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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 STORIESLEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE

Ben Clapper, Director of Louisiana Right to Life

The elections were positive for the pro-life movement nationally, but we did face a setback in Colorado. Voters there legalized assisted suicide with 64 percent of the vote. While it was always going to be an uphill battle to win in Colorado, the Denver Post did announce its opposition to Prop 106, giving pro-life forces a chance of victory. But it wasn't to be.

The results will only embolden groups like Compassion & Choices (formerly the "Hemlock Society"). Its next target, in addition to New Jersey, Hawaii, and New Mexico, is the American Medical Association (AMA). Today, Louisiana's own Dr. Jeff White testified before a panel in Orlando to urge the AMA to keep its opposition to assisted suicide in place. On Saturday, Dr. White's [op-ed](#) appeared in the Orlando Sentinel newspaper.

Help us re-educate our nation that the response to pain and suffering is not premature death. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,
Benjamin Clapper

WHAT DOES THE ELECTION MEAN FOR PRO-LIFE IN LOUISIANA? ACROSS THE NATION?

Ben Clapper, Director of Louisiana Right to Life

While pro-life progress has been made in Louisiana over the past eight years, that progress has often been stifled by federal opposition. Like many others expecting Hillary Clinton to win the Presidency, we expected that opposition to remain, and possibly, become stronger.

But Donald Trump's surprising victory opens doors for the pro-life progress nationally and in Louisiana. Now, we must be careful in our optimism. With a slim pro-life majority in the Senate held in check by a pro-abortion block of Senators with the power of the filibuster, it is likely everything will not happen at once, or even go as planned.

But, even with that disclaimer, let's look at what we can hope will happen.

Possibilities for Louisiana:

No More Tax Money for Planned Parenthood on Claiborne Avenue:

As Planned Parenthood looks to expand its abortion business in Louisiana, it has been our goal to ensure it, and any other abortion business, cannot receive tax dollars while performing abortions. The Obama Administration and the courts have been stonewalling any effort to put a firewall between abortion and tax dollars. Even legislation just passed this past legislative session to defund abortion businesses had a tough road ahead in the federal judiciary. For us to defund Planned Parenthood in Louisiana, we will need a law passed by Congress. President-elect Trump committed that as long as Planned Parenthood performed abortions, he was not in favor of them receiving our money.

New Judges, New Decisions:

The recent Supreme Court decision preventing Texas from enforcing its law requiring abortion physicians to have admitting privileges at a local hospital was disappointing for our effort to protect the health and safety of women. Our similar 2014 law still hangs in limbo. We will need at least two new Supreme Court justices to make any profound changes in the high court. But it is not just the Supreme Court. The lower district and appellate courts took a strong pro-abortion turn under President Obama. With time, President Trump, assuming his judicial choices are consistent with his pledges, can stem the tide of Obama's judicial takeover.

Possibilities Nationally and Internationally:

Stopping Late-Term Abortions:

Louisiana is one of 14 states that protects unborn babies after 20 weeks of pregnancy. If Congress can get that law to the President's desk, Trump has committed to signing it. Since 1973, there has never been a law enacted to protect any age range of unborn Americans. This would be a major step forward.

Conscience Protections Possible:

The Obama Administration subverted current regulations protecting the right of healthcare workers to object to participating in abortion, even allowing California to force religious groups to cover abortion in their insurance plans. A Trump Administration should be able to beef up loopholes found by President Obama.

No More International Abortion Expansion:

President-elect Trump is expected to reinstate President Reagan's "Mexico City Policy" that prohibits U.S. foreign aid from advancing abortion.

PROMOTE CHASTITY IN YOUR PARISH

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

Plug Dumb Ox Ministries into what you are already doing in your parish! Dumb Ox Ministries is a Catholic non-profit based out of the Archdiocese of New Orleans that works with teens, young adults, and families to cultivate their authentic masculinity and femininity through St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. We seek to form people to be open to receive and respond to God's unique vocation for their lives.

