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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/>

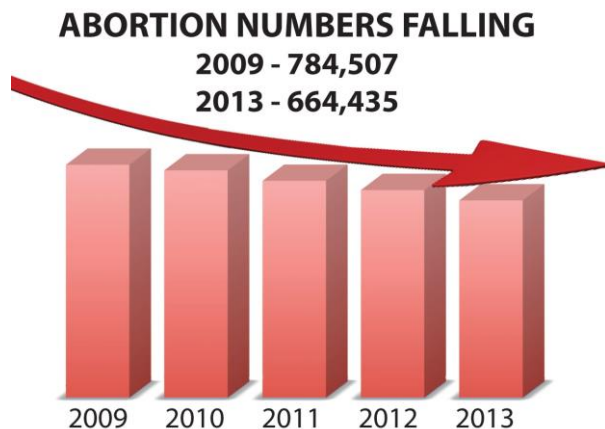
Houma-Thibodaux: <http://htdiocese.org/fm>

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

ABORTION NUMBERS FALL; MORE PEOPLE PRO-LIFE?

National Right to Life

The number of abortions performed in the U.S. continues to decline, according to the 2013 "Abortion Surveillance Report" recently released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Relying on reports from state health departments, the CDC reported 664,435 abortions for 2013, down more than 5 percent from the 2012 total of 699,202 and more than 9 percent from the 2011 total of 730,322. While it provides a snapshot into the downward trend in abortions, this figure does not provide a complete picture of abortion in the U.S. as it does not include abortion data from California, the nation's most populous state, New Hampshire and Maryland.

In addition to the decline in the raw numbers of abortions, the CDC finds that both the abortion rate, (the number of abortions for every 1,000 women of child-bearing age) and the abortion ratio (the number of abortions per 1,000 live births) have declined. In the states included in the report, the CDC found an abortion rate of 12.5 abortions for every 1,000 women aged 15-44. The CDC found a ratio of 200 abortions per 1,000 live births.

"The decline in the number of abortions, and in the abortion rates and ratios, is a clear indication that pregnant women are increasingly less likely to see abortion as the desired solution to an unexpected pregnancy," said Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.,

National Right to Life director of education and research. "Right-to-life legislative, educational and outreach efforts to increase awareness of the unborn child's humanity certainly continue to play a critical role in the abortion decline."

While this is good news, there is concerning news as well. Data shows that chemical or "medical" abortions continued to rise, a clear indication that the aggressive push of these by the abortion industry and its media allies is having some impact. Though these new abortions are nowhere near as simple and safe as the promoters of the abortion pill have promised but instead have turned out to be grueling, bloody, and painful, they have enabled the industry to expand abortion to smaller, more lightly staffed locations that may not possess the medical facilities or equipment of larger clinics or doctors with the surgical training to handle chemical abortion complications or failures. For more details, [click here](#).

WALLACE WRITES ABOUT NEW UNSAFE REPORT

Louisiana Right to Life

Former Legislative Director Deanna Wallace, now staff counsel for Americans United for Life in Washington, D.C., had an article published this week by The Federalist on AUL's new report, UNSAFE, which features a detailed analysis of hundreds of reports from state health inspectors, showing that abortion clinics have been routinely cited for risking women's health and safety. You can read Deanna's article [here](#), and you can read the full UNSAFE report [here](#).

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST WINNERS!

Danielle Van Haute, Diocese of Baton Rouge

The Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest took place on Sunday, November 13th at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge. The First Place winner is Gabrielle Gremillion, a homeschool student from Our Lady of Mercy parish. The Second Place winner is Hannah Avault, a student at St. Michael High School. Gabrielle will go on to represent the Diocese of Baton Rouge in the Louisiana State Pro-Life Oratory Contest which will be held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus State Convention in May. Congratulations to both Gabrielle & Hannah!

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. Their work is always consistent with Catholic teaching. 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.



THE ABORTION PILL

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

The Abortion Pill has been sold as an “easy fix,” yet it is anything but easy on the mother who is burdened with a reality abortion advocates don't talk about when she takes this pill at home alone. They must face the pain and the truth without the curtain of lies, the anesthesia, and a medical facade afforded by surgical abortion.

“Clinics that prescribe abortion pills instruct women to flush their baby down the toilet. But many women panic once they see their baby and don't know what to do.” This *IS* a baby, not a ‘clump of cells,’ the term preferred by abortion advocates. The place in the home where the baby was aborted – often the bathroom or a bedroom – also often becomes a place of trauma and recurring memories for these women...”

