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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 and 2016 presentations are also available on the web site. The 2017 presentation provides updated information on pro-life topics and the grading form guidance.

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 this newsletter to make presentations 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 help you. All of these materials are free of charge except for the shipping. A list of materials can be found on-line. Use this [new link](#)!

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. Use this [new link](#)!

The Supreme web site provides an 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. 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>

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

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

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

GET YOUR PRO-LIFE SIGNS

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director for
Louisiana Right to Life

Louisiana Right to Life is hoping Louisiana residents will help spread the pro-life message in their own yards during the 40 Days for Life campaign by offering pink pro-life yard signs free of charge.

LARTL is encouraging churches or other groups to distribute the signs on the weekend of Sept. 23 and 24 in advance of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. We ask that people and groups put the sign in their yards for the entire 40 Days for Life campaign, which ends Nov. 5.

When you get a sign, be sure to post a photo of your sign in your yard on social media to @LARightToLife with #ProtectThemBoth as the tag. For more information, call 1.886.463.5433.

Click [here](#) to fill out an order form to get your sign as soon as they are available.



NEW STATE LAW COULD HELP YOUNG TRAFFICKING VICTIMS BEING FORCED TO ABORT

Sandy Cunningham, LARTL Communications
Director

A girl - we'll call her Jane - was forced into the sex trade then forced to have an abortion by her older "boyfriend."

"Nobody asked me if I wanted the abortion. It was one thing to be forced to have sex, but when I was forced to kill my baby, I wanted to die, too," Jane said.

Jane's story is not uncommon. The sexual exploitation of persons under the age of 18 is becoming more and more common, even here at home. Cindy Collins, director of Pregnancy Help Slidell who also works with trafficked girls and women, said this generation is at risk.

"Traffickers make more money selling a person because they can sell her multiple times over a course of years. With drug trafficking, the drugs are sold one time," Collins said.

"Children are vulnerable due to age and culture, social media, internet access of traffickers, gangs, girls aging out of the foster care system, runaways, many reasons. This is a generation at risk for predatory relationships, trafficking, and forced abortion. We are seeing the evidence in the stories we hear and the young women we help."

According to non-government U.S. sources, the average age of sex trafficking victims is 11 to 14 years old.

Collins said trafficked girls and women are often forced to have sex with five to 35 men a day, and many have experienced multiple pregnancies, which can result in multiple abortions, often ordered by their traffickers.

Dr. Laura Lederer, a former senior advisor on Human Trafficking at the U.S. Department of State, published a study in 2014 that surveyed 107 sex trafficking victims. The study found 55 percent of participants reported having at least one abortion, 30 percent reported multiple abortions and one female reported having 17 abortions.

"That is a deep trauma, not only the abortion experience, but the deep feeling of regret because this is a life she never intended to live, and now it's taken the life of herself and her child, a second victim," she said following release of the study's findings.

Louisiana lawmakers recognized the seriousness of forced abortions in the sex-trafficking trade in 2011 when the body passed HB 636, better known as the "Signs of Hope Act." This law requires a "Forced Abortion Prevention Sign" to be posted in every Louisiana abortion facility and also created the Louisiana Woman's Right to Know website, further enhancing the state's Woman's Right to Know law, enacted in 1995.

The Louisiana Children's Code also requires that non-emancipated minors have parental consent in order to get an abortion, but traffickers have had no trouble skirting that law.

Jane's "boyfriend" didn't have a problem seeing to it that her baby was killed by abortion. Neither did the trafficker of another young woman helped by Collins' agency.

"A 'friend' of the boyfriend was going to take her to the abortion facility and act as the legal guardian," Collins recounted.

"(Traffickers or others) will pose as parents or legal guardians, and because the law has not been strict enough and the possibility of forced prostitution has been overlooked or misunderstood, the girl does not receive help," Collins said. "Also, she's been told if she does not abort she will lose her life. We've also been told by those we've helped that abortion facilities did not counsel them or help them."

The Louisiana Legislature addressed this problem this year, passing the Screening for Exploitation of Minors Before Abortion Act. Sen. Beth Mizell (R-Franklinton) authored the legislation that strengthens the law already in effect, requiring proof of identification from parents who give parental consent and requiring court-ordered counseling if it is suspected that the minor is a victim of criminal sexual exploitation.

Louisiana Right to Life played a key role in conceptualizing the legislation and lobbied the bill throughout the process in both the Senate and House. The bill was signed into law by Gov. John Bel Edwards on June 12 and took effect Aug. 1.