Whether it is for a youth rally, respect life day, parish mission, or other events at your parish, their team has been a seasoned choice for many years. With messages of chastity, authentic love, identity, prayer, vocation, and the Theology of the Body, they have served over 50 dioceses in the last 10 years! They blend relevance and creativity with faithful witness, a prayerful experience, and solid theological training. They provide the necessary formation and conversion experiences that our young people need to build a lasting culture of life!

Contact them today to see how they can serve with you, and plug in to what you are already doing! info@dumboxministries.com, 504-304-1280, www.dumboxministries.com. For general information on Chastity, please visit the website: <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/chastity>.

NEW IN 2017!

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

Each month (except the month when Jazzed for Life is held and the month of December), the Respect Life Office will host a Respect Life Topic Gathering that will include prayer, information, and networking. The topic will match the focus for that month.

In order to make this a success, I am asking for volunteer parishes in each deanery who might be interested in hosting ONE of these 10 gatherings in 2017. Please email me for more details or to become a hosting parish: respectlife@arch-no.org.

ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES (ART/IVF)

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

The Gianna Center of the Gulf South offers women's healthcare that cooperates with the woman's body and her fertility, particularly for the treatment of infertility. They are currently in need of an ultrasound machine and they have partnered with the Knights of Columbus to raise the funds that will be matched by the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. This ultrasound machine is an integral part of the treatment of infertility as well as tool that plays a vital role in encouraging abortion-minded women to keep their babies. To make a donation to the Knights of Columbus for the Gianna Center's ultrasound machine, contact Steve Hart at 504-615-1303 or heartfore@bellsouth.net.



CONSCIENCE PROTECTION

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

This is a crucial time for our nation! Can you spare 15 minutes to pray for America? The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7 PM EVERY MONDAY EVENING at St. Matthew the Apostle on Jefferson Hwy in River Ridge. The Rosary will be prayed either in the church or at the statue of Mary just in front of the church. Bring your family & friends! Spread the word! For more information call Stephanie at 504-737-9776.

A recent report, titled "Peaceful Coexistence," by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) recommends measures that purport to balance religious freedom and nondiscrimination laws. Yet, Archbishop Lori notes that "the proposed recommendations would achieve 'peaceful coexistence' by simply steamrolling religious concerns...The USCCR recommendations would essentially confer on the government the right to regulate how religious organizations define themselves, by controlling whom they hire and how they serve. Rather than respect long-revered principles of religious freedom and diversity, the USCCR would use the law to compel everyone to conform to its vision." Read more [here](#).

For information on Conscience Protection, please visit the website:

<https://respectlife.arch-no.org/conscience-protection>.

END OF LIFE ISSUES/ASSISTED
SUICIDE/EUTHANASIA

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

"The National Catholic Bioethics Centers's 'A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions' is a brief but clear pamphlet on Catholic teaching about advance directives, euthanasia, and physician-assisted suicide. Specially written for Catholics making decisions on palliative care and their families, this four-page guide, with both health care proxy and advance medical directive forms, explains the specific moral teachings of the Church, offers instructions for future care, and situates its theological explanations within the hope of the resurrection. A helpful glossary of terms defines legal, medical, and religious terminology so the Catholic faithful can be well equipped to negotiate end-of-life care." Go [here](#) to order these pamphlets.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Tim Laguaite, Grand Knight Council 9007

Bishop Caillouet Council 9007 in Metairie prays the Rosary every first Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Mary Garden at St. Angela (in front of the gym on Pomona Street) for an end of abortion, for the innocent children who have died by abortion, and for their parents. All are welcome.

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARDS

Nolan Moule Council 1337

Monroe, Council 1337 in Monroe sponsored two billboards in June with a Right to Life theme. We got a lot of bang out of our money. I know one if not both are still up.

MERCY GIVEN, MERCY RECEIVED!

Marjorie Long, Rachel's Vineyard Site Leader,
Gabriel Project Coordinator, Diocese of Lake
Charles

As Site Leader for Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA, I have a responsibility to involve the team on a learning/teaching retreat. This year being the Year of Mercy I reached out to seek and bring us to a working retreat, giving back to our Lord for his Mercy.

