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CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**HOLY THURSDAY ROSARY AT THE
ABORTION FACILITY**

On March 29th, Holy Thursday, local Catholics, including several members of the Knights of Columbus from around the area gathered at 7 AM to pray for an end to abortion at the Delta Abortion Facility in Baton Rouge. This event was organized by Tommy Murphy. The Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Director led the Rosary of the Unborn (www.RosaryOfTheUnborn.com), and Charles Barbre from Council 9247 led the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A large number of people came out to pray despite threatening weather. The rain held off until our prayers were completed, thanks be to God! Those present also took time to thank the sidewalk counselors for their dedication to the mothers considering abortion.

There are plans to organize more of these events in the near future.



BOWTIES FOR BABIES IN BATON ROUGE

On Tuesday, April 17th, Louisiana Right to Life held their annual Bowties for Babies event at the Capitol Park Museum, with Louisiana's State Capitol as its backdrop.

This reception-style event featured live music by the Big Easy Jazz Band, delicious food, a silent auction, and a live painting by Stephanie Torregrossa. Also, A. Hays Town Jr. was honored as the 2018 Leadership for Life Award winner.

The event also featured a new House vs. Senate "Family Feud" face-off. Each team included three Legislators, and teams scored points based on their answers to questions focusing on Louisiana trivia. It was a lot of fun!

The event was held to benefit the Advertise for Life project, which uses targeted online advertising to connect women in crisis pregnancies with one of the state's pregnancy resource centers.



REJOICE IN NEW LIFE!

Fr. Dan Cook (Diocese of Alexandria)

Praising Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ for Easter
Miracles this April 4th 2018!!

A baby is born unto U.S. in Alexandria, Louisiana
because of the new [CENLA pregnancy center](#) with
Dr. Spence, catching this miracle of God, this
Eternal Soul!

Let us REJOICE
Let us Rejoice
Let US REJOICE!!

The Omnipresent, Omnipotence of God's Love
And a women's YES to Life!

A community of LOVE is changing the World
today!!

LOVE SAVES LIVES

Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

Will someone SHOUT ALLELUIA and Get
EXCITED?!

THE EASTER LIGHT IS GREATER THAN
DARKNESS!

All of Heaven is in GREAT Ecstasy!!!

LET US CELEBRATE!

A DUTY TO DIE

Tom Grenchik, USCCB

Those who peddle death as the answer to every
social problem will bend over backwards to look
reasonable and compassionate.

Take, for example, the issue of assisted suicide. The
so-called "right" to take one's own life is heralded as
a compassionate answer to a disability, a terminal
illness, a degenerating health condition, depression,
or simply a desire to not want to go on any longer.
We who oppose suicide for those most in need of
real compassion are accused of trying to limit the
rights of others. And so, showing love and true
concern for the neighbor in need is now labeled as
extremism. But who are the true extremists?

A handful of U.S. states and our Canadian neighbors
have now codified assisted suicide as a legal "right."
Who has benefitted from this new found "right?"
Rather than increasing options for those facing
illness or disability, the lower cost of assisted
suicide seems to be influencing the amount of
medical care given to those in need, especially those
most dependent on government assistance.

With increasing frequency, we hear stories of
patients being refused treatment or help with daily
living, while being offered assisted suicide instead.
Just last month, a terminally ill Canadian man sued
his hospital and several governmental agencies
claiming that he was denied proper medical care, but
instead offered assisted suicide. There are similar
examples in the U.S. in states that have legalized
assisted suicide. Patients are being told their
insurance won't cover life-sustaining treatments, but
the insurance companies are happy to mention that
assisted suicide is indeed fully covered. And if death
is a cheaper option than good pain control, there will
be much less incentive to provide or improve
palliative or hospice care, to keep people
comfortable and cared for as they near the end of
their lives.

Those most likely to be pressured to end their lives
are the people who are poor, marginalized, and
members of minority communities--those with less
access to quality health care or with no one to
advocate for them.

And so, the "right" to die can quickly become an expectation to die or even a "duty" to die. Once deemed a burden on society or a waste of limited medical resources, those most in need will be offered the fewest options, with death sadly portrayed as the best bargain of all.

