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CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

CHANGES AT BATON ROUGE ABORTION MILL

Charles and Betty Barbre (Council 9247)

We were told that Dr. Rashonda Dean had been fired, and we have learned that someone else had been hired (see below). On their first week after the change, they worked on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If anyone can come out any of those days it would be appreciated. Update: They are now on Mondays as well.

The new doctor is James C. Degueurce III. He is associated with the Hope Medical Group for Women (click [here](#) for more information). He graduated from Louisiana State University School of Medicine on June 3, 1972. He was formerly at Abortion Assistance, a.k.a. Bossier City Medical Suite in Bossier City. He left when it closed on March 30, 2017. He is also a former abortionist at Causeway Medical Suite (click [here](#) for more information).

“Death-scorts” are still being used at Delta to prevent pregnant women from interacting with the sidewalk counselors. However, some saves are being documented because some women are making their way to the Woman’s New Life Center located directly adjacent to Delta.

Also, regular faithful prayer warriors, counselors and always faithful Pontachoula Demon Busters were out on front lines, including prayer warriors from Bethany Prayer Center.

COUNCIL MAKES DONATION TO WNLC

Harold Jarreau (Council 6389)

Fr. James Clement KC Council 6389 conducted their first ever Baby Bottle Campaign at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, and we collected over \$5,000.00 for the pro-life program. The money collected was donated to the Woman’s New Life Center on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge to help with the various programs offered at their facility.

The Woman’s New Life Center is a non-profit professional counseling center and medical clinic serving women and families struggling with unplanned pregnancies, as well as those dealing with a past abortion. They also offer free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Their mission is to promote the dignity of women, the sacredness of sexuality, and the sanctity of life.

Pictured below at the presentation of the check is (L-R) Grand Knight Ricky Villar, Woman’s New Life Center PLPC Counselor Whitney Watkins and Culture of Life Chairman Harold Jarreau.



NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

Ben Clapper, Executive Director,
Louisiana Right to Life

It has been 10 years since we launched our first website, and while that site served us well, it was time for a facelift.

We have been working on this site a number of months, and we are excited to share it with you. Our redesigned website includes the information we provided before, but it has a fresher look and feel, with simplified menus and an easier navigation system. The [home page](#) offers a look at what's going on and has quick links to events, donation sites, the store and more!

There are several new features, including a blog, located under the News tab, which is where you have found this story. This section is where we will be updating you regularly with pro-life news, articles, announcements and more.

Here are some other great features:

- Powerful front graphic about abortion in Louisiana
- User-friendly "Pregnant? Need Help? Search Area"
- Better education on life issues
- Social Media integration
- New Merchandise Store
- Mobile friendly
- And much more!

Please use this site, and let us know if you have any recommendations or issues.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Ross and Carolyn McCalip (Council 3743)

The Dignity of Life ministry at St. Aloysius parish and KC Council 3743 conducted a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money for the Pregnancy Problem Center (PPC) in Baton Rouge that provides a variety of services to pregnant women who are at high risk for an abortion. The center has been serving women in Baton Rouge for over 36 years now. The campaign (that took place in January) raised \$10,000 and money is still coming in!

In the past year, the PPC has obtained a new ultrasound machine so that mothers can see their babies in their womb. They have also expanded educational services to aid women in crisis pregnancies. The center also has a "Mom and Me" shop to help clothe and feed both moms and babies. They have also established an Earn and Learn program. All of these support programs requires substantial funds, and the Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Aloysius will provide those much needed funds.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

Several times each month, the council Culture for Life chair couple prays a pro-life rosary in their Adoration Chapel for Life.

NEW ULTRASOUND DELIVERED TO CENTER

St. Mark's Council 8147 in Gonzales led a successful effort to obtain a new ultrasound machine for the Woman's New Life Center in Baton Rouge. Ultrasound machines are an essential tool in helping mothers with a crisis pregnancy to choose life.