On July 24, 2016 driving up to Atlanta, GA, to the Gift of Grace House, little did I know that it would be us, the Rachel's Vineyard team, who would be filled with GRACE from this astounding experience! As the week played out, we began each morning with seven of Mother Teresa's sisters at 7 am celebrating mass, from there we moved into the kitchen and started breakfast for a house that is available to care for 10 women, homeless and stricken with the dreadful disease AIDS.

After clean up, we would split up and off three would go with the sisters to help with the last week of a 9-week summer camp for 300+ children. Some would stay behind to care for the house daily chores and caring for the beautiful women in the home. I now truly understand Mother Teresa's statement when people would ask where is God? Her answer was right here in the poorest of the poor! We saw Jesus in every one of the women (looking at their heart as Mother Teresa stated) as they so courageously shared their stories and allowed us to enter into their grief with them. Each day was more and more joyful as we all began to roll with the sister's busy schedule.

The children were refugees, what we found in each of them and their home was gratitude for the simplest things that God brings to all of us. As we entered their world, one asked are we in Calcutta? Being the poorest of the poor filled with love, peace and happiness, God's loving children.

We shared and renewed our commitment in the Consecration to the Blessed Mother with 45 older children. We also took on the project of filling 150 backpacks with school supplies for these most grateful children. For Mother Teresa education was of great importance!

I truly believe we received much more than we gave. The RV team members attending were, Marjorie Long, Courtney Kerlegon, Marty Broussard, Tracy Richard, Felicia Borel, and Barbara Rozas.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In October, the Council Culture of 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.

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

On October 1st and 2nd, the Council Culture of 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 & Access Pregnancy Center in Metairie.

Several days in October, the Council Culture of Life Couple sponsored the Outreach Days of walking and Praying "Shine the Light" at the Planned Parenthood Facility at 4636 South Claiborne Ave. in New Orleans.

Also in October, the Council Culture of Life Couple held a pro-life poster contest at the school. All Posters were displayed at the school. Winners will be sent on to other pro-life poster contests in the parish.

On October 7th, the Council Culture of Life Couple coordinated the 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer walk in front of the New Orleans Women's Abortion Clinic at 2701 General Pershing Drive.

Council members also installed a pro-life billboard at both the school and the church for Respect Life Month.

Several times during the month of October, the Council Culture for Life Couple led a pro-life Rosary in our Adoration Chapel. The Angelus and St Michael the Archangel Prayer was also recited.

ACTIVITIES AT DELTA IN BATON ROUGE

Jamie Johnson

Each day, sidewalk counselors faithfully pray and offer help to people seeking an abortion at the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge.

We had one confirmed save:

At 10 AM on Friday, November 4th, Aisia came over to our counselor and said she had changed her mind. Her mom had dropped her off at Delta and was putting pressure on her to have an abortion. She is 19 years old and studying to be a teacher. She says she wants to put up her baby for adoption. What great courage! She accepted rosary and gift.

PRAYER AT ABORTION MILL

Fr. Dan Cook, Diocese of Alexandria

On Saturday, October 1st, people gathered for prayer at the abortion mill in Shreveport. This is Mrs Tara Whiteheads youth group from St Mary's school in Natchitoches. Two boys played football the night before got up early to pray at the mill.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Dale and Judy Tureau (Council 8147)

Worthy Grand Knight, Officers, and Brothers,

This past August, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the surrounding areas experienced severe flooding. Already the Knights on a national level have responded in various ways. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson visited the area. As a native Louisianan, I felt called to action after the floods, and I was led to The Family Resource Center in Walker, Louisiana.

The Center provides various services. One of the most important services is providing ultrasound readings to expectant mothers considering options other than carrying their child to term. That ultrasound machine is no longer operational.