Read more about the tragedy of the abortion pill [here](#). You can also learn that Abortion Pill Reversal is possible using this [link](#).



CHIMERA FUNDING UPDATE AND A LOOK AHEAD

Amy McInerney, Executive Director,
Human Life Action

Although it has been several months since last I wrote to ask your help to defend human life when the National Institutes of Health, (NIH) called for public comments about animal-human “chimera” experimentation, I have not forgotten my promise to keep you posted on developments.

I am happy to report that the overwhelming majority of the almost twenty thousand public comments submitted to the Office of Science Policy were from us! You can see the comment tally by [clicking here](#). Thank you for all the time and effort you took to raise your voice in defense of human life. We understand that NIH is still evaluating the comments and that no action has yet been taken to lift the funding moratorium. We will keep watching this and let you know if there are future significant developments.

Looking ahead to a new Congress and a new Administration, we hope to see action on a number of pro-life priorities. Some bills we may see include No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion, Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act, and an effort to redirect funding from abortion clinics like Planned Parenthood.

And, of course, we continue to hold as a priority the enactment of the policy of the Conscience Protection Act! Future action on this vital goal is likely in 2017 and I know we will be able to count on your help when it is time for the grassroots to engage and proclaim the Gospel of Life to the members of Congress!

Whatever comes in 2017, you can continue to rely on Human Life Action to educate and engage everyone, so please stay connected to us by email, on Facebook and Twitter @HumanLifeAction.

I don't write to you often, but when I do you can be sure it is because we have an important update or a call to action that requires your attention. So, thank you for standing with us in 2016 and for continuing to raise your voice for the voiceless in 2017.

Together we will be heard!



A SUCCESSFUL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!

Brandon Hendricks, Council 8442

Our Lady of Lourdes Council 8442 held a Baby Bottle drive in October under the leadership of our Culture of Life chair couple Keith and Lynne Dier. We raised \$1621.57. The proceeds were donated to Woman's New Life Center, which is building an office next door to the new Planned Parenthood in New Orleans.



OCTOBER PRO-LIFE WORK

Joseph R. Giardina, Council 4508

Council 4508 in Metairie placed a respect for life sign on the fence in front of the church along with small white crosses on the ground in front of the sign. This does not sound like a lot, but it was effective. We also join the Monday Night Disciples once a month to picket in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. We also prayed the rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and a short version of the Way of the Cross. We used to picket

at the Ridgeline Abortion Clinic, and it closed by the grace of God.

Our council also placed a series of pro-life messages in the St Christopher Church bulletin each week during "Respect for Life Month" in October. Here are the messages:

Week of Oct 1st & 2nd: Let us remember that we are made of body and soul; and are made to the image and likeness of God. When Jesus was asked by the disciples, "When will we see the Father?" Jesus answered, "When you see Me you see the Father." We are made to the image of the Father; however, the Father is said to be larger than the universe and His divine nature is so bright that He lights up all of Heaven. The Baltimore Catechism tells us that we are created by God in His image to know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him in the next (Heaven). Respect for every human life is respecting God; for Jesus said, what you do for the least of my brethren you do for me. So, let us respect all human life, no matter who it may be from conception to natural death.

Week of 7th & 8th: There are many ways to respect the life of others. We can be respectful by simply being polite; listening; considering other's feelings; giving a helping hand when we can; visiting a sick person; praying for others; and most of all keeping God's commandments, which is all about respect for others and God.

Week of 15th & 16th: Let us pray for the sick; those that are victims of human trafficking; mistreated children; the homeless; the hungry; those grieving; and all those in despair. May the prayers of the faithful (you) continue for them and may the mercy of God fall upon them.

Week of 21st & 22nd: Respecting the aging is the same as respecting those still in the womb; meaning that those in the womb will become the aging in due time. A person is the same creation when in the womb as when he or she is an adult. Human life is a gift from God, made up of body and soul. When you respect the body you nourish the soul.

Week of 30th & 31st: Human life is the greatest gift from God that we have. This life allows us the ability to one day, be in a glorified body living in

the presence of God. That ability depends on how we use our free will while in exile here on Earth. Do we respect our bodies with Dignity (conducting ourselves properly); Chastity (dressing morally); Speech (all vulgar and obscene words come from Satan – Jesus's words, not mind); and loving God with our whole heart, mind and soul and loving our neighbor as our self? May we all be vigilant in respecting this great gift – LIFE.

