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CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**PRO-LIFE MARCH IN ACADIANA**

Richard Yandle, Diocesan Administrator

Citizens from across Acadiana gathered in Lafayette Saturday, January 20th for a pro-life rally and march in solidarity with the annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

The event, intended to bring together all walks of life in unity against abortion, began at 9:30 a.m. in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette quad Saturday morning for a rally with various speakers, including keynote speaker Joe Farris.

Attendees marched from UL through Lafayette to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for a prayer service led by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette.



MORE ON LAFAYETTE MARCH

Norris & Patsy Thibodeaux (Council 10293)

The pro-life march in Lafayette was a big success. This year, the bishops office got with us to organize a local march. We had between 1200 and 1500 people participate in the march. There was an evening mass on Friday, and the church was packed. Council 10293 donated \$5,000.00 to help the bishop's office with the expenses. We also got a table (\$600.00) for the evening dinner. Our council helped with planning of the route, and helped secure a police escort, and provide port-o-lets.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S INFERTILITY
SUPPORT GROUP

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

You're Not Alone - Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Women's Infertility Support Group, now being offered on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm - 8pm at St. George Catholic Church, 7808 St. George Drive, Baton Rouge. For more information, contact Julie at stellajuliedot@gmail.com.

SUPPER AND SUBSTANCE

Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret from Witness to Love gave a presentation on marriage at the annual Supper and Substance event at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Baton Rouge on February 3rd. As they said, "We were so grateful to be with you all. Be a witness to the One who is Love and let your marriage change the world!" You can find out more about their work on their [web site](#).

IN THE DIRECTION OF LIFE

Chelsy Gomez

[Recently] we observed the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling, which legalized abortion throughout the United States. As in past years, hundreds of thousands gathered in Washington to pray, to march, to lobby, and to work for the end to abortion. We mourn the lives that have been lost in 45 years of legalized abortion. At the same time, we look to the future with hope for those that might be saved. Recent developments offer great promise in protecting the most vulnerable among us.

On January 18, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the formation of a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within its Office of Civil Rights. The new Division will more vigorously enforce existing laws that protect the conscience rights and religious freedom of health care providers like Cathy DeCarlo, who was forced to participate in an abortion.

In recent years, these violations to federal laws have been ignored. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz as USCCB Chairmen issued a joint statement applauding the new initiative "for its significant actions to protect conscience rights and religious freedom." They continued, "For more than forty years—dating back to the Church amendment of 1973—Congress has enacted federal laws protecting rights of conscience in health care. We are grateful that HHS is taking seriously its charge to protect these fundamental civil rights through formation of a new division dedicated to protecting conscience rights and religious freedom."

On January 19, President Donald Trump, joined by Vice President Mike Pence, addressed those participating in the March for Life via a live satellite rally at the White House Rose Garden, pledging to always defend the right to life.

On the same day, the Administration also rescinded the Obama Administration's 2016 guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that prevented states from withholding Medicaid funding from family planning providers that perform abortions. This action returns to the states the ability to direct these federal funds to institutions that do

not provide abortion, allowing for pro-life advancements at the state level.

Also on January 19, the House of Representatives passed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act with a bipartisan vote. This bill builds on the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (2002) by offering mechanisms of enforcement and accountability. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would require any health care practitioner present when a child is born alive after an abortion to provide the same degree of care as would be given to any other child born at the same gestational age. Those not complying with these guidelines would face penalties. Cardinal Dolan praised this action and encouraged the Senate to follow suit.

These developments may seem small in comparison to 45 years of legalized abortion; however, they demonstrate that we are continuing to make significant progress. These advances increase conscience protections, draw attention to the humanity of precious life in the womb, limit funding for abortion, and advance our ultimate objective of making abortion unthinkable.

Now is not the time to despair, but to redouble and renew our commitment to the Gospel of Life. Our sustained and collaborative efforts can continue to advance pro-life legislation.

As we remember and mourn all whose lives have been lost or wounded through the scourge of Roe, we look to tomorrow with hope and joy because we know that Christ has already conquered death. May He make His truth new in our hearts, that we may continue to move our country and our culture in the direction of cherishing all human life.

Chelsy Gomez is Program Associate for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. To sign up for pro-life action alerts, visit www.humanlifeaction.org/signup.



Pro-Life Activities

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

ACTIVATE THE YOUTH!