I assisted the Center's leadership, Brian and Julie Raspberry, by sponsoring a service call to the manufacturer at my own expense. Based on the result of that service call, they have determined that fixing the old machine is not worth the money, and that it should be replaced.

I am now seeking assistance towards this goal on their behalf. The replacement cost for this machine is roughly \$23,000. However, as part of our mission to protect the unborn, Supreme Council's Ultrasound Initiative is able to provide funds matching those raised by local councils for this purpose. I am seeking your assistance, as I strive to raise half of the funds needed to replace this ultrasound machine. With the matching funds from the Ultrasound Initiative, we will be able to help the Center replace its ultrasound machine and hopefully save the lives of countless unborn children.

I have contacted Council 8147's Pro-Life Chair, Dale Tureau and Worthy Grand Knight Ralph Roger. Together, the three of us are reaching out to multiple councils in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri in an effort to raise the needed amount of \$11,500.00 for the match.

What can you do? First, please pray for us in this endeavor in service to the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves. Second, I ask that you and your council prayerfully consider supporting this effort. If each council receiving this letter commits

to a \$1,000 donation, we will be able to utilize those funds and the matching funds to replace the machine right away. If you are unable to support this cause at that level, please know that any contribution will be a blessing. I will continue to pursue this goal until it is reached.

Once you have had the opportunity to discuss this with your council, please contact me at mem063@yahoo.com to let me know of your intention to participate. After Thanksgiving, I will follow-up with those councils who join us, to make arrangements regarding the pledges of support. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Fraternally Yours,
Brother Mark E. Mancuso
K of C Council 12332
Farmington, MO

SUCCESSFUL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

David & Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

We have completed our Baby Bottle Campaign at St. John the Evangelist to support the Pregnancy Problem Center (PPC) and the Women's New Life Center in Baton Rouge. \$8,400.00 was raised. An additional \$600 donated was made by the men's prison at Hunt Correction who donated it to the Knights of Columbus to support their pro-life work.

Also, the PPC is now in the process of having sonographers trained to use their new ultrasound. The PPC is in need of hospital table.

If you can fill this need, please let us know at: zydecochachas@yahoo.com.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Brother Knights,

I hope that you haven't tired of hearing about the 40 Days for Life Campaign. The campaign that just ended on November 6th resulted in 872 mothers saying yes to life after talking to sidewalk counselors and hearing the truth about life.



Since 2007, the total number of babies saved is 12,668. That is 12,668 beautiful children who will live and play. Since Roe v Wade, the equivalent of the entire population of the states of California and New York have been lost to abortion. We must never stop trying until this evil is defeated.

Several times during this campaign, I saw a group of young people from Loyola University participating, and we finally had a chance to actually meet at the closing ceremony. The two co-leaders are Mr. Alex Lucas and Ms. Kris Brad. They are starting a new campus group, Loyola Students For Life. We have donated \$200 for seed money to either assist in their startup or January's March on Washington. Let us pray that their mission evolves into one that needn't fear for the very lives of the unborn, elderly or disenfranchised. With your permission, I would like them to share their experiences at a Family Social.

Yours in Christ,
Don And Dee Caskey
Phone: 504- 884-0101 (cell)
dcaskey53@yahoo.com



CHERS BEBES

Acadiana and Louisiana Right to Life hosted the third annual Chers Bébés: Acadiana's Soirée For Life, on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Le Pavillon in Lafayette.

Hundreds attended and were generous in their donations to the Dr. Zerben Bienvenu and Dr. William Smith Fund for Acadiana Pro-Life Education, which funds pro-life education of middle and high school students across Acadiana through interactive presentations and activities.

The keynote speaker Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel gave an impassioned talk that gave much encouragements to those of us committed to the cause of life.

Ross and Carolyn McCalip Culture of Life chair couple for Baton Rouge Council 3743 and Kelvin and Mary Langlois, Culture of Life chair couple for Covington Council 12906 joined the State Culture of Life chair couple Sam and Arline Mistretta at the Knights of Columbus table.



KEEP PRAYING!