"The system has been abused. It wasn't always a parent providing the signature. Now, with a photo

ID, you can make sure it's a parent; there is a trail to follow," Mizell said.

The bill also enhances the judicial bypass proceedings for emancipated teens or girls who can't provide parental permission. It gives the judge the ability to provide counseling and/or a Court Appointed Special Advocate and determine if the young woman is mature, informed, and attempting to get an abortion of her own free will or if there are other issues at play and the young woman has been victimized.

"This gives the judge the ability to find out if the girl is in need of a protective order," said Dorinda Bordlee, senior counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund, which consulted on the legislation.

Collins is hopeful the new law will make a difference.

"This bill will provide protection for victims of human trafficking who otherwise have been overlooked or it was assumed they wanted an abortion," she said. "Even if just one young woman and her baby are saved from trafficking and abortion, this piece of legislation will have been well worth it."

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

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

ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Center is in need of diapers, wipes and other baby essentials so that they can continue serving families in need within the community. They are nearly out of larger size diapers (size 4, 5, 6 and Pull Ups), wipes and baby clothing (Size 3 M – 12 M). You can help by participating in the ACCESS Virtual Shower! For questions please contact Michelle Black at mblack@ccano.org or 504-885-1141.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

We continue to assist a local safe house, the [Free Indeed Home](#), where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing.

If you or your group would like to participate in the collection of much-needed items, please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org to facilitate this. No drop-offs can be accepted.

The following items are needed:

- Cash or gift cards for grocery/big box stores
- Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasoning, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding
- Paper towel, toilet paper, paper napkins
- Comet Cleanser, Clorox Clean-up, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, multi-surface cleaner, baking soda, floor wax for hardwood floors, laundry detergent
- Feminine products
- Board games, puzzles, craft items
- Copy paper (cheapest kind), pens, pencils, crayons, color pencils, markers, dry eraser markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, binders, printer ink for an HP 950 and 951, batteries (all sizes, primarily AA and AAA).



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UPDATED RESPECT LIFE WEB SITE

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life office has updated their web site. The site has been totally re-built. It is well organized and it includes a toolkit covering a variety of topics. Each topic has its own page containing helpful information links, bulletin inserts, handouts, videos, and more. This web site is a great place to start when looking for pro-life information. Check it out!

Web site link: <http://respectlife.arch-no.org/>

FOOD/GROCERY DONATIONS FOR RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on October 6-8, 2017. We are coordinating supplies needed for the retreat.

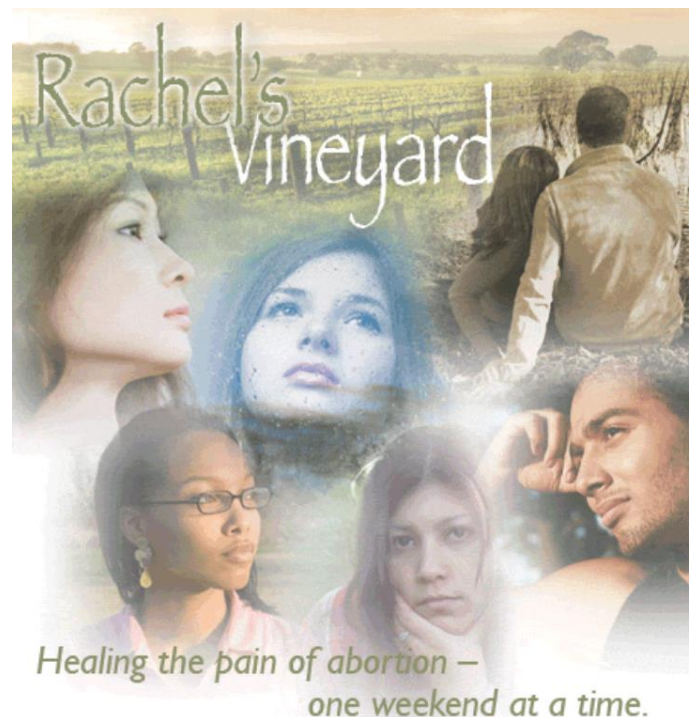
Many people expressed a desire to donate items or to get their youth groups, prayer groups, school clubs, Theresians or Knights of Columbus organizations involved in providing the items needed.

We are preparing food for approximately 25 people from Friday through Sunday. We will be transporting everything to the center Thursday morning, October 5th.

If you or your group would like to provide or prepare food for the retreat, please call Trista Littell at work (337)261.5607 or cell (337)288.8909.

Thank you for your generosity.

