled in Baton Rouge. However, that did not stop our council from making a special effort to pray for an end to abortion. Sadly, there were many women seeking an abortion because the parking lot was full. While praying for a young lady who was obviously struggling with the decision, she decided NOT to abort her twins and left. This was two confirmed saves!

Our Council Culture of Life Director Ross McCalip did another great job of coordinating our council participation. We also want to thank all of the knights and family members and St. Aloysius parishioners who participated this year.



NOLA DINNER FOR LIFE

John Hauler (Council 9016)

On October 25th, St. Dominic Council No. 3729 hosted New Orleans Right to Life's Dinner For Life. They served a delicious jambalaya meal with salad and bread. The guest speaker was U.S. Representative Steve Scalise. He was introduced to the audience by Louisiana Right to Life Director Ben Clapper. It was a very informative evening which ended with a question and answer session.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHERS BEBES

Chers Bebes: Acadiana's Soirée For Life will take place on Wednesday November 2, 2016 at Le Pavillion 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.

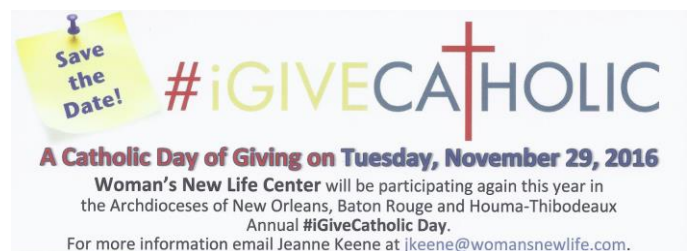
This event features live Acadian music, delicious food and drinks, fun baby shower games, and Acadiana Pro-Life Awards.

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.



UPCOMING PULSE WEEKEND IMMERSIONS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS! The next PULSE Immersion Weekend is less than a month away! A new college track has just been added!

PULSE IMMERSION WEEKEND

November 11-13

ABC Camp | 1202 Academy Drive | Eunice

High school and college students will be trained to be the pro-life leaders of today. Students will hear engaging speakers and testimonies, be educated on pro-life issues and be inspired to make a difference in their schools and communities. The weekend will also include activities such as a bonfire, talent show and onsite outdoor recreation. Cost is \$60 per person.

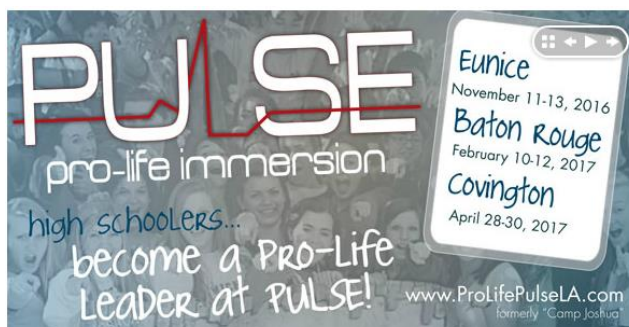


Click [here](#) to register online and get more information. You can also download a registration form and mail in your payment.

Have questions? Contact Louisiana Right to Life Youth Programs Co-Directors:

Krista Corbello at : krista@prolifelouisiana.org or 337.303.8886 or

Alex Seghers at : alex@prolifelouisiana.org or 985.705.6568.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

WHAT IS "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY"? It consists of four 60-minute videos narrated by Christopher West and moderated by Adele Guillot, MA Theology. It is an Evangelization Tool and the Theological foundation of the Culture of Life with the family at its center. Along with the videos, the participants will use the accompanying workbook to better synthesize the teachings of "Theology of the Body."

Diocese of Lafayette – Immaculata Center 1408 Carmel Drive – Lafayette, LA 70501 Katharine Drexel Meeting Room (Enter through the East side of the building.)	
Wednesday's in October, 2016 October 19 th & 26 th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Wednesdays in November, 2016 November 9 th & 16 th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. There is NO charge for classes, but a workbook will cost \$15 each.

Please register by calling the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at 337.261.5607 with the following information:

Name, Address, City, State, Zip, E-mail Address, Phone, Church Parish/City, Referred By.

If you have questions please contact Trista Littell at 337.261.5607 or email Adele Guillot at maguillot27@gmail.com, www.cajuncatechist.com or www.theologyofthebody.com.

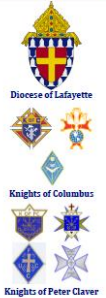
UPCOMING CBIB FUNERAL

The next Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies (CBIB) funeral will be held Thursday November 10th at St. Patrick's #1 Cemetery in New Orleans. They will be burying several babies, including one who was aborted. Contact Lise Naccari for more details at 504-202-3111 or lisejnaccari@yahoo.com.

CBIB ([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.