John Hauler (Council 9016)

We believe that we have elected a pro-life President of the United States. I hope so. He certainly comes with a lot of baggage. However, we had no choice but to vote for him as the alternative was one of the most professed abortion-minded people in politics. So, we must now give him our full support and prayers that he will lead this country forward over its many hurdles.

Prayer does wonders. Just look at the success of the Forty Days for Life campaign. It started in 2004 in the in College Station, Texas by four people sitting around a little wooden table. The first national campaign began in 2007. Since then, it has become an international success. It relies on prayer and fasting for its success. It is funded by generous donors. It is designed to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity. Prayer, fasting and peaceful activism and repentance asking God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to one of life, bringing an end to abortion on demand. We must not relax now. We must as Knights of Columbus and good citizens to push forward requesting prayers for the success of the pro-life movement and for those in need of our prayers to change their hearts from legally killing over 55 million babies since 1973. Pray always.

BORN TO RUN IN BATON ROUGE

Again this year, the Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) held a major fundraising event, Born to Run, in downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, November 12th. Hundreds of people turned out to participate in the two runs as well as enjoy free food and live music. Knights of Columbus Council 969 from Our Lady of Mercy parish and Council 9247 from St. Jean Vianney parish and others provided food at the event.

WNLC is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.



SMALL THINGS DO COUNT

Lise Naccari, CBIB

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you can do great things!

CBIB believes that GOD creates human life at the moment of conception, and all life is precious and sacred. Every human life has worth and deserves respect and when that life dies, a dignified burial is in order. CBIB has a funeral for 6 miscarried babies. One of these is a family who is greatly grieving the loss of a son. The other 5 have no names. There is one girl and 4 boys. We named them. These children are either from families who could not afford a burial, or didn't know they could have a burial, or unwanted, abandoned, cast out. CBIB will provide a beautiful funeral, as though they were our own. We will give a funeral a mother or father would give.

It is an honor and a privilege to give these babies a dignified Christian burial. We are showing that we care. They will no longer be orphaned. They will be remembered and not forgotten, they will not be abandoned, or cast out. We will be their adopted parents, metaphorically. We will show the love, compassion of a mother and father. CBIB has a group who carefully and hand makes caskets and lines the inside of the caskets with donated wedding dresses. Outfits are made from these wedding gowns to fit the size of the babies to whatever age we have at the time. These 6 babies we have now to bury are all about 20 wks. gestation.

We believe that everyone is important and has value. We believe that God has a purpose for each life he created. No matter how small, there is a reason for that little life and we intend to remember them and give them names, showing their value and worth, compassion and love. No one is too small for God. Like Mother Teresa said, "Do small things with great love."

It is our belief that the little body or shell that housed the soul or spirit should be honored. CBIB provides a place for that tiny body. It is our duty to honor the dead. Jesus said, "When you have done all that you have been commanded, say 'we have done what we were obliged to do.'" Luke 17:10 As for their soul, we believe that our merciful God himself, will Father that little innocent soul. He is

Father to the Fatherless. We believe He will prepare a place for them, to give them eternal peace.

When we look at scripture, our Lord himself, when he died (before resurrection) was respectfully laid to rest. His lifeless bloody body was cleaned, lovingly wrapped in a shroud with expensive oils, he was held and adored. In tears he was greatly grieved over. They mourn his loss.

As we give comfort to the grieving, we know this to be a Holy deed. But it is not easy to do. Being careful ourselves to guard against the evil one coming in with depression is paramount. With His grace, we are able to comfort those who have lost love ones. Personally, the way I know that what we are doing is God's doing and not mine. The fact that I am rejuvenated and flooded with joy, tells me this is God's hand and not mine. How can this be? It is His true work here being done, that I love. God's will be done.

Please pray for us (Mateo, Natalie, Joseph, James, William, and Peter).

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

Due to the great turnout for the previous Theology of the Body Facilitator Training and Video Series, Adele Guillot will be conducting another Facilitator Training session on November 30th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This workshop will give you STEP-BY-STEP information on how to bring Theology of the Body to your parish.