On February 7th, Knights of Columbus leaders, Culture of Life chair couples, and other Catholic leaders attended a dinner at Drusilla Seafood in Baton Rouge to discuss how to activate the youth to continue pro-life activism. This event was hosted by Louisiana Right to Life. Those in attendance heard from young people who had attended the PULSE pro-life camp. They also had a chance to brainstorm what the Knights and our church parishes can do to create the pro-life leaders of tomorrow. If you would like to know more about what your council can do to activate the youth in your parish, then contact Alex Seghers (alex@prolifelouisiana.org) or Krista Corbello (krista@prolifelouisiana.org).



'I LIVED ON PARKER AVENUE' RELEASE GETTING CLOSER

By Benjamin Clapper, Producer
and LARTL Executive Director

About seven years ago, a young high school student gathered the courage to share his own life story with the toughest critics of all - his fellow students at his high school. Like any teenager, his thoughts were centered on an obvious question: What would my friends think of me? His life story was different from most others. Not many of his friends could say that they were minutes from not existing, or that they had never met the woman who had given birth to him.

Now, David Scotton's life story is more visible than he could have ever imagined when preparing for that five-minute speech. The short documentary film *I Lived on Parker Avenue* tells the story of David's life, and the film's trailer has been viewed more than 375,000 times online.

And we are three weeks away from its online release on March 8!

I met David not long after he spoke to his peers at Jesuit High School in New Orleans. From the beginning I could see he knew his story had great potential to inspire, to save lives, and to share the beauty of the gift of adoption that certainly blessed his life. He selflessly was willing to share it.

Then the moment came. David, almost in a passing manner, told me that he reconnected with his birth parents and was considering going to meet them in Indiana for the first time. Equally as nonchalantly, I tossed out the idea of sending a camera to follow him and document such a dramatic event. My wife and I had seen enough TLC shows to know that these first-time meetings are filled with raw emotion. David considered this, and while hesitant at first, he eventually went along with it.

I brought on my good friend Philip Braun III to be the director of the film, received support from some very generous people, established Joie De Vivre Media, an offshoot of Louisiana Right to Life, and soon, *I Lived on Parker Avenue* was on its way to creation.

In case you haven't heard, here is an overview of the story. David Scotton was conceived in Indiana, and facing challenging circumstances, teenagers Melissa and Brian headed to the abortion facility in Indianapolis. Thanks to the influence of one unknown woman outside that facility, Melissa got up off the abortion table, never to return. All the while, Susan and Jimmy Scotton, after Susan lost two previous children, were searching for an opportunity to begin a family through adoption. Through an Indiana attorney the couples were connected, and adoption plans were made. On Dec. 22, 1993, David Scotton was born and began his first journey home to Metairie with Jimmy and Susan.

I Lived on Parker Avenue follows David, 19 years later as a college student, as he reverses that first journey and travels to Indiana to meet Melissa and Brian. The film documents the stories of all parties involved, examining the dynamics of adoption.

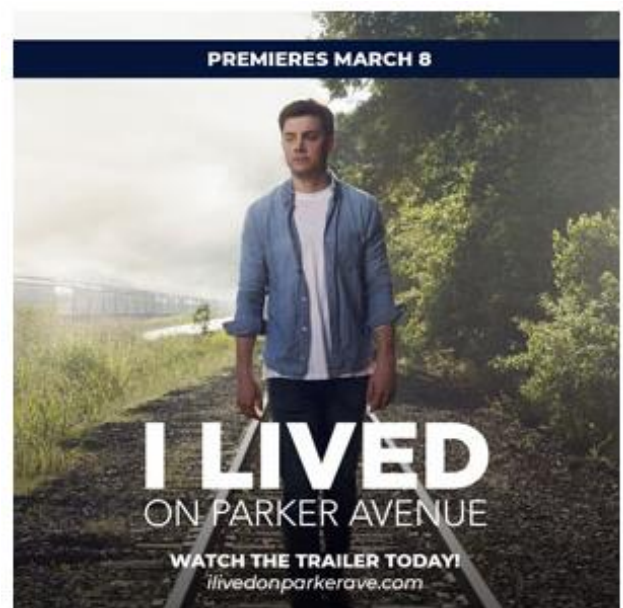
Why David's story for a documentary film? For me, I am motivated by heartbreaking statistics showing that infant adoption has decreased by 31 percent since 1992. Moreover, for every 100 abortions in America, there are less than two infant adoptions. This is a situation we must change. Adoption is a solution to the brokenness of abortion, and it is our hope that *I Lived on Parker Avenue* can inspire our nation with the beauty of adoption.