*Please Join Us!*

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



South Deanery "March for Life"

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

St. Peter's Catholic Church

New Iberia, Louisiana

- **Silent Eucharistic Procession**
(from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church) 6:00 p.m.
- **Mass for Life** (A Love Offering Will Be Collected)
- **Five Day Rosary Congress**
(24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for five days following March & Mass with Pro-Life Rosary recited every hour on the hour.)

*For more information call any local Catholic Church or
(337) 369-3816*



*Guest Celebrant for
Eucharistic Procession & Mass
Fr. Alexander Albert
St. Peter's, New Iberia, LA*



Our Lady of the Lake College (A Franciscan University) Bioethics Lecture Series

FAITH, SCIENCE, AND MEDICINE: UNRAVELLING THE MYTH OF CONFLICT.

- A LECTURE BY FR. WILLIAM BLAZEK,
S.J. & M.D.

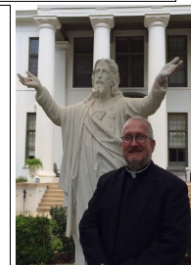
Time/Date: November 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of the Lake College Biological Learning
and Research Building - 5222 Brittany Drive, Suite B, Baton
Rouge, LA

Reception to Follow

Event Sponsored By: OLOL College Campus Ministry

Fr. William V. Blazek, S.J., 51, completed his Bachelor's at Marquette University, a Master's in Health Care Ethics from Loyola University of Chicago, and a Medical Doctorate from Rush Medical College. Father Blazek served five years in the 101st Airborne Division as an Infantry Officer and joined the Society of Jesus in 2001, immediately following residency. Father Blazek has taught at Georgetown University, served as an advisor to the US Secretary of Defense on the Defense Health Board, and directed the Integritas Institute for Ethics. His most recent assignment is as Retreat Director at the Manresa Jesuit House of Retreats in Convent, LA.



HOW IS A CHRISTIAN
APPROACH TO
HEALTHCARE
DIFFERENT?

WHAT IS THE
NATURE OF
CATHOLIC HEALTH
CARE?

HOW DOES THE
CATHOLIC
WORLDVIEW
UNDERSTAND THE
INTERPLAY
BETWEEN FAITH
AND
REASON/SCIENCE?

WHAT ARE THE
COMMON ATTACKS
OF
SCIENTISM/ATHEISM
ON THAT POSITION?

HOW CAN WE AS
HEALTH CARE
PROVIDERS
RESPOND BEST TO
THAT CRITIQUE?

**EUCCHARISTIC
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FOR LIFE**

12:30-1:30PM - SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6
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8415 GOODWOOD BLVD (PARKING IN BACK)
For more info: MenOfTheImmaculata.com

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCHES 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, Jan. 21 | 10 AM - Noon
Louisiana Life March SOUTH in Baton Rouge

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 10 AM - Noon
Louisiana Life March NORTH in
Shreveport/Bossier

Saturday, Feb. 4 | 10 AM - Noon
Louisiana Life March CENTRAL in
Pineville/Alexandria



Please mark your calendars and save these dates for the three 2017 Louisiana Life March events, marking the 44th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country. Louisiana Life Marches are held yearly to unite the pro-life people of Louisiana, across all denominational lines, to take a stand for life in our state and mobilize them with resources to go make a difference in their communities.

Want more information on the Life March in your area? You can download the flyers below or visit www.LALifeMarch.com.

Want to help us get the word out about the 2017 Louisiana Life March nearest you? You can order postcards or flyers to hand out to your family and friends, church congregations, and other organizations to which you are affiliated, and posters to hang around your communities, all at no cost to you! Just email sandy@prolifelouisiana.org or call 866.463.5433 to order your supplies, while they last.

Want to avoid standing in line at the Life March to get your 2017 Life March T-shirt? Want to buy it ahead of time so you can wear it to the march? Click on the link to the left to order the 2017 LLM themed "Protect Them Both" T-shirt. Sizes from youth large to adult XXL are available. T-shirts are \$10 each. Click [here](#) to order.

WEST DEANERY – UPCOMING EVENT

A presentation for adults to assist children and teens experiencing grief and loss will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Family Life Center in Abbeville from 6:30 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. The title is: Unpacking the Emotional Booksack: Healing Tools for Grieving Children and Teens. The presenter will be: DeAnn Kalich, PhD, FT, Professor and Department Head Sociology, Anthropology & Child and Family Studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. No fee or pre-registration required. Contact: Janeth Harrington at 337-258-0073 or jharrington@diolaf.org for more information.

EDUCATION CORNERINTERNET VIDEO RECOMMENDATION

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

The controversy surrounding Planned Parenthood has many people discussing the issue of abortion. Please check out this wonderfully clear and well produced 6 minute YouTube video from Catholic Answers: [link](#). Spread the word!