Theology of the Body, Level II Video Series, consisting of eight sessions from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. will be offered on the following dates:

- January 4, 2017 – Level II – Session One
- January 11, 2017 – Level II – Session Two
- January 18, 2017 – Level II – Session Three
- January 25, 2017 – Level II – Session Four
- February 1, 2017 – Level II – Session Five
- February 8, 2017 – Level II – Session Six
- February 17, 2017 – Level II – Session Seven
- February 22, 2017 – Level II – Session Eight

There is no fee for the class. Student Workbook is \$20. Participant must be 18 years of age or older.

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

- Name
- Address, City, State, Zip
- Email Address
- Phone
- Church Parish/City
- Referred By

Please note the following regarding Catechist Certifications for Theology of the Body Level II Classes:

- Catechist Certification: Levels III, IV, V or VI: Elective 6 credits, 4 hours
- Participants must attend all eight sessions in order to earn credits and hours.
- Partial credits or hours are not available.
- May not be repeated for credits or hours.

All classes are at Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501 in John XXIII Meeting Room. Please enter through the east side of the building. Front offices are locked.

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

Theology of the Body Level II

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

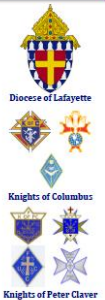
Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

In the Diocese of Lafayette, we will have a Pro-Life Oratory Contest February 23, 2017 for High School Juniors and Seniors. You can get more details and obtain a registration form on the Diocese [web site](#).



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
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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.

UPCOMING PULSE WEEKEND IMMERSIONS

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS! Future PULSE Immersion Weekends are being planned ([link](#)):

Tracy Center in Baton Rouge
February, 10-12 (Tentative)

Camp Abbey in Covington
April 28-30th

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

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on January 27, 2017. Their 2017 theme is "The Power of One." The epicenter of LIFE for the March is the RENAISSANCE DC DOWNTOWN HOTEL (located at 999 9th St NW, Washington DC, 20001, telephone: 202-898-9000). Consider joining a group from your dioceses. If you are interested in planning ahead, please use the trip planner available at the March for Life official [website](http://www.marchforlife.org).

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Sacred Heart of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 7557 in Broussard, LA will hold a March for Life on Saturday, January 14, 2017. The March will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with featured speaker, Lori McGrew with Maddie's Footprints. Walk will proceed to St. Joseph's and return to Sacred Heart for refreshments. The Rosary and other prayers will be prayed during the march. Contacts: Voorhies Short: 337.230.2009 or Mike Malagarie: 337.344.4701.

GEAUX FORTH RALLY IN WASHINGTON, DC

Louisiana Right to Life hosts their annual Geaux Forth Rally in Washington DC in conjunction with the National March for Life on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The rally will be at 5000 Seminary Road, VA 22311 and the cost is \$20 per person.

You and your groups are invited to join! The Rally includes speakers, testimonies, a chance to visit with pro-life vendors, and lunch. An optional Mass following the Rally. The cost to attend is \$20/person. Please contact Krista R. Corbello at krista@prolifelouisiana.org or call 337-303-8886 for more information or to register your group.

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Eunice Right to Life March will be held on Sunday, January 22nd from 12:00 Noon to 12:45 p.m. The march begins at Picou's Drug Store and continues to City Hall in Eunice. There will be prayers and speaker at City Hall.

For more information, contact:
Sharon Fontenot @ 337.457.9660,
Deacon David Guillory @ 337.457.8107,
or Sarah Oliver @ 337.580.8003.

EDUCATION CORNER

INTERNET VIDEO RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Kathy Allen, state director of Louisiana Black Advocates for Life, discussion abortion in the black community with Chris Sylvain on "Health Issues Television." Here is a [link](#) to the video.



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!

For more information, Go to the Coalition Against Reproductive Trafficking's Action page for helpful information here:

<http://reproductivetrafficking.org/action>.