GRAND OPENING

Larry Fertitta, Council 9240

The Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington will celebrate the grand opening of their new facility on Sunday, January 15th at 2 PM. The new center is located at 19348 North 4th St. in Covington. You can find out more about their pro-life work on their [web site](#). Please come out to join us for this event.



HELP FOR PREGNANCY CENTER

David and Anne Gregory, Council 8342

The Pregnancy Problem Center (PPC) in Baton Rouge was in need of a medical table to be used with their new ultrasound machine. We made a call to the Women's New Life Center to see if they knew of an available table, and sure enough, they knew of two used tables at Women's Hospital and that we could choose the one we liked.

Several knights from our council picked up the table and placed it in the PPC. It is perfect! One of our knights purchased a 32 inch monitor and installed it as well. With the help of Dr. Veilon and Dr. Gravvoir, the PPC has been training ultrasound sonographers.

We will put our crosses out on the church lawn in January. During the week of the Epiphany, we will have our youth group gather after the 6 PM mass

for a special ceremony where they will have an opportunity to name a spiritually adopted baby by hanging a card with the babies name on the crosses.

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.

On December 13th, pro-life prayer warriors observed the use of five escorts for the first time in many months. These escorts are also referred to as "death-scorts" because they are in the business of assisting in the murder of innocent babies. Unfortunately, they are very effective in blocking out our counselors by trying to hurry the cars into the Delta parking lot, and escorting the victims into the clinic. They cover the back and front of the clinic. We really do not know why they have started coming back. Fr. David Nix from Gibson, LA who has been coming out to Delta on a regular basis is of the opinion that our prayer warriors and counselors are doing a good job and hurting Delta's killing business. No confirmed saves.

RECENT PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Dan Dore, Council 7856

The Knights of Columbus Council 7856 comprised of members from Mount Carmel Catholic Church (St. Francisville, LA), and Mission Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Jackson, LA) continued its participation in the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Program. This program is a commitment to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death. Across the nation, councils and individual knights conduct projects aimed at building a Culture of Life in their individual communities.

Within the program parameters, KC Council 7856 has, for several years, conducted fund raising efforts to support the local program. This year, the major program was to help raise funds to benefit the Family Life Federation, also known as the Problem Pregnancy Center, located at 4724 Jamestown Avenue in Baton Rouge. The agency offers free services to women throughout their pregnancy. The services offered include: pregnancy tests,

counseling, abortion alternatives, adoption information, natural family planning, nutrition and educational programs. In the last year, the Center has served over 1,000 women in crisis pregnancies in the Baton Rouge area. Unfortunately, their grant funding has been negatively impacted by state budget cuts.

On December 7, 2016, KC member Phillip Gordy and Program Chairperson Daniel Doré presented Executive Director Frances Broussard with a check for \$3,500. Mrs. Broussard commented that she had been praying and wondering how the center was going to meet some of its financial obligations and in walked Santa with a wonderful present.

On December 8, 2016, KC Council 7856 also donated \$250 to the Woman's New Life Center. The center is located at 760 Colonial Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 – next door to the Delta (abortion) Clinic. Woman's New Life Center also provides confidential care and support for unplanned pregnancies and reproductive health. More information about the center and their services can be found at their web site www.womansnewlife.com.

The final program activity for the calendar year was to make a \$500 donation to help defray the cost of the young people from the church parish taking part in the March for Life in Washington D.C.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Nick Prosperie (Council 8932)

In November, our Council 8932 in Bourg, LA sold the Annual Right to Life calendars to benefit local crisis pregnancy center.

I'll have more to report in January because St. Ann Council 8932 is sponsoring 1 adult youth leader and 1 young person attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. There will be four busses this year., I'll be making my third trip there as a "logistics dad."

Second, our council we will be sponsoring a bus to bring adults and youth from St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes to Baton Rouge for the Louisiana Life March. Our travel plan starts with breakfast with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St John the Evangelist's in Prairieville, LA. They will join us on the trip to Baton Rouge so that we can march together. We were blessed to meet these great folks while serving their area after the recent floods there.

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](http://www.prolifeLouisiana.org/OratoryContest).



CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In November, the Council Culture of Life Couple sent e-mails to the Supreme Court for Life at Conception Act declares the Unborn Children to be protected as defined by the 14th Amendment. On November 4th, Couple a Candle Light Closing for the 40 Days for Life was held at the Women's New Life Center in Metairie.

From November 4th through the 6th, Council Culture of Life Couple had the visiting Pilgrim Queen of the Family image in their home to facilitate families praying the Rosary and the fostering a devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe Queen of the Americas. This was started by William K. Weigand Bishop of Sacramento. This was done daily and families were invited over to pray with them.

On November 9th, a pro-life baby bottle campaign was completed. The council collected \$1,686.00 for the Women's New Life Center in Metairie. On November 14-17th, the Council Culture of Life Couple provided support to the the Healing the Pain of Abortion Retreat at the Rosaryville Retreat Center. From November 18th through the 24th, the Council Culture for Life Couple sponsored the week of prayer to end Abortion in our country and around the world in the Adoration Chapel.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Brother Knights, opportunity happens much more often than once, and we must be ready to act on it when it does. Last month, I told you about a chance meeting with Mr. Alex Lucas and Miss Kris Bradley, both students at New Orleans own Loyola University. Here is an update: After our donation, they have established the Loyola Students For Life campus organization, complete with a faculty advisor. They have also received additional donations that will cover their expenses for a trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The only remaining detail is to meet with the university student council. Let us pray for and support these future leaders that can communicate to today's youth far better than we can. I asked Alex if he would speak at a future family night, and he said yes.

A second opportunity that we didn't let slip by is our own Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Rick Valladares discovered a few unclaimed angels on his church's Giving Tree and adopted them. They were for the Access Pregnancy Center who desperately need this type of support. They give out between six and ten thousand diapers monthly. Attached is a photo of our donation to the center. Our beautiful Ladies have held Baby Showers at their meetings for as long as I can remember (my memory may not be the best reference for an example) and this generosity has helped many new mothers with the necessities they so desperately need. Coming soon to St. Martha, Infant Jesus the Justice and Life Ministry is having a baby shower, and I will let you know details as soon as I find out.

This month in conjunction with the National March for Life, Louisiana is holding their march in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 21 from 10 AM to Noon. I will be going. If you wish to join us, please contact me. This is a great experience.

Finally, the Women's New Life Center in Baton Rouge needs a new probe for their ultrasound machine. This is a critical part of the machine that shows the expectant mother her unborn child. This is even more important in the early stages of her pregnancy when a young mother may not fully realize that there is a LIFE within her. Gentlemen, I am asking you: what can we do to help?

Yours in Christ, Don And Dee Caskey



COUNCILS PARTNER TO PROVIDE AN ULTRASOUND MACHINE

As we are keenly aware, there are many people directly impacted by the great flood of 2016. One the local pregnancy resource centers, [Caring to Love Ministries](#), located on N. Flannery Road in Baton Rouge received more than \$400,000 in damage. The center lost three ultrasound machines obtained through the K of C [Ultrasound Initiative](#).



This center is particularly important because it is located in an area with a high risk population that is particularly susceptible to abortion. Prior to the flood, this center served about 200 new clients each month, many of whom are abortion-minded. More women are coming to the center after the flood. They too have been directly impacted by the flood, so there is more pressure to turn to abortion.

A team effort was need to raise half of the necessary funds to purchase another ultrasound for the center through the Ultrasound Initiative at a cost of \$33,600. Donations were received from Council 4442 in Salem, NH, Council 9431 in Jackson WY, and Council 3743 in Baton Rouge, LA.



COUNCILS HELPS PREGNANCY CENTER WITH FLOOD RECOVERY

As many of you may already be aware, one of the pregnancy centers in Baton Rouge, [Caring to Love Ministries](#) (CTLM) was devastated by the terrible flood. The center is located at 3813 N Flannery Road. CTLM also lost three ultrasound machines acquired through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. Recently, four different councils teamed-up to raise funds to acquire another ultrasound machine through the Ultrasound Initiative. During a related visit, we learned that they still have a lot of physical damage that prevents them from operating properly.

Therefore, a work day was scheduled at the center on Saturday, November 17th. Knights from Council 3743 Council 9247, and Council 13632 participated in this event. Workers moved medical equipment and furniture into the newly renovated clinic and painted interior walls. Representatives from Columbia magazine and the Catholic Commentator were there, so look for a future article in both publications. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this a big success.