This machine was obtained through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. The council was able to raise the necessary funds with help from several local KC councils. We want to particularly thank Baton Rouge Council 9016 that made the largest single contribution to this effort.

On March 16th, the council paid a visit to the center to see the new machine now that it is in active use. The staff is very impressed with the machine's features and ease of use. The new software allows networking capabilities and provides crisp imaging of babies in the womb. Everyone is very excited with this new machine.

Please join me in celebrating this accomplishment.

COUNCIL SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

LeRoy and Ellen Brandow (Council 14614)

Most Holy Trinity Parrish in Covington had a Spiritual Adoption program. KC Council 14614 handed out over 500 spiritual adoption prayer cards after Masses. We also plan to have baby shower to honor babies saved and the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in October.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

The Community Center for Life in Gretna is there, we have the \$16,800 needed to obtain an ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. I wonder if ultrasound machines use supplies like ink or paper. If so, then we can get them going in style. Last month, I submitted the forms to Supreme, and I was more excited than when buying a house or new car. This project has strengthened my faith in the Lord's generosity. When we started the process, I had an idea about how to get things moving but with no end game.

I am not clear on the circumstances that led to the merger of two Baton Rouge parishes and related merger of two KC councils. However, I know that the generosity of brother knights of Council 9016 made it possible to provide a life-saving ultrasound machine much sooner than I would ever have imagined. Of course, other councils donated money for the materials allowing me to sell the pro-life angels so that we could honestly say that "all the money is going to the ultrasound machine." I thank the Lord for the privilege to call you my brothers.

I am awed by the strength, pro-life dedication, and generosity of the donors. One person from our church bought a garden angel for their home but gave it to her dad because it would have a greater visibility given the higher traffic volume there. The strength of God's love became apparent when he offered to pay most of the cost for someone else to have one. This is a modern "Widow's Might."

We are waiting on Supreme to provide the matching funds for the ultrasound machine. When that happens, I will visit the center to give them the checks. I will share photos as soon as possible.

You can see a photo of the last batch of my army of pro-life garden angels below. If any council wants to use this idea, I can send you the instructions (email: dcaskey53@yahoo.com).

We are also having our annual Access Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign starting at Infant Jesus of Prague on June 9-10th at all masses and June 23-24th at St. Martha, all masses as well.

Finally, on Saturday morning (at 7:30 set-up time) on April 7th at shelter #10 in Audubon Park, the Women's New Life Center is having their annual Born to Run fun run. We have been gradually building up our donation of Draft Root Beer to this year's 5 KEGS (25 gallons). I expect the New Orleans Ice Cream Company will match us with a donation of 5 large tubs of their delicious ice cream.

For the last couple of years I have been in complete awe of all our 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 that: WE ARE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND WE ARE PRO-LIFE. It wouldn't hurt to bring a few form 100s. If any other councils are interested in helping, please call them SOON at (504) 496-0212.

Yours in Christ,
Don and Dee Caskey



PRO-LIFE IN MONROE Wynn Lawrence (Council 1337)

Brother Knights from Council 1337 in Monroe traveled to Shreveport to be counted with the thousands who turned out for the 2018 Louisiana Life March in Shreveport on January 28th. Bishop Michael Duca of the Diocese of Shreveport gave remarks at the opening of the march near the Boardwalk in Bossier City. Council 1337 Brother Knights joined those of local councils, families and others as they trekked across the Red River to their Shreveport destination at Festival Plaza.



Brothers of Knights from Council 1337 recently met with officials of Life Choices Pregnancy Resource Center of Monroe to strategize about how the Knights could support Life Choices. Several areas were discussed as well as current needs of this successful resource center for women in crisis. Culture of Life program members were provided a tour of the center, and they gained a better understanding of their mission, programs, outreach, counseling offered, and recurring supply needs. Following our meeting, an impromptu "passing of the hat" at a regular Council 1337 business meeting yielded over \$600 as a gift from our brothers to Life Choices. Much-needed supplies were purchased with the funds that were collected. If you would like to learn more about the center or make a donation to Life Choices, please visit their [web site](#).