ANDERSON'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received the Great Defender of Life Award at the from the Human Life Foundation. You can read his acceptance speech [here](#).



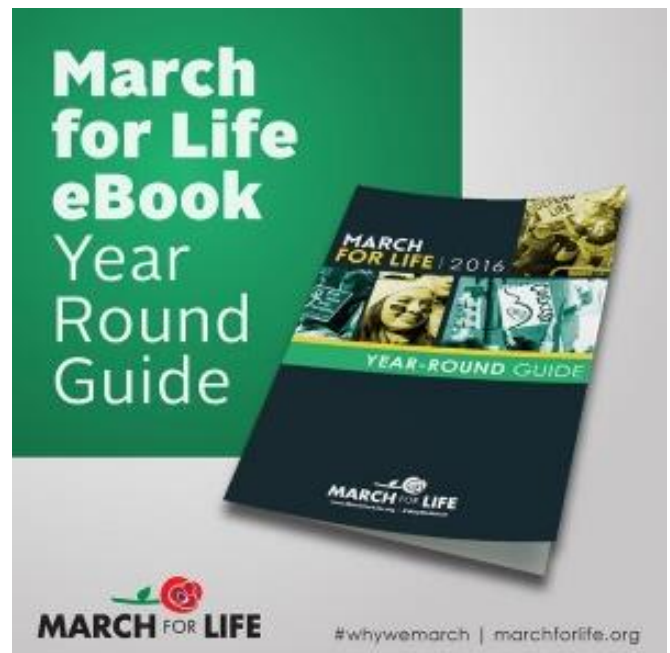
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MARCH FOR LIFE EBOOK

The March for Life happens once per year, but our year-round work to build a culture of life continues. The March for Life Year-Round [Guide](#) will give you the tools – and the inspiration – to make a difference!

What's in it?

- Ideas for impacting your community for life
- Inspirational stories
- Links to dozens of pro-life organizations
- Information on how to advocate for pro-life legislation



SECRETARIAT LAUNCHES
2016-17 RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

How do we show mercy?

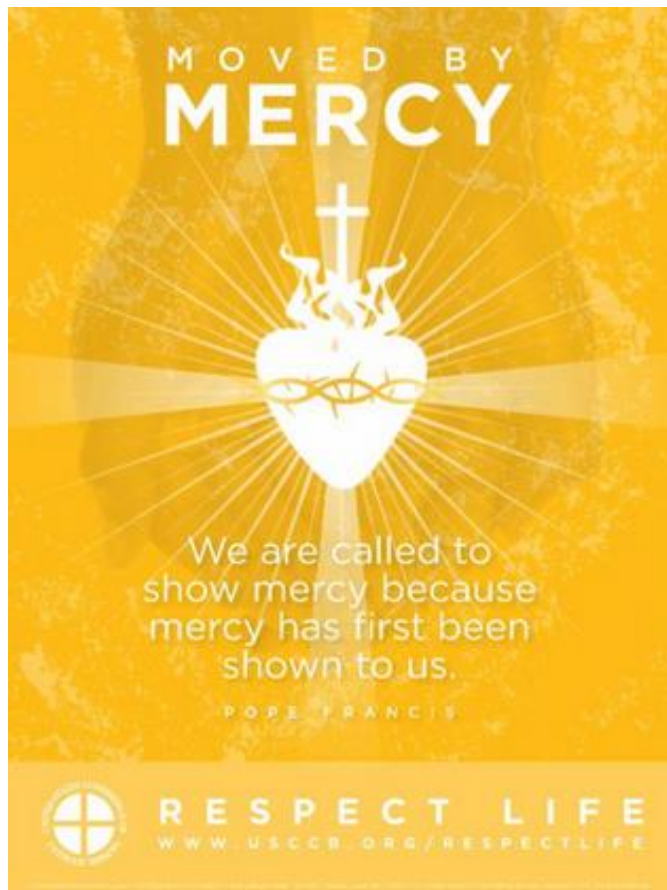
Check out our [six articles](#) on:

- 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](#).