We have seen the power of this film inspire as we have toured high schools across the country, reaching 10s of thousands of students directly through the film and accompanying presentation. We've screened the film with other groups as well, including U.S. Senators Congressmen on Capitol Hill.

Because of our goal to reclaim the beauty of adoption in America, we are releasing *I Lived on Parker Avenue* in a rather unorthodox fashion on March 8. Instead of pursuing theaters and DVD sales, we will release *I Lived on Parker Avenue* online for free so that anyone and everyone can view it.

We hope you will watch and be inspired. And until then, please [click here](#) to view and share the documentary's trailer!

LSU Pre-Release Screening Wednesday, March 7, 8 p.m. at the St. Alban's Chapel at LSU



COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN LIFE MARCH

Dan Scholl (Council 13145)

Members of “Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe” Council 13145 in Baton Rouge participated in the Life March South in Baton Rouge in January.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

The Community Center for Life in Gretna is VERY close to getting their new Ultrasound machine. We had some major help from another council in raising the money for half of the cost of the ultrasound machine through Supreme's Ultrasound Initiative. I want to hold all the great details until the ink is dry on the contract.

This year in support of the Community Center for Life we will have baby bottle campaigns for them at our two Gretna churches: St. Joseph and St. Anthony. I will desperately need help there.

We are still going to have baby bottle campaigns for Access Pregnancy Center at St. Martha and Infant Jesus of Prague parishes. I am trying to develop a workable schedule for both campaigns, so I will keep you informed.

Spring is almost here and it is time to put on your Pro-Life running shoes, the Women's New Life Center is having their annual Born to Run event on the morning of Saturday, April 7th (7:30 set-up) at shelter #10 in Audubon Park. We have been gradually building up our donation of Draft Root Beer to this year's 5 KEGS, that is 25 gallons from two taps. I expect the New Orleans Ice Cream Company will match us and donate 5 large tubs of their delicious ice cream (ummm ice cream).

For the last couple of years, I have been in complete awe of all of the councils that come to donate food and drinks for the runners. Last year, I sent in some photos of these councils and we need to identify the booths to let everyone know: WE ARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and WE ARE PRO-LIFE. It wouldn't hurt to bring a few form 100s too. If any other councils are interested in helping, please call WNLC soon at (504) 496-0212.

Yours in Christ,
Don and Dee Caskey

COUNCIL SUPPORTS PULSE!

Cliff and Gretchen Allman (Council 4085)

Our KC council 4085 has decided make a donation to Louisiana Right to Life to cover the registration fee for three young people to attend the PULSE pro-life camp. You can contact Krista Corbello at krista@prolifelouisiana.org or cell 337.366.1681 to find out how your council can help too.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

Each month, the council Culture for Life chair couple meets with the River Parishes Pro-Life Group representing several church groups to plan Pro-Life Activities.

In the month of February, the chair couple led a Novena in the Adoration Chapel to pray for an end to Human Trafficking.

CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT

Lenny George (Council 4874)

On February 17th, Council 4874 in Ponchatoula organized a pro-life poster banquet to encourage students to be pro-life. Check out some pictures from the event.





DIOCESAN CLERGY COOK-OFF

Marjorie Long, Rachel's Vineyard Site Leader & Gabriel Project Coordinator

This year's annual fundraiser for the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life was a Clergy Cook-off that the KCs helped to arrange. It was held on January 20th at the Arcade Amphitheater in Lake Charles.

Out of the eight competing teams, it was Fr. Keith Pellerin and his talented cooking team from St. Philip Neri in Kinder, serving a savory white chili con carne, who won the liking of the over 200 voting participants. The victory also came with a \$500 donation to their parish, that was generously donated back to the Diocese.

This fun family day offered not only some of the warmest temperatures this winter but also live music from Fr. Ed Richard and his Bluegrass Band, as well as from students at St. Louis High School. Many families came out and enjoyed each other's company over plenty of foods and treats.

A total of \$16,488 were raised which will help to support the diocesan Pro-Life ministries for 2018, including Rachel's Vineyard - helping people heal from the wounds of abortion, Grief to Grace - a program for anyone who has suffered from different form of abuse and Natural Family Planning - helping couples to grow in love.