May God reward you.



JAZZED FOR LIFE!

Dozens of Respect Life Coordinators and volunteers in the Archdiocese of New Orleans attended Jazzed for Life on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The event sponsored by the Respect Life Office to provide an opportunity for pro-life leaders to network and learn more about local organizations, and to get information that they need to develop programs and events at the parish level. The event was held at the Moreau Center on the campus of the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans.

Archbishop Hughes gave a beautiful reflection on the story of Jesus calming the storm at sea from the Gospel of Matthew. This was a timely topic given the terrible destruction caused by recent hurricanes. There was also a wonderful talk about disabilities and abortion from Sophie Trist, an English major at Loyola University who has been blind since birth. There was also a heart warming End of Life talk by Deacon Dave Farinelli (and Brother Knight) who shared his experiences with his wife who has dementia. This was a wonderful event, and I was so happy to be there and talk with so many committed pro-lifers who are doing so much good.

Debbie Shinskie, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, said: "What a wonderful time we had at Jazzed for Life last Saturday! Thank you to everyone who was a part of this marvelous event. Parishes all over the archdiocese — from Port Sulphur to Folsom, from Destrehan to New Orleans East — sent their coordinators & volunteers. 22 organizations & 5 parishes hosted displays. Archbishop Hughes & our 2 very inspirational speakers, Sophie Trist & Deacon Dave Farinelli, left us energized & ready to do more. I am so grateful to all of you for your ministry in the service of LIFE!"



ULTRASOUND FOR GIANNA CENTER

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

The [Gianna Center of the Gulf South](#) is still currently in need of an ultrasound machine. In order to receive the matching funds from the Knights of Columbus to purchase their ultrasound machine, they need to raise \$32,000. 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.

ULTRASOUND FOR
WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER

The Woman's New Life Center is located directly adjacent to the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge. The ability to show pregnant women their child in the womb has a huge influence on their decision to not have an abortion. Therefore, this is a critical part of their pro-life work. However, the machine is outdated and it is unable to provide clients with clear and accurate pictures of the baby.

Council 8147 in Gonzales will participate in the Ultrasound Initiative to obtain the ultrasound machine. They are looking for additional councils to pledge \$1,000 or more to help raise the required amount of money. Their goal is to raise, \$20,000.

If your council is willing to accept the challenge, please contact Ralph Roger (rroger@dow.com, 713-306-6984). Thank you for your support!

ULTRASOUND FOR GRETNNA CENTER

The [Community Center for Life](#) in Gretna provides pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, pre-natal and postpartum classes, educational literature, baby items, ultrasounds and an emergency shelter. Their ultrasound machine no longer works, and it needs to be replaced. This instrument is essential to their pro-life work. The cost of a new machine is estimated to be around \$33,500. This cost would include the machine, the tools associated with operating the machine, installation, training on use and also shipping.

Archbishop Blenk Council 1905 in Gretna is leading the effort to obtain a new ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. Their council is asking other councils in the New Orleans area to make a donation to this effort. If you can help, please contact Glenn Esteve (gfe1905@yahoo.com, 504-405-2576) or Don Caskey (dcaskey53@yahoo.com, 504-884-0101).

ULTRASOUND FOR NORTH BATON ROUGE

John Hauler (Council 9016)

Barbara Thomas, Director of the North Baton Rouge [Women's Help Center](#), sent a message to me asking for help in obtaining a new ultrasound machine. The one that they have is outdated, and she says the company will only service it for the next year or so. I know one council by itself cannot afford to do this, but I am putting out a call for help.

If your council would like to obtain an ultrasound machine for this center through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, then please contact John Hauler at jehauler@yahoo.com or call 504-812-8753.



A PRO-LIFE PLEA

Wayne Gravois (Council 10080)

The Fourth Degree Assembly 419 in Baton Rouge is issuing a CHALLENGE to all Knights of Columbus Assemblies in Louisiana to promote local council participation in a Baby Bottle Campaign during the 40 Days for Life Campaign scheduled from September 27th to November 5th. The campaign date is international with more than 700 cities all over the world participating. The dates are set by the national 40 DFL organization.

To help promote the program, we are offering a one-time contribution of \$100 to the first 6 councils that participate. This money can be used for the purchase of about 100 baby bottles. Most councils purchase their bottles from Heritage House ([link](#)).

Depending on the quantity purchased the cost of each bottle is about \$1. I am told the average donation per bottle returned is \$20. There is a blank tag on each one that the council can place their individual information. Our council is planning to start the campaign on Saturday October 30 and it probably will run for 4-5 weeks, finishing at least a week before the 40 days campaign ends so we can collect the returned bottles.