UPCOMING EVENTS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

In the words of St. John Paul II, Theology of the Body is the antidote to the culture of death. The diocesan Office of Pro Life Apostolate will host Into the Heart: A Journey Through the Theology of the Body Level II, consisting of eight sessions from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 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 15, 2017 – Level II – Session Seven
- February 22, 2017 – Level II – Session Eight

Adele Guillot will be the facilitator. 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

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.

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



PRO-LIFE WALK

Norris E. Thibodeaux, Council 10293

Council 10293 and St. Edmond Catholic Church is sponsoring a Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, January 21st in Lafayette. The event will begin at 8 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church on Ambassador Caffery at Congress St. Contact Norris Thibodeaux (337-984-9947), Bob Clements (337-315-6471) or the St. Edmond Church Office (337-981-0874) for more information.



• Begins at St. Edmond Catholic Church (Amb Caffery at Congress St.) at 8:00AM with music by St. Edmond Choir.
• Opening Prayer at 8:30AM by **BISHOP DOUGLAS DESHOTEL**
• March begins at 9AM with Rosary & Music
• Police & Ambulance Escort
• Transportation for those unable to walk to or from Churches.
• 30-minute break at St. Mary's Catholic Church with snacks, fruit, cold drinks & water and back to St. Ed's!

Sponsored by
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Council #10293

For more information, please contact:
Norris Thibodeaux (984-9947)
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"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."
- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

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, 10-12th

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.

UPCOMING FUNERAL AND BURIAL

Lise Naccari, CBIB

CBIB - Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies will have burial of of aborted baby Michael (CBIB named baby) on Monday, January 23rd at 1:30 PM (the day after the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision) at St. Anthony of Padua Church with a Funeral Mass. All faiths are welcome. The burial will be at St. Patrick #1, 5000 Canal Street in New Orleans.

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.



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.

PROJECT RACHEL

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

A Journey to Healing for Anyone Hurting After Abortion

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

Project Rachel is a confidential ministry for anyone who desires healing after being impacted by abortion. This includes the mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion, grandparents, siblings, and others. Abortion crosses all boundaries of religion, race, age and socio-economic position. Project Rachel's mission is to provide a confidential and compassionate ministry that offers opportunities for healing to anyone who struggles with the aftermath of abortion. We pray that those who attend Project Rachel experience God's forgiveness and mercy in order to live in freedom and peace. Project Rachel consists of eight to nine individual sessions. For more information, contact the Office of Pro Life Apostolate at 337.261.5607.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat:

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This weekend retreat provides participants the opportunity and space to enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This unique retreat process is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy and compassion of Jesus as they walk the journey from pain to forgiveness.

Participants re-connect on a spiritual level with the children who have been aborted and give them honor and dignity through many special exercises as well as in a memorial service. Those who journey through their grief allow God to transform their experience into one that brings hope, liberation and peace.

When: April 21-23, 2017

Time: Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the retreat weekend and/or to register contact: Karol or Trista @ 337.261.5607/Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro Life Apostolate. Pre-registration is required.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE(-4673)

or visit www.hopeafterabortion.org.



EDUCATION CORNER

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



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

I rarely read novels, but I just finished reading a novel that I enjoyed so much that I wanted to share it with you. It is a rather unique novel, a pro-life novel. It is written by Scott Smith who is the Culture of Life director for Council 1998 in New Roads. If you are pro-life and enjoy a good novel, then check out this book. I have included the press release for the book below. You can get a [copy](#) at on Amazon.com. Also check out his [blog](#). Enjoy!

First of its Kind: Supernatural Horror Thriller Set in an Abortion Clinic

Holy Water Books is pleased to announce the release of its newest book, The Seventh Word, by S. L. Smith. This supernatural horror thriller breaks new ground in the horror genre, and is sure to do for abortion clinics what Psycho did for motels and Jaws did for beach vacations.

Let sleeping towns lie! In The Seventh Word, residents of a small town are chosen to confront the evil lurking beneath the starched white masks of an abortion clinic.