ATTENDING THE SLIDELL PRO LIFE WALK

Anthony and Gisela Cooper (Council 9973)

We had a wonderful response to the Pro-Life Walk sponsored by the St Tammany Right to Life Organization on Sunday, February 18th. About 200 of you came out and showed Slidell what it looks like to walk for life! In attendance were knights from four different councils all standing for one statement.

SIDEWALK COUNSELORS AT DELTA

Chris Sellars

This is a summary of the activities at the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge on Thursday, February 22nd. There was a good turn-out of the regular faithful prayer warriors and counselors on front lines. As always, the faithful Ponchatoula Demon Busters (moms and kids) were out in force.

At 8:15 AM, "Dr. Death" R. Dean was out killing babies again with three aggressive "death-scorts." Earlier, members of the Saturday Prayer Group witnessed three of these "death-scorts" pressure-washing Delta's parking lot. There were two confirmed saves on this day.

Raven drove up at entrance to parking lot. This was her second visit. She later told us she was scheduled to be in on Tuesday, but her car broke down. She was there for an abortion. Our counselor was able to get her over to WNLC parking lot. There, other counselors took over. They were able to get her to change her mind. One of our counselors was able to give her the \$125 fee Delta had charged her on the first visit. Our counselor will follow up with her.

Later, Shaneen walked out of Delta. She stopped and told us she had changed her mind. She was asked why she had made this decision. She replied, "I just cannot do it, I'm Baptist." Amen, way to go!

Both young ladies accepted rosaries and baby gifts. Please pray for: Rachael, Daisey, Samantha, Chasie, Melise, Raven, Brittney and Shaneen. Remember to pray for names we do not know of and give thanks for babies saved; known and unknown. God Bless!

CONSCIENCE PROTECTION

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Congress needs to hear from us! Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don't provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. No one should be forced to participate in abortion. Tell your representatives TODAY at humanlifeaction.org!

No one should be forced to
participate in abortion.



Tell Congress at
humanlifeaction.org!

UPCOMING EVENTSHUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT

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

Save the date! The Respect Life Office & Office of Justice & Peace and the Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Committee are hosting a **Human Trafficking Symposium — A Light in the Darkness** on Saturday March 3 from 9am-3pm at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in New Orleans.

Archbishop Aymond will open the event with prayer. You don't want to miss the awesome group of experts we have lined up from the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Free Indeed Home, the Times-Picayune, and Catholic Relief Services.

The symposium is free and lunch is included, first come, first serve. **RSVP REQUIRED** with number of persons attending for our caterer! For more information or to send number of persons attending, contact the Respect Life Office at 504-286-1119 or respectlife@arch-no.org.

A Light in the Darkness: Human Trafficking Symposium

Date: Saturday March 3, 2017
Time: 9am - 3pm
St. Maria Goretti in New Orleans



Please join us!
Hosted by St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder BLVD, New Orleans

Time: 9am - 3pm

A Light in the Darkness: Human Trafficking Symposium

Opening Prayer: Archbishop Gregory Aymond
Guest Speakers: Edward J. McAndrew (DOJ consultant), Lenny Carollo (FBI), Kevin Litten (Times-Picayune), Beth Salcedo (Free Indeed Home), Martha Hall (CRS)

Light Breakfast & Lunch provided



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LOUISIANA PULSE IMMERSIONS

High School and College students, be educated, trained, and inspired to become a Pro-Life Leader at a PULSE Immersion Weekend!

PULSE will be an exciting weekend to immerse yourself in the pro-life cause. With engaging speakers and testimonies, you will be educated on the pro-life issues and inspired to make a difference. With hands-on activism, games, our famous PULSE Coffee House, and a number of field trips and onsite activities, you will have a blast!

Next weekend is Covington on March 23-25, 2018

You can find out all of the details at their [web site](http://www.pulseimmersion.com).

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM

Mothers with teenage daughters, **YOU'RE INVITED** to join us for **GROWING UP GRACEFULLY**, a Mother/Daughter Program for young ladies in 8th-12th Grade and their mothers. Tuesday, **April 10, 2018** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. Cost is \$25.00 for Mother and One Daughter (non-refundable). Please add \$5 for each additional daughter attending.