Of course, every council has to determine how to allocate the funds raised as they see fit. Our Assembly is suggesting that each council divide-up donations as follows: 25% to the purchase and/or maintenance of an ultrasound machine at a local pregnancy center, 25% to support high school students attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January, and 50% the council's pro-life projects and activities.

We also are planning to give out a Precious Feet lapel pin to every donor.

We hope that you will consider this worthwhile life saving cause. Please contact me at waynegravios@yahoo.com. May God continue to bless the work of the Knights of Columbus.

CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In September, Council 9623 Culture of Life chair couple continues to meet 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.

Council Culture for Life Couple also 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 in Metairie.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Brothers, I don't know if I will ever be able to give a final total on the Access Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign. We are still receiving additional bottles, two that contained \$66.30, and that will still buy quite a few diapers. As of the end of September, here are the totals: St. Anthony = \$1,019.08, St. Joseph = \$791.44, St. Martha = \$1,787.74, and Infant Jesus of Prague = \$1,126.93 That is a total of \$4,725.19. In all fairness, we were only able to present at two masses at St. Joseph.

Great News!!! The Archdiocese has approved the Community Center for Life, allowing us to proceed with the campaign for a new ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. I am happy and nervous at the same time because we need to raise about \$17,000 to submit to Supreme to get matching funds.

I am in the process of making an additional 18 Angels. If we get pre-orders, then we can make them match the buyer's request of hair color, culture, and pink or blue blanket for the baby in the angels arms. I do need your help. You can contact me at 504-341-4512 (H), 504-884-0101 (C), or dcaskey53@yahoo.com.

God is not just good, He is GREAT! I had a table at the Jazzed for Life event held on September 9th. I had the video explaining the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative to raise money for ultrasound machines, and I had some yard angels on display. Our table was next to our dear friend Brother Knight and one half of the Louisiana State Culture of Life

Couple, Mr. Sam Mistretta. It must have been a good neighborhood. See photo below:



We have adopted Saturday, October 21st for the 40 Days for Life campaign, and I need a crew to be there to pray as well as a crew at home backing them up with additional prayers. Women are especially needed because they can relate to the ladies entering the Planned Parenthood facility. I will also need help in getting people to sign up at the different churches.

Brothers, this is not a Culture of Life item but I would like to thank Brother Knights Daniel Geautreaux and Frank Delaney in assisting with the parking at the Pauline Book Store where they held a Life in the Spirit Seminar. We even had our picture taken with a nun. Wow! See photo below.

Yours in Christ,
Don and Dee Caskey



NATIVITY SCENES

Fr. Dan Cook (Diocese of Alexandria)

I noticed a Big Box store had Christmas trees up, but that's nothing new. It is what it is but, what can we do?

I would love to start a Nativity Scenes MOVEMENT, a simple Nativity Scene with JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH on people's front yards like the one pictured below:



NATIVITY SCENES are HARD to find in the big box stores or even on-line. If you do find one, then it has a HIGH DOLLAR price tag.

Local folks have created the pattern for the scenes. However, labor is needed to cut them out with power tools and then paint them.

They would like to sell them at a reasonable price and creating some cash for projects, and give 10% to Manna House in Alexandria ([link](#)) that needs a new roof.

If a council or individual would like to help with this effort, please contact Fr. Dan Cook by email (da1990cook@hotmail.com).

LAKEVIEW DINNER FOR LIFE

John and Elaine Hauler (Council 9016)

St. Dominic Council 3729 was the scene of the latest Dinner For Life. Fr. Beau Charbonnet, pastor of St. Angela Merici Parish in Metairie, was the guest speaker, and he gave an inspiring wake up call to the many guests in attendance asking the people to take a good look at themselves and see what it is they are doing to help promote the cause of life. He asked a simple question: if we do not do something, who will?

This dinner, just like the one held in July at St. Maria Goretti Parish, is an annual event meant to motivate the people to action. A delicious jambalaya meal was prepared by St. Dominic's council members and served by the CYO and PULSE Institute students. Pictured below is Ben Clapper, the Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, Fr. Charbonnet and Shanon Snyder and Alexandra Seghers of Louisiana Right to Life.

UPCOMING EVENTSADOPTION DOCUMENTARY TO BE SHOWN

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director for
Louisiana Right to Life

Please join us at one of two upcoming pre-release screenings of the short documentary film **I Lived on Parker Avenue**. Screenings will be held in Baton Rouge on Oct. 22nd and New Orleans on Oct. 26th.