UPCOMING EVENTSMOTHER-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](#) for more information and registration.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR DUMB OX MINISTRIES

You are cordially invited to join us for the tenth annual VOCARE Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the work of Dumb Ox Ministries. It is sure to be a night celebrating all the good things God is doing through YOUR support!

Enjoy fine dining, wine and spirits, stellar entertainment, updates from a beautiful year of ministry by Dumb Ox staff members, catching up with old friends, and a silent auction full of amazing items to bid on! Use this [link](#) to register.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM

LOCATION: "The Cannery"
3803 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

vocare

*10th Annual Benefit Dinner in
Support of Dumb Ox Ministries*

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS
TRAINING

Middle School and High School Program

April 25-27, 2018

St. Dominic's Church - New Orleans, LA

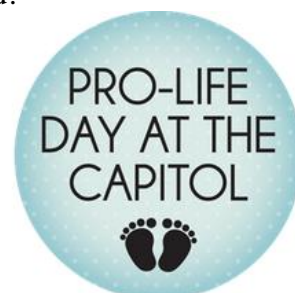
Are you a parent who desires to learn more about how to communicate God's plan for sexuality to your teens? Are you a religious educator who desires to learn more about the Theology of the Body for Teens Middle School Program or the YOU: Life, Love, & the Theology of the Body Program for High School 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.

PRO-LIFE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The [2018 Pro-Life Day at the Capitol](#) is set for Wednesday, April 4. Pro-life agencies, including pregnancy resource centers, will have table displays set up in the Capitol Rotunda, and our main legislation for this session, the "Adoption Option Act," will be heard in the House Health and Welfare Committee that morning. We hope you will make plans to attend!



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Hidden in Plain Sight

Wednesday April 4, 2018

7pm

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church



Please join us!

Hosted by St. Mary Magdalen KC Ladies
Auxiliary & Synod Team

"Human Trafficking: Hidden in Plain Sight"

What is human trafficking? Where is it happening?
Who is affected?

St. Mary Magdalen Convent Building
6425 W Metairie AVE, Metairie
RSVP (504) 733-8980



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1000 Howard AVE, New Orleans LA 70113 | 504-286-1119 | respectlife@arch-no.org
respectlife.arch-no.org

April Respect Life Gathering

Fertility/Infertility Awareness

Pray together ~ Learn more about the issues ~ Network

Thursday April 14, 2018

6pm

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



Please join us!

Hosted by Our Lady of the Lake Catholic
Church
312 Lafitte ST, Mandeville

"Fertility, Infertility, & Life Issues"

Guest speaker: Tracy Bannon, FertilityCare
Practitioner

Light refreshments provided



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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 Sheuermann 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](#)


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



BOWTIES FOR BABIES IN BATON ROUGE

Join us for Louisiana Right to Life's [Bowties for Babies](#) event on April 17th. This reception-style event will feature live music by the Big Easy Jazz Band, delicious food, a silent auction, a live painting by Stephanie Torregrossa, presentation of the 2018 Leadership for Life Award and more. Patron levels start at \$250 and include tickets to the event. Individual and couple tickets are also available starting at \$75.



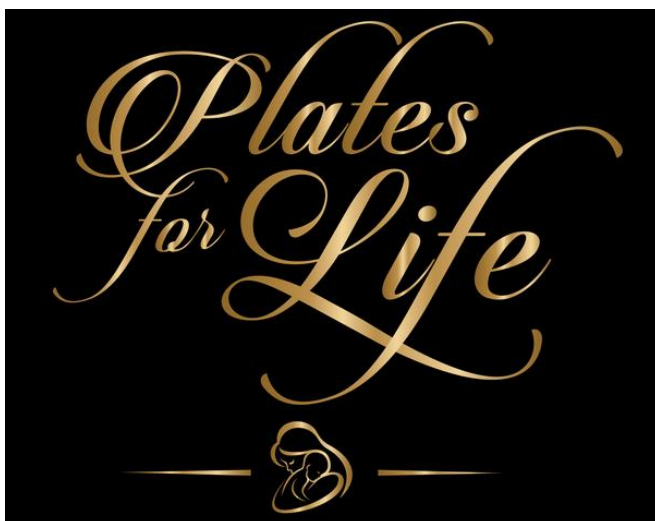
APRIL 17, 2018

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Capitol Park Museum
660 N. 4th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802