Click [here](http://www.growingupgracefully.com) for more information and registration.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS TRAINING

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

April 25-27, 2018

St. Dominic's Church - New Orleans, LA

Are you a parent who desires to learn more about how to communicate God's plan for sexuality to your teens? Are you a religious educator who desires to learn more about the Theology of the Body for Teens Middle School Program or the YOU: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body Program for High School students? Are you in need of certification to utilize these programs at your school? Do you simply want to learn more about St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body?

The Theology of the Body for Teens training is an excellent way to be immersed in this powerful set of teachings and to be equipped to share it with others!

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CAMP

Registration is open for all three of our ECHO experiences this summer! Wherever you are, or wherever you have been, we know that God desires to do great things this summer...and we cannot wait to share the ECHO experience with you. Get an automatic discount if you register before March 26th for ECHO New Orleans or ECHO Chicago!

Click [here](#) for more information and to access our registration links...and read on for more details!



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

[Rachel's Vineyard](#) is a retreat for those who have suffered the wounds of abortion. It 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!

The next retreat in Lafayette will be held April 6-8, 2018. Pre-registration is required. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. Contacts: Karol or Trista @ 337.261.5607 for more information.

The next retreats in New Orleans will be held on May 18, 19, 20, 2018 and then on November 2, 3, 4, 2018. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion, Rachel's Vineyard can help. All faiths are welcome! The retreats are open to women and men. Price is \$190/person (Financial Assistance Available). Facilitators are Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann and Fr. David Seid, O. P. is the Priest Facilitator. To register or for more information, please contact the retreat facilitators: Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net & Donna Scheuermann at 504-258-9183.

We are always in need of groups or individuals who would like to sponsor one of the women who will make our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The total cost to sponsor a retreatant is \$190. Sponsorships can be full or partial & can be made at anytime. Contact the Respect Life Office to make arrangements: respectlife@arch-no.org.



BORN TO RUN – NEW ORLEANS

On **April 7th**, the 2018 Born to Run NOLA 5K and Fun Run is a great opportunity for runners and walkers alike to take an active role in Woman's New Life Center's mission. Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the New Orleans and Greater Baton Rouge areas. Along with its expansion of Hope Woman's Clinic, its goal is to serve women in all areas of need. You can help WNLC continue to save and change lives by participating in Born to Run/NOLA. Hope is for YOU! To learn more about our health services, please visit this [web site](#). [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

LENTEN MISSIONS!

A Lenten Parish Mission by Dumb Ox Ministries will break open the Paschal Mystery through the lens of the Theology of the Body and invite participants into a renewed life of faith! This mission will transform your understanding of yourself, your family, your relationships, your vocation, and your purpose in life! Regardless of your age or state in life, this message is for you!

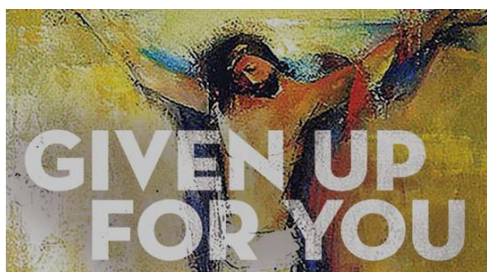
Open dates for Lenten Parish Missions for 2018:

March 25, 2018 (one-night mission)

March 26, 2018 (one-night mission)

March 28, 2018 (one-night mission)

For more information or to inquire about how to bring a mission to your parish or school community, click [here](#)!

LIFE FEST IN LAFAYETTE

I am happy to announce our **FIRST LIFE FEST** this year! Mark your calendar for **April 21, 2018!** Spring is the perfect time to celebrate the gift of life, so let's celebrate it!

The main focuses of the event will be:

- Support for Local Pregnancy Centers (through diaper/supply donations)
- Acadiana Pro-Life Education
- Celebration of Life

Our vision for the event is the following:

- 5K
- Live Music with local bands/musicians
- Food Trucks/Stands/Drinks, etc.
- Booths of local vendors, artists, etc.

We're in need of some support in order to make this event a success, and we hope that you and your networks will be willing and able to be there!

Here are our primary goals:

- Form a Life Fest Board
- Identify Local Sponsors
- Find Local Artists, Bands, Musicians, etc. to perform/have a booth
- Find Local Restaurants, Food Trucks, etc. to be there

Feel free to pass along this information to all those you think would like to be involved, perform, have a booth, need service hours, etc!