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW TRAILER](#)

Key people involved in the film, including David Scotton and family, will be at both screenings. Information on each event is below; please spread the word!

**BATON ROUGE PRE-RELEASE SCREENING**

Sunday, Oct. 22

5 - 7 p.m., Catholic High School

For more information and to RSVP, Click [Here](#)

**NEW ORLEANS PRE-RELEASE SCREENING**

Thursday, Oct. 26

6:30 - 8 p.m., Jesuit High School

For more information and to RSVP, Click [Here](#)

PRO-LIFE TALKS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH IN PRAIRIEVILLE

David and Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Prairieville will have two pro-life talks during the month October. The dates and speakers are as follows:

1. The Death Penalty on October 5th by Father David Kelly from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.
2. The End of Life according to Catholic teachings by Dr. John Meinert from OLOL College on October 19th.

Both talks will be at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Francis Activity Center. For additional information, contact Deacon Randy Clement at 225-673-8307.

2018 LOUISIANA LIFE MARCHES

Life March South in Baton Rouge will take place on January 20, 2018, Life March North in Shreveport will take place on January 27, 2018, and Life March Central in Alexandria will take place on February 3, 2018. Make plans for your council to participate!



PRO-LIFE MASS

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Shreveport will have a Pro-Life Mass at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 22nd. Bishop Michael Duca will be the main celebrant, and he will be assisted by Father Francis Kamau, Father John Paul Crispin, and Deacon Clary Nash. All are invited. Contact Randy Mobley with Marian Council 3779 for more information: grm61@bellsouth.net.

WNLC BORN TO RUN BATON ROUGE

The Woman's New Life Center's Born to Run event in Baton Rouge will take place on November 4, 2017. It will start at the North Boulevard Town Square in Downtown Baton Rouge.

Schedule is as follows:

7:30 am - Runner sign-in
 8:30 am - 1-mile Fun Run/Walk begins
 9:00 am - 5K begins
 Post-race "Birth"day Party to follow

Use this [link](#) to register for the event.

Have fun, get a great workout, and help women and babies all at the same time!



GALA FOR LIFE

Woman's New Life Center invites you to its annual Gala for Life on Friday, October 6, 2017 at club XLIV, Champions Square, New Orleans. Parking & Entrance are on Girod Street. The Patron Party begins at 7:00 pm & the Gala is from 8:00 until 11:00 pm. Help support WNLC's mission!

To purchase tickets, please visit www.womansnewlife.com/gala. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to our auction, please contact Caroline at choll@womansnewlife.com or 504-559-8076.





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UPCOMING RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post Abortion healing will be held October 6-8, 2017. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope!

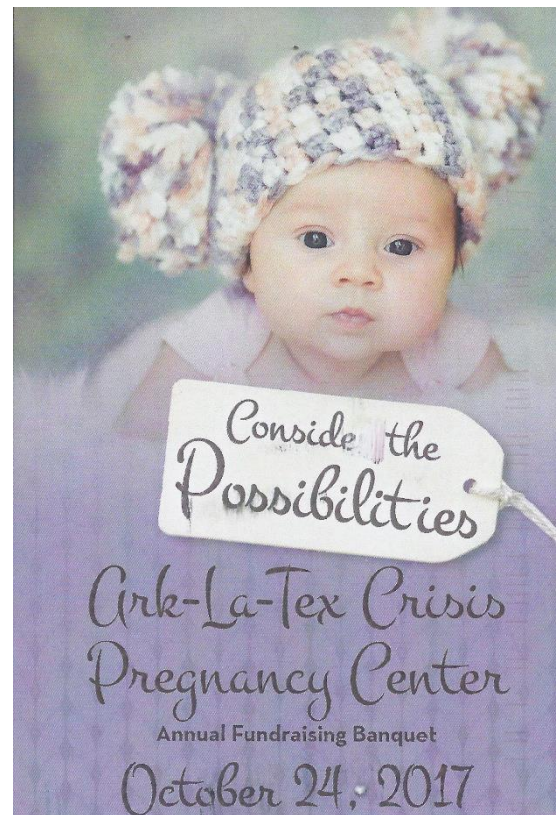
For more information and to register call 337.261.5607 or email tlittell@diolaf.org. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Project Rachel - Individual post abortion healing sessions are held regularly. For more information, please call Karol or Trista @ 337.261.5607.