ASSISTED SUICIDE

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

Our focus this week is Every Suicide Is Tragic. Did you know that “when a patient says I want to die, it may simply mean I feel useless. When a patient says I don’t want to be a burden, it may really be a question: Am I a burden? When a patient says, I’ve lived a long life already, she may really be saying I’m tired. I’m afraid I can’t keep going. And finally, when a patient says, I might as well be dead, he may really be saying: No one cares about me.

Many studies show that assisted suicide requests are almost always for such psychological or social reasons.” (USCCB Respect Life Program)

Spiritual Work of Mercy — For those who struggle to find meaning in their lives: May they find hope and reassurance in Christ through the loving support of friends and family; In Jesus’ name...Amen.

Corporal Work of Mercy — Contact Notre Dame Hospice & find out how you could assist them in their ministry ([link](#)).

Watch [Luke’s Story](#) and spread his important message: Every life is worth living!



For more information on this topic and others in the USCCB Program, please visit their [Resource Guide](#).

RESPECT LIFE
WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESPECTLIFE

*****URGENT: This is important information about the American Medical Association and Assisted Suicide.**

“The American Medical Association (AMA) has long held that assisted suicide is incompatible with the role of the doctor. However, the AMA is reconsidering that position. In just two weeks, on November 13th and 14th during an interim meeting in Orlando, a special session will be devoted to discussing assisted suicide.

As the largest association of doctors in the country, the AMA has a huge influence. Please join in asking the American Medical Association to stay true to the Hippocratic oath and continue to oppose assisted suicide.”

Sign the petition and let your voice be heard. Say NO to their support for Assisted Suicide. Go [here](#).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please be aware of the signs of trafficking. Go to: <http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>.

If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline is 888-3737-888. Put that number in your cell phone!



Check out this Louisiana [news story](#) of a recent FBI arrest of people involved in human trafficking.



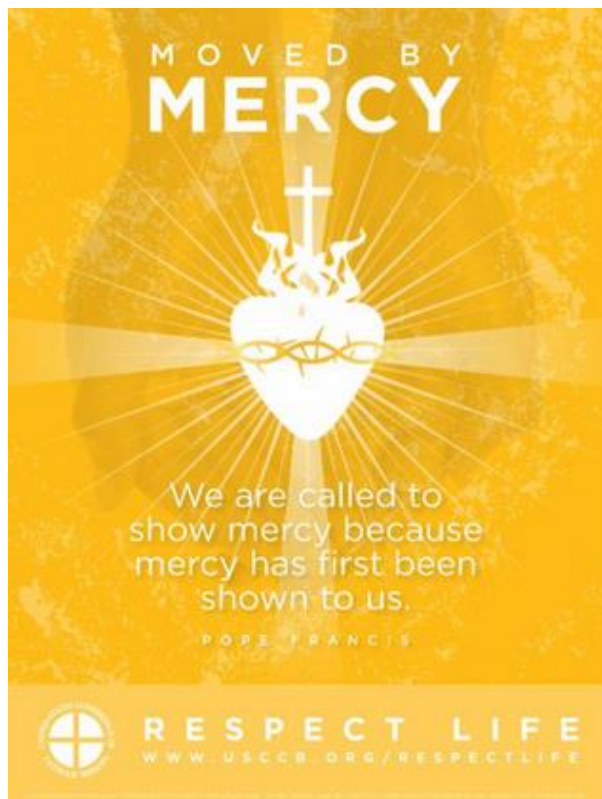
SECRETARIAT LAUNCHES 2016-17 RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

How do we show mercy?
Check out our [six articles](#) on:

- the tragedy of assisted suicide
- navigating infertility
- facilitating healing after abortion
- end of life care
- attentiveness to God's creation
- supporting birthmothers.

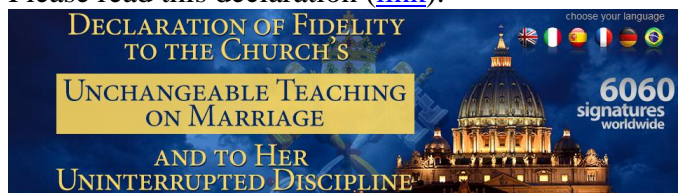
Free online resources for everyone's use, including toolkits for [leaders](#), [clergy](#), and [social media](#).

Order [print materials](#) from the USCCB Store today!



DEFENDING MARRIAGE

Today, there is much confusion about marriage. Please read this declaration ([link](#)).