PLATES FOR LIFE IN BATON ROUGE

Join us as we celebrate saving and changing lives at Woman's New Life Center's 2nd annual [Plates for Life](#) on May 5th. 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.

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT FOR LIFE!

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

Brother Martin High School invites the New Orleans Metro Area Catholic High Schools to join us for our first Annual Kickball tournament. This is a great opportunity for the Pro-Life Clubs to come together and celebrate life by raising funds for Woman's New Life Center.

Numerous organizations will have tables at the event for your club to network with. It's a great way to promote unity!

Admission is \$10.00 a person. If you would like to participate in the kickball tournament, please create at least 1 team of NO MORE than 10 students. Schools may have multiple teams if needed!

This event will be Wednesday, April 25, 2018 starting at 5pm. There will be food, music, tailgating games, & of course, kickball. Contact Cisco at fgonzales@brothermartin.com for more details.



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

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



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.

BE AWARE OF THE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

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



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

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-3737-888 — keep this number in your phone!

You can learn more about Human Trafficking from our Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Committee ([link](#)) as well as the Archdiocese [website](#).

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Trump Admin Cuts Planned Parenthood Funding, Will Shift Sex-Ed Funds to Abstinence Programs](#)

[Small U.S. town bans 'Gay Pride' parade, now targeted by nation's top LGBT activist groups](#)

[Combating 'Trans' Ideology: Ryan Anderson Responds to the Transgender Movement](#)

[Oregon Legislature Passes Bill to Allow Starving Mentally Ill Patients to Death](#)

[Abortion Clinics Have Lost 3 Million Customers to This Pro-Life Helpline](#)

[Despite Big Tech Resistance U.S. House Passes Bill to Allow Prosecution of Trafficking Websites](#)

['Happiness lies in accepting how God has made us': priests issue statement on gender](#)

['Married' lesbians sue U.S. Catholic bishops over rejection as foster 'parents'](#)

[Planned Parenthood Claims "Some Men Have a Uterus"](#)

[Christian Doctors and Nurses Are Being Forced to Assist Abortions, But You Can Help](#)

[CNN Claims Christian Countries Where Abortion is Illegal Hinder Human Progress](#)

[Post-Abortion Sculpture Dedicated to Bring a Message of Mercy](#)

[The Choice of Assisted Suicide is an Illusion](#)

[Professor Supports Euthanizing Disabled Children Because "Parents are Harmed Seeing Their Child Suffer"](#)

[Prayer, Action and a Broader Culture of Life](#)

[U.S. Bioethicist Supports Child Euthanasia](#)

[Irish government approves abortion referendum wording](#)

[Report: abortion providers get more taxpayer money than you may think](#)

[Netherlands Euthanized More Than 6,500 People Last Year, More Patients Than the Year Before](#)

[Trump Administration Tells UN Abortion is Not a “Human Right”](#)

[Parsing the “T”](#)

[Mississippi passes law banning abortion at 15 weeks](#)

[In Ireland, unborn children's rights axed ahead of abortion repeal vote](#)

[Humanae Vitae: Who Is Out of Touch?](#)

[To Call Abortion ‘Health Care’ Defies Logic](#)

[Despite the weather, record numbers of pro-lifers turned out in Dublin](#)

[Scientists Map Brains of Premature Babies to Discover Potential Diseases. Will It Lead to Abortions?](#)

[A Newsstand Convergence on the Pill](#)