Time is running short before further efforts to legalize and promote assisted suicide inevitably ramp up nationwide. Volunteer with your diocesan respect life office or your parish's outreach to those who are homebound. Assist your state Catholic conference in fending off attempts to legalize assisted suicide. Demonstrate through your words and actions toward those around you how much you treasure them. And pray hard that our world will value and uphold the dignity of every human life.

Tom Grenchik is the Executive Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Learn about the Church's teaching on end of life care at www.usccb.org/toliveeachday.



Pro-Life Activities

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

NEW FILM TO TELL THE TRUTH OF ROE V. WADE

Ben Clapper, Executive Director,
Louisiana Right to Life

Thanks to film tax credits, Louisiana has been called "Hollywood South" for some time. Now, these credits will be used to tell a story that hits close to home.

The feature-length film "Roe v. Wade" is scheduled for production in Louisiana featuring actors such as Jon Voight, Stephen Baldwin, and Stacey Dash. [Producer Nick Loeb told LifeNews.com](#) that the film will be "the untold story of how (abortion activists) lied and manipulated Jane Roe, the media, and the courts into the decision to allow abortion in 1973."

Louisiana knows this story well because the late Jane Roe, or known by her real name of Norma McCorvey, is from Avoyelles Parish. Production on the film begins in the Baton Rouge area in June.

SUPPORT WNLC ULTRASOUNDS



Did you know \$250 provides a life-saving ultrasound for a woman in an unplanned pregnancy?

This glimpse at the life within her can save her baby's life.

Every life saved and every soul changed begins with you.

The number one way you can help is to join our monthly giving club.

If just 10 people join at \$25/month, that's another life-saving ultrasound every month! A small donation affects generations to come.

Will you be the next member?

Help Save a Life Today!



**Seeds of Hope
GIVING SOCIETY**

You can sign-up on-line using this [link](#).

ABORTION EXTREMISM

Greg Schleppenbach, USCCB

To those who see abortion for what it is--an abortionist purposefully and brutally killing an innocent, defenseless human life in her or his mother's womb, --advocating for its legality (even as a constitutional "right") is nothing less than extremism.

So, it seems hard to imagine an even greater level of extremism being advanced by the abortion industry and its adherents in elected office, the media, and elsewhere. But the evidence is clear and plentiful.

For starters, the abortion industry has been shifting its euphemistic mantras from "freedom of choice" and "if you don't like abortion, then don't have one" to "abortion is health care." This rhetorical shift is necessary for its pursuit of a more extreme policy agenda to force Americans to embrace abortion as mainstream health care and to pay for it.

This agenda includes forcing health care providers and institutions to provide, participate in, or refer for abortion--and to force all Americans to pay for abortions through their health care plans. Tragically, we can already see this agenda becoming reality. Just in the past few years, California, New York, Oregon, and Washington have begun forcing churches and/or others who oppose abortion to provide coverage for it in their health care plans. A growing number of health care providers are being forced to choose between involvement in abortion via participation or referral, or losing their jobs. Several states and municipalities have passed laws forcing pro-life pregnancy centers to tell women where they can get abortions.

The abortion industry also wants to force taxpayers to fund abortion by repealing the Hyde and Helms amendments and any other laws that prohibit use of taxpayer funding for abortions. Abortion advocates oppose bills that ban late-term abortions or prohibit abortions solely because a child is disabled or is the "wrong" sex. They even oppose bills that would require providing the same degree of care to a child born alive following an abortion as is provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

All of these pro-life policies enjoy overwhelming public support that transcends an individual's party affiliation, sex, race, and economic status. Yet, in line with its inherent extremism, the abortion industry opposes or wants to eliminate these policies.

Equally extreme is the "Women's Health Protection Act" (S. 510/H.R. 1322), a federal bill with a title as deceptive as its provisions are dangerous. It would invalidate almost every state or federal law that seeks to restrain or regulate abortion by demanding that the law treat abortion like a routine women's health procedure.

Abortion extremism goes beyond policy advocacy. Just one example was in the recent March 9 edition of the Washington Post: an opinion columnist proudly declared that she "would've aborted a fetus with Down syndrome" because, she said, "that was not the child I wanted." It's hard to imagine a more extreme, cold, and grotesque view than that.

I believe that most Americans would be appalled by--and oppose--an industry that embodies such extremism, if only they know about it. It's up to us to make sure that they do.