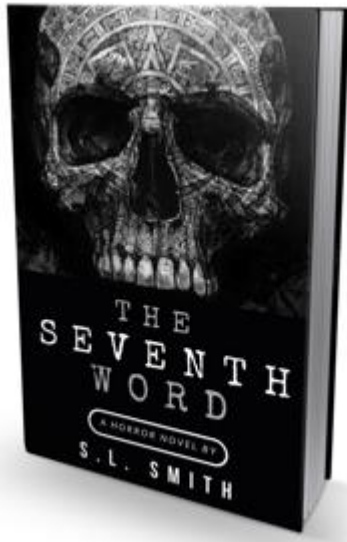
The First Word came with Cain, who killed the first child of man. The Third Word was Pharaoh's instruction to the midwives. The Fifth Word was carried from Herod to Bethlehem. One of the Lost Words dwelt among the Aztecs and feasted on their children.

Evil now hides behind starched white masks. The ancient Aztec demon now conducts his affairs in the sterile environment of corporate medical facilities. An insatiable hunger draws the demon to a sleepy Louisiana hamlet. There, it contracts the services of a young attorney, Jim David, whose unborn child is the ultimate object of the demon's designs. Monsignor, a mysterious priest of unknown age and origin, labors unseen to save the soul of a small town hidden deep within Louisiana's plantation country, nearly forgotten in a bend of the Mississippi River.

"I am tremendously excited for Smith's new project with Holy Water [Books]," said James Michalik, author and founder of Holy Water Books. "We are incredibly proud to publish the work of this bright,

young writer and are eager to embark on this new adventure in his career." The Seventh Word marks the first installment in the Raintree series.

With roots in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, this is a horror novel which reads like Stephen King's classic stories of towns being slowly devoured by an unseen evil and the people who unite against it.



LIFE ISSUES FORUM: GOOD NEWS OF A GREAT JOY

By Greg Schleppbach (December 16, 2016)

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, the introduction from Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* provides a rich source of reflection on God's love for human life, which He created in His image and likeness:

"At the dawn of salvation, it is the birth of a child which is proclaimed as joyful news: 'I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord' (Lk. 2:10-11). The source of this 'great joy' is the birth of the Savior; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn. 16:21)."

It is amazing to contemplate that the eternal Son of God became man and experienced every stage and

aspect of the human condition, except sin. He was conceived in the Virgin Mary and took the form of a human being, beginning life like every human being—as a single-celled embryo.

According to Scripture, after the Incarnation of our Lord, Mary went in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Given that it would have taken two to three days for Mary to reach Elizabeth, it's possible that Jesus had not yet implanted in Mary's womb (implantation occurs 5-7 days after conception) when His presence caused John to stir in Elizabeth's womb: "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44).

C. S. Lewis provides another source of reflection on the sanctity of all human life in *The Weight of Glory*: "The dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship. ... There are no ordinary people. ... Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

With these thoughts in mind, I cannot imagine a better way to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a humble stable in Bethlehem, and to celebrate the gift of every human life, than to support a local pregnancy help center or maternity home. These centers do extraordinary work and truly represent the heart of the pro-life movement's goal of making abortion unthinkable.

Another way to make a difference is through our prayers and sacrifices. Taking place January 21-29, 2017, 9 Days for Life (www.9daysforlife.com) is the U.S. bishops' annual period of prayer and action for life. Each day of the novena provides a different intercession, reflection, information item and suggested action. The novena is available in English and Spanish, and can be received in four ways: a free mobile app, text message, email, or social media.

May the good news of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ bring great joy to all—comforting the afflicted, deepening respect for all human life, and strengthening us to share the Gospel of Life.

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For more information about the bishops' pro-life activities, visit: www.usccb.org/prolife.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Archbishop Gomez: Christian doctors face increasing threats](#)

[In our opinion: New HHS 'gender transition' mandate needs to be challenged](#)

[Doctors agreed to euthanize this depressed woman. Moments before her death, everything changed.](#)

[French government votes to ban pro-life websites](#)

[Baby wakes from coma days after doctors wanted to pull life support](#)

[What are human-animal chimeras, and why are they problematic?](#)

[Pope dedicates December to praying for end to child soldiers](#)

[Dancer: New Orleans East club is den of prostitution, employed teen dancer](#)

[A New Ars Moriendi to Address Physician-Assisted Suicide](#)

[Out to Destroy the Pro-Life Movement](#)

[Texas now requires a proper burial for aborted babies, and abortionists are outraged](#)

[BREAKING: Ontario unanimously passes radical LGBT bill redefining parent-child relationship](#)

[LGBT Activists Target Chip and Joanna Gaines of HGTV's "Fixer Upper"](#)

[Abortion extremism persists, despite rejection by voters](#)