ARK-LA-TEX FUNDRAISER

Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center will hold their annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, October 24th at the Shreveport Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Ryan Bomberger, Founder of the Radiance Foundation. Seating begins at 6:30 PM with a complimentary dinner and program from 7 to 9 PM. An opportunity to make a financial donation will be extended. Call 318-861-4600 for more information. To find out more about their pro-life work, click on this [link](#).



PLAN TO ATTEND PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

KC Council 9247 at St. Jean Vianney in Baton Rouge will host their second pro-life breakfast in the SJV parish hall on Saturday October 7th at 9:00 AM. The featured speaker will be state representative Katrina Jackson from Monroe. She has been the lead author on many pro-life bills passed by the legislature. Tickets are only \$20 and can be purchased from any Council 9247 member. All knights are encouraged to attend and support council 9247's pro-life efforts.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

After 44 years of legal abortion-on-demand in our nation, we must unite in our local communities, and across the nation for an end to abortion. Stand with us this fall to protect women and unborn children from abortion through inter-denominational prayer, peaceful vigil, and community activism.



The 2017 Campaign will take place from September 27th through November 5th. Events are held at three locations:

- o New Orleans-Planned Parenthood
- o Baton Rouge-Delta Clinic
- o Shreveport-Hope Medical Group

This event saves lives and helps people become knowledgeable and active on the life issues.

This is a major activity for the Knights of Columbus. Make plans for your council and parish to participate in 40 Days for Life!



40 Days for Life Louisiana is an interfaith pro-life effort that involves prayer and fasting. People of faith throughout our city and region are invited to

join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. It is a peaceful vigil of standing for life through a 40-day peaceful witness outside of a local abortion facility.

For more info, go to:

- o www.40DaysForLifeBR.com
- o www.40DaysForLifeNOLA.com
- o <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/shreveport/>

There is still time for your parish or council to participate in 40 Days for Life. Please contact the State Culture of Life chair couple for assistance.

LIFE CHAIN – GOLDEN MEADOW

LaSalette Council 9000 in Golden Meadow will be having their ProLife Chain on Sunday, October 1st at 2 PM in front of Out Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Golden Meadow.

Note: More information about a Life Chain is provided below in this newsletter.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on **January 19, 2018**. 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).





LIFE FEST 2017

Join us for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Life Fest which will be held on **Saturday, October 7, 2017**, from 10 AM to 5 PM, with the Annual Respect Life Mass celebrated at 4 PM, at the Catholic Life Center (1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge).

The keynote presenter will be Brian Pedraza, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. Breakout session topics will focus on accompanying those who are: facing the end of life, experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, wanting to understand human trafficking, struggling with depression & suicidal thoughts, and seeking hope & healing after an abortion.

This FREE event will also offer Eucharistic Adoration, a Spanish track, Kids Track for ages 5-11 and various exhibitors from organizations in our area promoting the dignity of all human life. Lunch will be provided. To register or for more information, visit www.MFLDiobr.org.



CHERS BÉBÉS COMING SOON!

*Annual Fund-Raiser
for Acadiana Youth Education Nov. 2*

Acadiana and Louisiana Right to Life will host the fourth annual Chers Bébés: Acadiana's Soirée For Life, on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017.

This year's event returns to Le Pavillon (1913 Kaliste Soloom Road) in Lafayette. Doors open at 6:30, and the event begins at 7 p.m.

Chers Bébés benefits the Dr. Zerben Bienvenu and Dr. William Smith Fund for Acadiana Pro-Life Education. This fund is dedicated to the pro-life education of middle and high school students across Acadiana through interactive presentations and activities. Through these efforts we continue to strengthen the pro-life spirit of Acadiana for generations to come.

Chers Bébés will also be held in honor of Mrs. Annette Domingue and Mr. Dud Lastrapes. Annette and Dud have served Acadiana's pro-life cause generously for the past 40 years and have set a remarkable example to follow.

The event is being underwritten by generous donations and sponsors, and guests will not have to pay to attend (there will be an appeal for donations at the end of the evening). Event organizers are currently seeking sponsors and table hosts.

For more information or to become a sponsor or table host, click on this [link](#) or contact:

* Krista Corbello, 337-303-8886 or krista@prolifelouisiana.org

* Ryan Verret, 337-257-3029 or rverret@prolifelouisiana.org



LIFE CHAIN - LAFAYETTE

A Life Chain will take place in Lafayette on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 4 to 5 PM.

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

Participants will gather at the corner of Evangeline Thruway and Simcoe St. You can park in the St Genevieve Church parking lot.