Greg Schleppenbach is the Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on how you can join in the bishops' pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.



SIDEWALK TIP

Sidewalk Advocates for Life Shreveport-Bossier

If you are advocating in front of an abortion clinic, your signs should point women and clinic workers to resources, not your opinion or beliefs. A sign that says "Abortion is murder" is not helpful or offering a solution.

A sign that says "Abortion kills children" does not lead a woman to a resource.

You must assume in choosing your advocacy tools that you will not have any other form of communication. Your literature, signs and body language must communicate for you! What are you trying to say and what is your purpose for saying it? Is it about you or her?



PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST WINNERS

Jim and Carolyn Angel (Council 2732)

St. Tammany Right to Life recently held our annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school juniors and seniors at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The pictures show the students who participated and the winners. The students were from Northshore High School, Pope John Paul, and Lakeside Christian Academy.

Our winners were:

1st Place - Joseph Kelley (\$200)

2nd Place - Joey Hyde (\$100)

3rd Place - Dominick Lala (\$50)



Group picture is of all students, Left-Right, Dominick Lala, Joseph Kelley, Alex Hyde, Joey Hyde, and Savannah Johnson.



President, Carolyn Angel, presented the awards and is pictured with Joseph Kelly and Joey Hyde.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In April, the council Culture for Life chair couple organized a week of Prayer in the Adoration Chapel to end Abortion in our State, in our Country, and around the World.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

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

How do we build a Culture of Life? It begins with each one of us. "The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to Him and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others." Read more [here](#) from the USCCB Pro Life Secretariat.

WHAT BEING PRO-LIFE MEANS TO ME

Vaughn Gibson, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Former District Deputy

My journey to the Catholic Church started way back when I first met my wife, Dee. Raised Southern Baptist, I never dreamed that I would one day become one of those Catholics, let alone be so dead set against abortion and the death penalty.

As a Baptist boy I never contemplated the atrocity of abortion. At that time in the Southern Baptist church, it was not one of those issues that was discussed. In fact, I can't recall it ever being discussed on the pulpit.

I was also very much a proponent of the death penalty. I felt that if someone committed an atrocious crime then that individual deserved a like sentence. If someone murdered another, then they deserved death. I was raised in a church that never spoke against the death penalty, and it was the consensus of many in the congregation that, "an eye for an eye" was good justice.

One day I met this beautiful faith-filled Catholic woman and the more I got to know her the more I started thinking about things. You see Dee was one of those true Catholics and even though I had no clue what was happening when I went to Mass with her, I realized that something very powerful was going on. She respected my beliefs and never once tried to sway me, but if I asked a question she always had a quick and honest answer. Well the more I got to know this wonderful woman the more I got to long for the Catholic Church. Issues were discussed during the homily that I had never heard before, and I soon discovered that the Catholic Church was the outspoken voice for the unborn and the prisoner on death row.

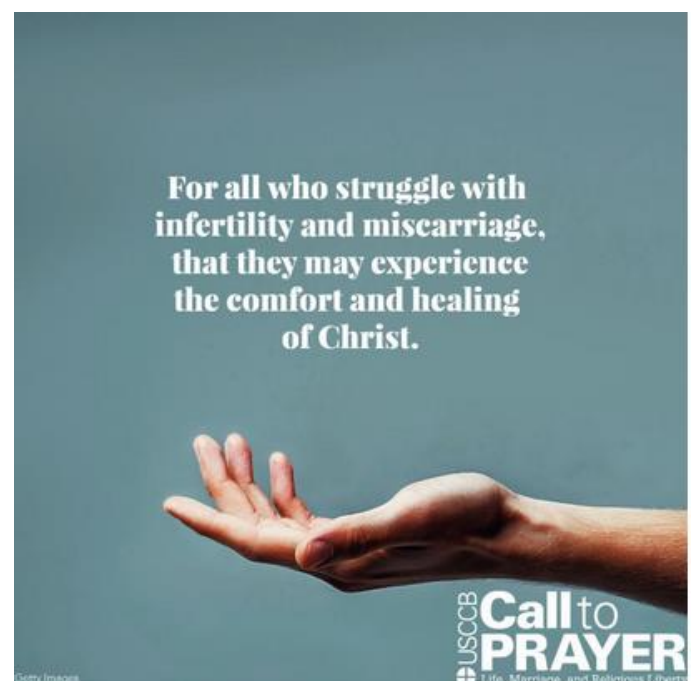
After a brief courtship, we married and later had our marriage blessed and in no time I discovered the most wonderful miracle of all. My wife and I had helped to create life and it was the most beautiful thing I had ever experienced, so beautiful in fact that we went on and helped to create four more babies. The pregnancies and births of our five sons was one of the biggest mile stones in my life. To hold a child that contained part of you is so wonderful it still makes me cry when I think about it. I wanted every married couple to experience this miracle.