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Lori: Troubling claims in report raise stakes for religious freedom](#)

[What the Devil's Attack on Gender is Really Attacking](#)

[Poland Initially Approves New Law Banning All Abortions and Protecting Unborn Children](#)

[400,000 Mexicans March to Defend Marriage — With Pope Francis' Blessing](#)

[My College Succumbed to the Totalitarian Diversity Cult](#)

[Let's Explain Rather than Eject the Church's Language](#)

[Internet search engines block ads for sex-selection abortions in India](#)

[Notre Dame to NCAA: Play Sports, Not Politics](#)

[Troubled by America's Leadership? Blame Abortion](#)

[Pope Francis: 'Matrimony Is the Most Beautiful Thing God Created'](#)

[When Scientists Created the 3-Parent Baby, They Killed 4 Unborn Children in the Process](#)

[9 Pro-Life Warriors Who Used to be Pro-Abortion](#)

[Pope on 'Gender Theory': Love Those Who Struggle, but Don't Push It on Kids](#)

[UK vs. Human Trafficking](#)

[Take the Pill and Get Depressed](#)

[Holier than Them](#)

[Shocking New Law Takes Effect in Massachusetts](#)

[Abortion Horrors](#)

[Abortion, the debates, and truth](#)

[That InterVarsity headline at Time: New sign of LGBTQ ferment on evangelical left?](#)

[The Gender Identity Mandate: The latest threat to health care rights of conscience](#)

[A Family-Friendly Guide to Sex Education](#)

[Contraception and Communion](#)

[Europe rejects legalization of surrogacy to protect children's rights](#)

[One of Margaret Sanger's Pals Ran a Concentration Camp That Killed Black People](#)

[Culture of Life vs. Culture of Death on the Same Street](#)

[Persistent Prayer Leads to Abortion Center's Closure](#)

[Authentic Feminism in the Modern World](#)

[Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center Launches Mobile Clinic](#)

[Transgenderism Keeps Getting More and More Confused](#)

[Our Choices End Where Another's More Fundamental Rights Begin](#)

[The 2016 Presidential Election: Voting from a Catholic Perspective \(taught in one awesome homily\)](#)

[U.S. Catholic school hit with \\$1 million suit for not allowing same-sex date at dance](#)

[Vatican enthusiastically endorses 40 Days For Life in surprise letter](#)

[Planned Parenthood CEO: When preborn humans get rights is not "the point"](#)

[#100YearsWrong: Planned Parenthood ignores ugly history with #100YearsStrong campaign](#)

[Abortion Group Targets Catholic Doctors' Conscience Rights](#)

[Dutch Want Right to Die for Those Who Feel They Have 'Completed Life'](#)

[SexEd: A Catholic Mother's Conviction](#)

[Holy Confession Can Free a Soul From the Sin of Contraception](#)

[Euthanizing Children](#)

[40 Days for Life Hits the Road for the Unborn](#)

[Our Open Hands Can Open the Hearts and Arms of Mothers](#)

[Debate Boils Over Sex Education in Catholic Schools](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The foundation of our modern civilization, as Machiavelli understood quite well in the fifteenth chapter of his book [*The Prince*], is Socrates. It was the standard of Socrates that Machiavelli must eliminate if he was ultimately to rule the souls of young men and young ladies.

Socrates often said, in searing words we do not forget in these pages: ‘It is never right to do wrong.’ Machiavelli, the founder of political modernity, claimed this ‘right’ to do wrong when it was ‘necessary’ to achieve his end of retaining power. The death of Socrates, and indeed the death of Christ, are both the price that was paid for upholding that Socratic principle upon which all human dignity and civilization stands.”

Taken from **Docilitas (On Teaching and Being Taught)** by James V. Schall, S. J.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

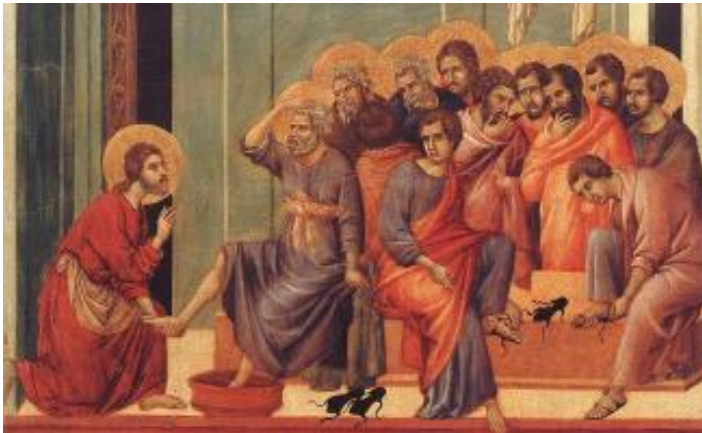
Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

A CALL TO PRAYER

Join the Knights of Columbus in their call for all Catholics to participate in a National [Novena](#) from October 30th through November 7th invoking the patroness of the United States of America, the Immaculate Conception, leading up to the November 8th elections.