Bring your whole family! Rain or shine! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome!

Signs provided proclaim "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption the Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "El Aborto Mata Ninos," "Life – the first Inalienable Right," and "Pray to End Abortion."

Learn more at www.LifeChain.net. You can find a Life Chain planned for your area [here](#).

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in honor of 54 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

The Life Chain should always be a silent, prayerful event. All thoughts and attention should be focused on prayer for the unborn and healing for women who may be suffering from abortion. Participants will be able to quietly choose a sign to hold.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask:

Mrs. Donna Morgan, Pro-Life Coordinator at St Genevieve Church, morgandoa@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR PATTERSON LOUISIANA'S FIFTH ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Will you stand for the unborn?

Sunday October 1, 2017 (2-3 PM)



Rain or Shine

Location: Highway 90 & Wise Street

Come, Let Us Pray

- For our personal repentance and for spiritual awakening in our community and nation
- For unborn children's protection and for legalized abortion to end in America
- For God to convict and draw to Him abortionists and all who defend them
- For all who witness our life chain, that their eyes and hearts will accept the truth
- For our Christian leaders, that they will extol godliness, whatever the cost
- For our public officials, that they will uphold justice and righteousness
- For God's anointing and divine use of 950+ Life Chains in U.S. & Canada

What Is Life Chain?

It's a "prayer chain" and public (sidewalk) witness against abortion. Come, let us seek God's divine intervention for the healing of our community and nation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All who are willing to defend human life against abortion!
Bring the family- including a chair for elderly relatives.

For More Information
please call Ann Picou
@ 985/395-6394



PRO-LIFE MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

SACRED HEART OF JESUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
4736 Lyba Street
Shreveport, LA 71109



SCHEDULE:

- 2:45 P.M. – Procession around church
- 3:00 P.M. – Pro-Life Mass – Bishop Michael Duca, Celebrant
- 4:30 P.M. – Displays from Pro-Life Organizations
- 4:45 P.M. – Reception Spaghetti Dinner - Gabriel Hall

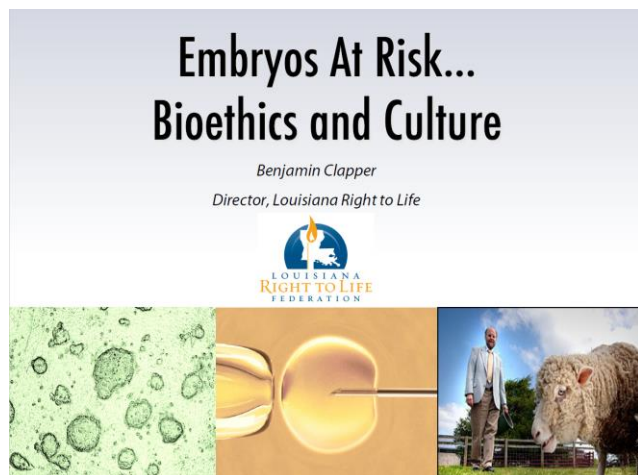
PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS:

- 40 Days for Life
- Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Heart of Hope – A Sanctuary for Women
- Imagine Life
- Knights of Columbus
- Mary's House
- Sidewalk Advocates for Life

Come Pray With Us

EDUCATION CORNERLRTL BIOETHICS TALK

The Culture of Life breakout session at the 2017 KCLS featured a great presentation by Ben Clapper, Director of Louisiana Right to Life. His presentation is available upon request. Please contact Sam Mistretta (smistretta2@cox.net) to get your copy of this very informative presentation.

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>.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION ON PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Are you interested in an easy way to contact your senators and U. S. representatives regarding pro-life issues? If so, then you should check out the Human Life Action website (www.humanlifeaction.org).

Human Life Action is a project of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc., (NCHLA). Since their founding in 1974, they have:

- Enabled the grassroots to advocate at the federal level for pro-life legislation;
- Educated citizens about the need for a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution;
- Created pro-life legislative networks to assist dioceses, state Catholic Conferences, and Catholic lay groups;
- Worked closely with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of their pro-life legislative agenda.

You can sign-up for email action alerts so that you can provide timely input to your government representatives about pending pro-life legislation.

RESOURCES FROM THE USCCB

Pro-life materials are available for purchase from the USCCB. Use this [link](#) to obtain an electronic copy of their catalog of pro-life publications and resources.

You can also learn how to talk about Religious Liberty [here](#).



2017-2018 USCCB RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM THEME: BE NOT AFRAID!

NEW materials are produced each year by USCCB to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life.