Soon after the birth of my first son, I started attending RCIA and became Catholic at the Easter vigil. I found that I had finally come home and I also found that many looked at me different when I announced that I was Catholic. Blessed are the persecuted was the mantra that I soon took on and I found the more I knew about my new found faith the more I could defend it.

Joining the Knights of Columbus was my first step to becoming a true defender of the unborn. I found that the Knights were always bravely standing up for these innocent lives and doing whatever it took to end the atrocity of abortion and euthanasia. Although I was now completely against these horrendous acts, I still felt like the death penalty was just punishment for some until I picked up a copy of "Dead Man Walking" and started reading. Of course the book was Catholic in nature and the theme was the opposition of the death penalty by a nun. The person on death row in question committed murder of a young lady right in my back yard. The place where it occurred was the same area I used to hunt

as a young boy. The story really hit home and I found the more I read the more I thought, "Do we have the right to take a life, even if that person took another life". Well as I explored my faith and my opposition to abortion and euthanasia I discovered that there was no way I could be for the death penalty and against those two things. I changed my way of thinking and Dee had a lot to do with it and so did the Knights of Columbus.

Today our boys are all grown and we now have three wonderful grandbabies. My son married a single mom who already had two kids and together they had another. Many times I thank God that she chose life or I would not have two of my wonderful grandkids. I also look at my two of my nieces who, with their husbands chose adoption and gave their children a chance to have a loving family. I praise God for their birth moms who chose life and I thank God daily for my family and most of all my wonderful Catholic wife Dee who taught me to choose life!



END OF LIFE ISSUES – HELP NEEDED

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

HELP is needed! [Angels' Place](#) is a beautiful organization that assists children with terminal illnesses & their families. Their mission is to provide on-going respite care and support services to a child with a life threatening disease and their family in a loving caring manner.

We are in need of respite care workers to help our families at Angels' Place, as we have had an increase in referrals of children from Children's and Ochsner hospitals. This does require training from the hospital and with Mary Kantlehner, our Children's Program Director. Your schedule after training is flexible.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary at 504-455-2620 Help us make a difference in a child's life and their family. Visit their [website](#) to learn more about their work.

METANOIA IN LOUISIANA

Human trafficking is not just an issue in foreign countries. It's a real issue across America and, now, throughout our own State.

According to national statistics, one of the busiest trafficking corridors stretches from Houston to New Orleans. The victims ultimately reach virtually every corner of Louisiana. The average age of a trafficking victim is 13.

These children come from every walk of life – some abducted, others lured by traffickers. They are then transported to other states where they are forced to perform sexual acts, sometimes as often as 20 times a day. The impact on trafficked children is devastating.

The victims of human trafficking are nothing more than income-producing property for their handlers.

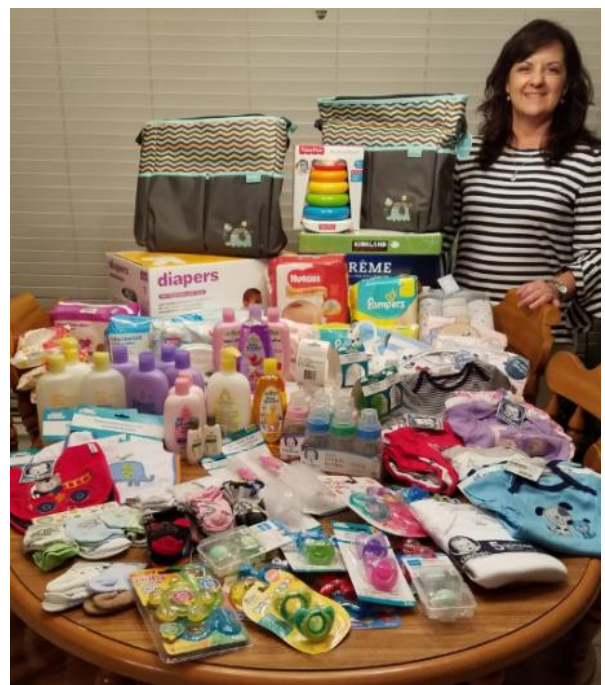
They have each been robbed of their childhood. There is no joy in their lives.