[Archbishop Joseph Naumann: Authentically and Unabashedly Pro-Life](#)

[Planned Exclusion of Abortion in State Dept.’s ‘Human-Rights Report’ Earns Praise](#)

[Judge bans pro-lifers from going near abortion centers in unprecedented ruling](#)

[Ambassador Callista Gingrich: Ending human trafficking must be a global priority for us all](#)

[Will Cupich “Accompany” Reluctantly Divorced Spouses?](#)

[VSED: A New Form of Assisted Suicide](#)

[A compassionate and honest explanation of Church teaching on same-sex attraction](#)

[Abortion Clinic Escort’s False Testimony in Federal Court Tears Hole in Harassment Charges](#)

[Supreme Court Will Decide if California Can Force Pregnancy Centers to Promote Abortion](#)

[66 Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian and United Church of Christ Leaders Sign Letter Supporting Abortion](#)

[Belgian Euthanasia Corruption Exposed](#)

[Reaching out to God through the pain of infertility](#)

[Philly archdiocese responds after city halts foster care placements](#)

[Pro-family watchdog: Justin Trudeau is setting stage to end churches’ tax-exempt status](#)

[What Mary Eberstadt told Notre Dame about ‘Humanae Vitae’](#)

[Judge temporarily blocks Mississippi law banning abortion at 15 weeks](#)

[US Supreme Court Dubious About Calif. Law Targeting Crisis-Pregnancy Centers](#)

[Providence College Bullies Its Faithful Students](#)

[Abortion Is NOT a Religious Issue](#)

[An Open Letter to Pro-Life Sidewalk Witnesses](#)

[Planning Parenthood](#)

[UK Nursing Group Moves to Allow Late-Term Abortions](#)

[Symposium: ‘Humanae Vitae’ Teachings Essential for Stable Marriages, Families](#)

[Toys R Us Contributes to Its Corporate Death Wish](#)

[Planned Parenthood Deletes Tweet Saying “We Need a Disney Princess Who’s Had an Abortion,” But Defends Posting It](#)



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Myth: "High Court Rules Abortions Legal the First 3 Months."

Fact: Abortion is legal through all 9 months of pregnancy. In *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruled that abortion may not be restricted at all in the first trimester; in the second trimester abortion may be regulated only for the mother's health. After "viability," abortion may be prohibited except where necessary to preserve the mother's health.

Roe's companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, defined maternal "health" as: "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient."

Thus, abortion is legal—and cannot be prohibited—in the 7th, 8th, or 9th months of pregnancy if any of these reasons is involved.

"[N]o significant legal barriers of any kind whatsoever exist today in the United States for a woman to obtain an abortion for any reason during any stage of her pregnancy."

Taken from **Roe Reality Check** published by the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Mary Rose & Ryan Verret
WitnessToLove.org

Around Valentine's Day and during Lent we typically stay local and give back to our community. One of our favorite events was a series that our local Cathedral held titled "ReThink." Mary-Rose spoke with Fr. Michael Champagne on "Prayer in the Modern World." There are some incredible insights in this video. Father offered insights into prayer and Mary-Rose addressed family and couple prayer. The Q&A at the end is the best part!

Fr. Champagne is a famous retreat master who is best known for his "mercy mobile." It was filmed by the Diocese of Lafayette and is available [here](#).

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Louisiana Right to Life

Louisiana Right to Life has produced a great new pdf file providing a clear brief explanation about the gravely immoral issues surrounding Embryonic Stem Cell Research. You can download it [here](#).

What's the Problem with Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR)?
Everybody wants cures for diseases, and it is true that stem cell research can have a great potential for cures. However, the research with stem cells has to be both ethical and successful. Here are three quick reasons why ESCR (and its partner 'cloning') is unethical, unsuccessful, and unnecessary.