Please contact me at krista@prolifelouisiana.org or at my work cell 337.366.1681!

For Love of Life,
Krista R. Corbello
LRTL Youth Programs Co-Director





*Plates
for Life*



Please join us as we celebrate saving and changing lives at Woman's New Life Center's 2nd annual Plates for Life. Enjoy a lovely sit-down dinner at the beautiful Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, followed by both live and silent auctions with unique and priceless items. Then dance the night away with music by Pelican 212.

We're excited to announce this year's keynote speaker Pam Tebow, mother of New York Mets outfielder and former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

EDUCATION CORNER

ACTION ALERTS – USCCB RECOMMENDED

For many years, the USCCB has partnered with the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA). You can use their Action Center to receive email notifications of pending pro-life legislation. It makes it easy to contact your senators and representatives. They provide a modifiable message to send. You can sign-up for notifications at their [web site](#).



PRO-LIFE PERSUASION

We Can Bring Our Pro-Life Persuasion Crash Course to You!

Louisiana Right to Life can bring our Pro-Life Persuasion Crash Course to your church or area upon request! Contact us for information at info@prolifelouisiana.org or call (866) 463-5433.



SIGN-UP FOR LACCB ACTION ALERTS

Do you want to know about pending legislation important to Catholics? If so, then go to the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops web site: www.laccb.org. They have a [web page](#) to inform you about active advocacy campaigns. You can also sign-up for email alerts so that you can contact your government officials about important issues in a timely manner.

Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops

UPCOMING MOVIE RELEASE DATE

The official [on-line](#) release date for the movie **I Lived on Parker Avenue** is March 8th. The ILOPA team continues pre-screening the documentary around the country, and we need you to keep sharing information on the documentary with friends and family as the launch nears!



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

This program provides a set of tools help build a Culture of Life. The materials are meant to supplement existing methods of sharing the Faith and to help integrate the joyful message of our God-given dignity across the breath of Catholic life, work, and ministry. Go to the [website](#) for more.

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



HOW DO I ORDER MATERIALS?

If you are only ordering 2017-2018 Respect Life Program materials...

1. Fill out the enclosed postcard order form.
2. Fax the completed postcard order form to 301-779-8596, or put it in the mail. (It's already addressed and postage-paid.)

OR Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.

If you are ordering additional materials from the catalog...

1. Fill out the order form from the back of the catalog.
2. Send the completed order form by fax or mail to the number or address listed on the form.

OR Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.



CHOOSE THE CHILD

Choose the Child, LLC provides a monthly lesson we are offering for you to use in your home or classroom. Each month, we will provide a FREE Lesson focusing on a USCCB Respect Life topic.

Our Footprints for Life Program is a comprehensive supplement that educates children on ALL life issues and how they can make a difference.

For more information on our complete program, please visit our [web site](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Natasia Kissinger at ntkissinger@choosethechild.com or 504-339-5384.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Chairmen Applaud New HHS Initiatives on Conscience and Religious Freedom](#)

[Six Things You Need to Know about Physician-Assisted Suicide](#)

[The suffering of surrogacy: A veteran feminist spells it out](#)

[Why Judaism \(and then Christianity\) Rejected Homosexuality](#)

[Five Myths About Roe v. Wade](#)

[Shocking Report Shows 57% of Doctors Support Euthanasia](#)

[Which US Catholics Oppose Abortion? A Look at Recent Pew Data](#)

[On Being a So-Called “Single-Issue” Pro-Lifer](#)

[2016 Planned Parenthood report shows women don’t need the abortion corporation](#)

[6 Pro-Life Things You Can Do Every Day](#)

[The Church must combat euthanasia mentality, Pope says](#)

[Why the Pro-Life Movement Will Live Long, and Prosper](#)

[Archbishop to Trudeau: You’re ‘confused’ if you think you can be pro-abortion and Catholic](#)

[St. Thomas Aquinas & the Culture of Life](#)

[Scientists Clone Two Monkeys as a First Step to Cloning Human Beings](#)

[‘Abuse’: Boston Globe slams academy-award nominated gay film that normalizes man-boy sex](#)

[Ireland Will Vote on Repealing the 8th Amendment and Killing Babies in Abortions](#)

[Let’s Name the Abortion Providing Politicians](#)