Materials are developed for use in parishes, schools, and faith-based ministries, but are also suitable for individual use. The program begins anew each October (Respect Life Month) and continues through the following September.

The new brochures developed for the years' program include:

- What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
- How to Build a Culture of Life
- Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide
- Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing
- Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A
- Understanding Conscience

All pastors will receive program materials sent directly from the USCCB. Parishes may then decide how many brochures, posters and flyers to purchase. Also included is a resource guide with suggestions on implementing the program. Parish Respect Life Coordinators will be notified when the materials are sent to pastors.



GOOGLE PROTECTS HUMAN TRAFFICKERS

Austin Ruse, C-Fam President

The U.S. Congress is considering legislation that will allow victims of human trafficking to sue the online sites that advertise trafficked humans for sex, sites like Backpage.com

This should be unremarkable. Of course, victims should be able to sue those who assist in human trafficking. But, massive resistance has arisen, from all places, Google.

Google is worth \$649 billion. That's right, Google may become the very first trillion dollar company. And Google is spreading that money around Washington D.C. in order to block efforts to let human trafficking victims seek recompense.

It is sickening. I am sorry to say some big conservative groups have given in to Google, too. I will not name them since they are friends of ours and allies on other issues, but this, too, is sickening.

C-Fam works hard on human trafficking. We work closely with a few dozen UN member states. We have sponsored human trafficking victims at UN headquarters. We will do so again in a couple weeks.

C-Fam is also working hard to get this bill in the U.S. Congress passed, but we are running up against Google's billions. Find out more about the work of C-Fam [here](#).



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[You Can't Be Both Pro-Choice and Anti-Racist](#)

[Jailed German nurse Niels Högel may have killed further 84 patients](#)

[Late-Term Abortion Facility Closed in Maryland](#)

[Broad Coalition of Evangelicals Releases 'Nashville Statement' on Human Sexuality, Identity](#)

[Real Racism: Michigan's Population is 14% African-American, But 50% of Babies Killed in Abortions are Black](#)

[UNESCO Promotes Sex-Change and Abortion for Kids](#)

[It's a Culture War, Stupid](#)

[5 myths Planned Parenthood tells about its founder, Margaret Sanger](#)

[This pro-life doctor shut down his local abortionist's business in the most ingenious way](#)

[Sociologist Mark Regnerus Takes on the Economics of Cheap Sex](#)

[Bipartisan Human-Trafficking Bill Expands Victim Aid Programs](#)

[Christians are part of the same dating pool as everyone else. That's bad for the church.](#)

[An Explanation for the Bewildered](#)

[A Role for Government that Nobody Thinks About](#)

[When I worked at Planned Parenthood, there was a 'don't ask, don't tell' mentality about sex trafficking](#)

[New York court delivers big win to foes of physician-assisted suicide](#)

[ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT'S WEEKLY COLUMN: SEX, SANITY, AND BELIEFS THAT 'LIVE LOUDLY' WITHIN US](#)

[How Planned Parenthood Profits from Fetal Tissue "Donation"](#)

[OPINION | Why is HHS contraception order still standing? Trump said it 'would soon be over'](#)

[Cloning is Cloning is Cloning](#)

[Nashville and Sodom](#)

[The Anti-Mary: The Terrifying New Patroness of Abortion](#)

[The Babies We Lost](#)

[Millennial Pro-Lifers Are Lights Amid the Darkness](#)

[UPDATE: Priests, pro-lifers released from jail after rescue at abortion centers](#)

[Assisted Suicide Denied in New York](#)

[Bioethics expert says 'de-valuing' human beings is 21st century malady](#)

[Catholics Beware: The Attack on Free Speech is Growing Stronger](#)

[Jailed priest: Abortion centers are 'modern-day Calvary.' The Church must be there](#)

[This pro-life app is about to throw a BIG wrench into the abortion industry](#)

[Obergefell and the Right to Other People's Children](#)

VIDEO PICKS OF THE MONTH

Kathy's Story...Check out the newest Louisiana Black Advocates for Life [video](#), featuring State Director Dr. Kathy Allen, who shares her personal story.

Louisiana Black Advocates launched a large Facebook campaign yesterday. Please like their page on Facebook ([click here](#)), and share the video with your friends and family!



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Pope John Paul II said: "You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."

Pope Francis said: "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

(Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists Sept. 20, 2013)

Mother Teresa said: "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

... By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

(Speech at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC in 1997)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church ([link](#)):

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

(Obtained from Catholic Household Blessing & Prayers)