1. ESCR Destroys Life	2. ESCR Hurts Women	3. ESCR is Unsuccessful
ESCR uses either the process of cloning (aka SCNT) to create a living human embryo, or already living embryos obtained by other means. To isolate the stem cells, the new embryo is destroyed and the stem cells are removed for research. The image below depicts fertilization, development of the embryo, and then his or her destruction to obtain the stem cells.	As you see in the image at bottom left, it takes a human ovum or "egg" to create a human embryo so the stem cells can be plucked out. Where do researchers get these eggs? They have been paying cash-strapped women to undergo hormonal treatment and invasive surgery for their eggs, leaving these women to suffer the sometimes serious consequences.	Even with all the hype and inventory money, ESCR has produced ZERO treatments or cures. On the other hand, Adult Stem Cell Research has produced treatments for 73 diseases (and it's completely ethical). New developments in 2007 in ethical Induced Pluripotent Cell Research (iPCR) show that there is even greater potential when things are done ethically.

Embryonic Adult
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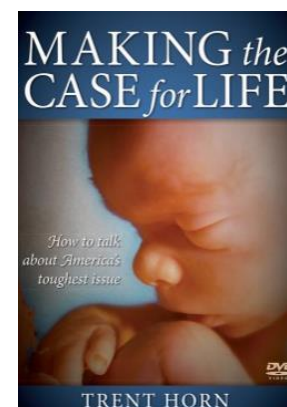
ESCR is unethical, unsuccessful, and completely unnecessary.

PRO-LIFE DVD RECOMMENDATION

Catholic Answers has produced an excellent Pro-life DVD to provide guidance on how to talk about abortion. Often we are reluctant to discuss abortion with others because we are afraid of conflict. This video may give you courage to talk about it.

Trent Horn with Catholic Answers draws on his experiences talking with people about abortion while a member of Justice for All. He uses his personal stories to make good points throughout the short video. The content full of clear and simple arguments.

This is a DVD that every pro-life person should own. I highly recommend it. Order it [here](#).



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

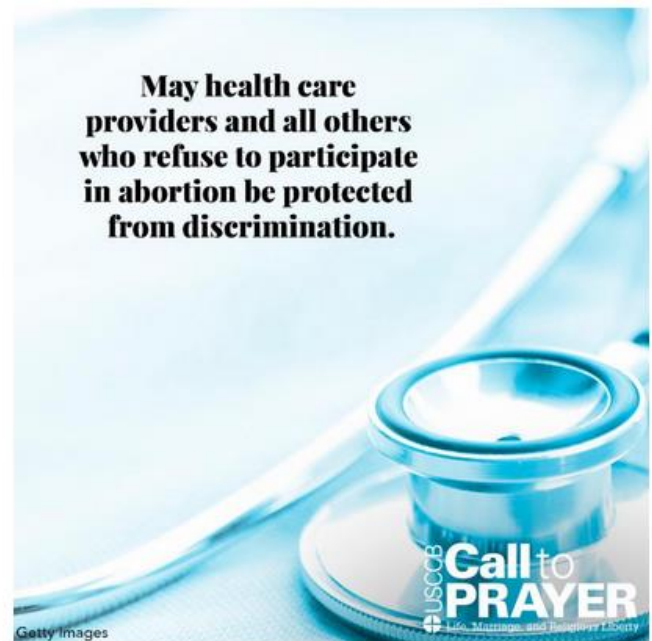
Louisiana is one of the more pro-life states in the union. That is no accident, and continuous efforts are needed to avoid losing ground. While the attacks on the human person are global, we should start our efforts locally. There is no better place to look for help than Louisiana Right to Life (<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/>). 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

Blessing of Parents Before the Birth of Their Child

Gracious Father,

Your Word, spoken in love, created the human family and, in the fullness of time, Your Son, conceived in love, restored it to Your friendship.

Hear the prayers of parents awaiting the birth of a child, calm their fears when they are anxious.

Watch over and support these parents and bring their child into this world safely and in good health, so that as members of Your family they may praise You and glorify You through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Source: EWTN