There is also a [resource guide](#).

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



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Old, Lonely, and Poor](#)

[Sex trafficking victims: Planned Parenthood “didn’t ask questions”](#)

[12,206 babies have been saved from abortion due to 40 Days for Life campaigns](#)

[Report: Chemical abortions on track to exceed surgical abortions](#)

[Tony Esolen Contra Mundum](#)

[Two Essential Values](#)

[Red Mass Homily: Archdiocese of St. Louis](#)

[Europe’s morality crisis: Euthanizing the mentally ill](#)

[BREAKING: Colorado voters approve assisted suicide](#)

[40 Days for Life: 676 lives saved this year, with over 12,000 saved since 2007](#)

[10 reasons not to have an abortion](#)

[Catholic bishop: Abortion is a ‘moral evil’ that is ‘never accepted under any circumstances’](#)

[U.S. Bishops: ‘We look forward to working with President-elect Trump to protect human life’](#)

[BREAKING: Trump appoints strongly pro-life, pro-marriage Sen. Jeff Sessions as Attorney General](#)

[‘You’: New Project Helps Teens Learn God’s Plan for Love](#)

[Why America Has It Wrong About Homosexuality](#)

[Colorado Legalizes Assisted Suicide](#)

[Birth Control Linked to Depression, Especially Among Teen Girls](#)

[New Marriage Rite Offers Much-Needed Catechesis](#)

[Planned Parenthood Going Out of Business in Scranton, Pennsylvania](#)

[Do We Understand the Homosexual Inclination?](#)

[Beware of Candidates Who Define Catholicism For Us](#)

[The Contraception Crisis that Isn't](#)

[The Church's "Obsession" with Sex](#)

[Father Pavone Faces Diocesan Investigation Over Aborted Baby on Altar](#)

[Transgender Conformity](#)

[A Right to Assisted Suicide for the Institutionalized Mentally Ill](#)

[Archbishop Chaput: Virtuous Communities Are Needed to Fix Our Broken Sexual Culture](#)

[Controversial Sterilization Device Should be Taken Off the Market](#)

[As Year of Mercy ends, Pope extends priests' ability to forgive abortions](#)

[Georgetown Hosts Slew of Abortion Advocates to Discuss 'Reproductive Injustices'](#)

[C _ E _ N _ S _ O _ R _ E _ D: video "Dear Future Mom"](#)

[How an ex-prostitute's horrific suffering moved Pope Francis](#)

[Cardinal Dolan Calls on Catholics to Continue to Oppose Anti-Life Measures](#)

[Committee Vote in General Assembly Should Worry LGBT Rights Supporters](#)

[Nick Cannon: Abortion is a 'real genocide' against the black community](#)

['The Big Bang Theory' continues its pro-life message in new episode](#)

[This former porn star is exposing porn's secrets: and it should make you very, very uncomfortable](#)

[U.S. abortion rate falls to lowest level in decades](#)

[Krauthammer on Fox: One Day We'll Thank the Church for Its Pro-Life Position](#)

[California's Pro-Life Battle: Defeat in the Appeals Court, a Focus on the Future](#)

[Next House Minority Leader Will Be a Pro-Abortion Catholic](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“A child is loved because he is one’s child: not because he is beautiful, or because he is like this or like that... Not because he thinks as I do, or embodies my dreams. A child is a child: a life generated by us but intended for him, for his good, for the good of the family, of society, of mankind as a whole.”


— Pope Francis, General Audience, February 11, 2015. © 2015 *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. Used with permission.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe and patroness of the Americas, you brought an end to the human sacrifices on the Aztec altars in the 16th century by means of your image on the cloak of St. Juan Diego. So now we ask you to come to our aid and bring an end to the sacrificing of our preborn children on the altar of sexual excess and convenience. Bring us leaders who will respect life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Make them strong, honest and moral men and women. And, through their efforts, save our nation from moral annihilation and make us a culture of life! Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of Peace, save the nations and peoples of this continent! Amen.

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