[Critics Admit Mexico City Policy is Effective](#)

[Senate Democrats Reject Medical Science in
Abortion Vote](#)

[Unintentional Irony: NPR, Abortion, and Maternal
Devotion](#)

[Christian Pastors Bless Late-Term Abortion Clinic
and Its Staff, “All They Do is For God’s Glory”](#)

[Celebrities Call for Ban on Boiling Lobsters
Because They Feel Pain, But Aborting Babies is
Fine](#)

[Mississippi House Passes Pro-Life Bill Banning
Abortions After 15 Weeks](#)

[Women deserve better than risky hormonal
contraceptives](#)

[That ‘Blessing’ of an Abortion Center was an Act of
Sacrilege](#)

[The War on the Hippocratic Oath](#)

[Prudence, Charity, Clarity and Their Opposite:
Confusion](#)

[Meet Lucas, the first Gerber baby with Down
syndrome](#)

[What New York’s non-discrimination order could
mean for religious liberty](#)

[States Passed More Than 50 Pro-Life Laws in 2017
to Save Babies From Abortion](#)

[Patients are Being Denied Treatments Such as
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is well known that often — as the Second Vatican Council has also revealed (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 51,1) — one of the main anxieties that spouses face is constituted by the difficulty of realizing the ethical value of responsible procreation in their conjugal life. The same Council bases a just solution to this problem on the truth that there can be no contradiction between the divine law concerning the transmission of human life and true conjugal love (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 2). To speak of a “conflict of values or goods” and of the consequent need to “balance” them, choosing one and rejecting the other, is not morally correct and only generates confusion in the conscience of the spouses. The grace of Christ gives spouses the real capacity to fulfill the whole “truth” of their conjugal love. You desire to bear witness concretely to this possibility and thus give married couples an invaluable help: to live their conjugal communion in its fullness. Despite the difficulties you may encounter, it is necessary to continue with generous dedication.

2. The difficulties you encounter vary in nature. The first, and in a certain sense the most serious, is that also in the Christian community, voices have been heard and are heard that call into question the truth of the Church’s teaching. This teaching was expressed forcefully by Vatican II, by the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, by the apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*, and by the recent instruction “The gift of life.” In this regard, a serious responsibility emerges: those who place themselves in open contrast with the law of God, authentically taught by the Church, guide spouses on a wrong path. What the Church teaches about contraception is not a matter of free discussion among theologians. Teaching the contrary is tantamount to inducing the moral conscience of the spouses into error.

The second difficulty is constituted by the fact that many think that the Christian teaching, although true, is nonetheless unfeasible, at least in some circumstances. As the Tradition of the Church has constantly taught, God does not command the impossible but every commandment also entails a gift of grace which helps human freedom to fulfill it. Yet constant prayer, frequent recourse to the sacraments and the exercise of conjugal chastity are needed. Your commitment, then, must not be

limited to teaching only a method for controlling human fertility. This information should be inserted into the context of a complete educational plan, which addresses the person of the spouses, considered in their integrity. Without this anthropological context, what you propose would risk being misunderstood. You are clearly convinced of this, for you have always put a correct anthropological and ethical reflection at the foundation of your courses.”

Taken from Pope John Paul II, in an address delivered at a study meeting on responsible procreation, June 5, 1987.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

[Witness to Love](#) is a virtues-based, Catechumenate model of marriage renewal and preparation that integrates modern principles of psychology and the virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship.

Check out their [video](#). It tells the story of how this new vision for marriage prep is renewing parishes and marriages one couple at a time! This is our story and we invite you to make it your story. Even better - share it with a friend or two.



What is the best way to learn about Witness to Love? Simply order a review pack. If you fill out our parish survey you can pay only the shipping for the review pack. [Order a Parish Review Pack!](#)

Please share this with all of your priests, deacons and parish marriage prep coordinators and encourage them to review this program that is changing so many lives and renewing parishes throughout our nation!

CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES

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.

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/>

Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

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.



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 related 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 on-line. Here are links:

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>



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer for Babies About to be Born

Heavenly Father,

From the moment these children were conceived,
 You knew their names.

In the silent first hours of their lives, as cells divided
 and their living flesh quickened, Your love breathed
 deep within and they began to grow in Your image
 and likeness.

May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of
 angels as we await their births.

We ask this through Your Child who was formed in
 the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us,
 Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: EWTN