[Attack on TV Couple Recalls a Chik-Fil-A Story of Solidarity](#)

[Sam Alone Stands Against the Leviathan](#)

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[French Senate Passes Pro-Life Website Ban](#)

[New UN Czar for Homosexual and Transgender Rights Taunts General Assembly](#)

[Editorial: We Can't Contracept Our Way to Maternal and Child Health](#)
[Jessica searched for help for her porn addiction. What she found disturbed her.](#)

[Gay lobby attacks Christian HGTV stars over stand on gay 'marriage'](#)

[No, we can't 'agree to disagree' on gay 'marriage': And here's why](#)

[San Diego bishop bans outspoken pro-life priest from writing bulletin columns](#)

['After-birth abortion'? Judge lets woman walk after drowning her newborn](#)

[LGBT group asks Christian bakers for cake saying 'Support Gay Marriage'. You know what happened next.](#)

[Liam Neeson quits boxing club after pressure over his abortion advocacy](#)

[Satanic Temple vows to defy new Texas law on respectful handling of aborted babies](#)

[Vatican re-affirms that homosexual men should not be admitted to priesthood](#)

[BREAKING: Senate committee refers Planned Parenthood to FBI for criminal investigation](#)

[Do saline abortions, where babies are burned in salt, still happen in the U.S.?](#)

[Canada: Teacher fired for saying he personally believes abortion is wrong](#)

[Through HHS rule, Obama bars States from defunding abortion providers](#)

[Abortion Activists Will March on Washington in January to Declare Abortion a “Human Right”](#)

[Sofia Vergara is being sued by her own frozen embryos](#)

[Satanists Send Semen-Soaked Socks to Texas Lawmakers to Protest Rule Requiring Burial for Aborted Babies](#)

[Knights of Columbus make donation to Family Life Federation](#)

[Five Untruths About the New Texas Rules for Fetal Remains](#)

[Embryo Expert: UK Will Have First ‘Three-Parent’ Child in 2017](#)

[Aborted Children Deserve a Proper Burial](#)

[Court strikes down Louisiana governor’s LGBT executive order](#)

[Abortion Rate in U.S. Falls 21% in One Decade](#)

[Obama’s ‘Parting Gift to Big Abortion’](#)

[When is a heartbeat not a heartbeat? When NPR \(briefly\) calls it ‘sounds from the fetus’](#)

[“Peace in the Womb” Christmas Carolers to Visit Abortion Clinics](#)

[Courage to Host Event on Pastoral Approach to Sexual Identity in Phoenix](#)

[Virginity Linked to Greater Health in Teens, Says CDC](#)

[Abortions in Italy Drop to Their Lowest Number Ever as More Babies Saved From Abortion](#)

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[New Study Downplays Harm Abortion Inflicts on Women](#)

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“Why does the Church get involved in the bioethics debate? The Church welcomes all genuine scientific progress, for it is in keeping with God’s command to be stewards of creation. Advances in medical technology in particular are very beneficial for mankind. Through them, however, human beings acquire more and more decision-making power over others. Suddenly, it seems ‘useful’ to cultivate human embryos in a Petri dish, it seems ‘feasible’ to kill handicapped infants in their mother’s womb, and it seems ‘humane’ to put sick people out of their suffering. Whenever there is misuse of human power, the Church must always stand on the side of the victims. Research must not be exploited and suddenly turned against human beings, especially the weakest members of society. The Church is not interested in making narrow-minded prohibitions; rather, she wishes to promote the dignity of the human person at all stages of life and in all circumstances.” Taken from **DOCAT**.

“In the United States, more than 50 million children have been aborted since 1973. If those girls and boys had been allowed to live, millions of them would now be in the workforce, helping with their social security taxes to close the deficits in our programs for the elderly. Policies regarding the beginning of life profoundly affect the welfare state as the average age of the population rises. Besides, the elderly require the heaviest medical expenditures in any population. Not only do they require more medical care for more ailments, but the new technologies and pharmaceuticals steadily coming to market are ever more expensive—and aging tends to last for many more years now than it used to. Thus high abortion rates deeply set back the medical prospects of the elderly.” Taken from **Social Justice Isn’t What You Think It Is** by Michael Novak and Paul Adams, Encounter Books, 2015.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

If the State of Colorado can deny his religious freedom, who could be next? Watch this beautiful [video](#) about someone living out his faith through his business.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer to the Holy Family:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience

violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and
its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