Fr. Jeff Bayhi is leading an effort to provide a secure home for trafficking victims to recover from their ordeal. They need your support! Go to their [web site](#) to find out how you and your council can help.

BABY SHOWER COLLECTION DRIVE

Ross and Carolyn McCalip (Council 3743)

In April, Council 3743 organized a Baby Shower Collection Drive to benefit the Woman's New Life Center in Baton Rouge. The Woman's New Life Center ladies like to give a diaper bag with a few items to each of the mothers they serve, and we wanted to help supply these items such as baby socks, pacifiers, wipes, baby lotion, baby shampoo, baby wash, onesies, bibs, bottles, baby towels, teething rings, and baby toys. KC Assembly 2241 also participated in this drive. Cash donations along with a \$200 donation from the Ladies Auxiliary at St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be used to purchase more diaper bags. We want to thank all of the ladies, brother knights and sir knights who donated items and cash for the drive.



COUNCIL HELPS WITH POO-DAT DIAPER DRIVE

Louisiana Right to Life held their PooDat Diaper Drive from Wednesday, April 25th through Tuesday, May 1st. Donations were accepted at six locations of Robert's Fresh Market in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. These donations will help needy mothers in our communities. Council 3743 provided most of the manpower at Robert's Fresh Market on Highland Road on Saturday and Sunday. Pro-life veterans John and Elaine Hauler from Council 5530 provided much-needed help on Saturday. We are grateful for Robert's owners and management as well as their generous customers for their support. Special thanks goes to those dedicated knights who gave up part of their weekend to help those in need.



ABORTION PILL REVERSAL WORKS!

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

Abortion Pill Reversal works! If you are on the sidewalk, please be sure you have literature on **Abortion Pill Reversal** because many of our women are given this, and we have two local physicians who can provide them with the reversal protocol! Contact the Respect Life Office if you need literature: respectlife@arch-no.org.

"Of the 547 patients who took progesterone within 72 hours of taking mifepristone and had outcomes that were known, there were 257 live births..." Read more [here](#).



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NEW ORLEANS
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UPCOMING EVENTS



PULSE
PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
June 18 - 22

WHAT?

- College and High School students!
- PULSE is an intensive training week! You will be educated on ALL the issues!
- You learn and practice skills for logical and compassionate dialogue!
- You will visit with national speakers and Pro-Life legislators!
- You will become an effective activist, the PULSE of the pro-life generation!

WHERE?

BATON ROUGE
Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center
&
Laser Tag
LSU
LA State Capitol
Woman's New Life Center
Nursing Home

REGISTER TODAY
ProLifePulseLa.com
1.866.463.5433

HEARTS and MINDS
be the PULSE of the pro-life generation
is capable of changing

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.



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.



CONVENTION HELP WANTED

A Baby Shower Collection Drive will be held at the Louisiana Knights of Columbus State Convention in Baton Rouge from May 4th through May 6th. We are asking councils to hold a collection drive in your church parish or purchase items individually or as a council. Please bring your collected items to the Convention and drop them off at the Culture of Life table when you check in.

Monetary donations will be accepted. Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus** and write “**baby shower collection drive**” in the memo line. If your council cannot sponsor a baby shower collection drive in your church parish or council, you may consider a monetary donation instead.

Suggested items are: baby mattresses, pack-n-play portable playpens, baby monitors, baby health kits (thermometer, ball syringe, medicine dropper, nail clippers, etc.), children’s clothing from infant to size 3, onesies, disposable diapers preemie to size 3, wipes, baby towels, receiving blankets/baby blankets, baby bottles, packs of infant socks, pacifiers, baby wash, baby lotion, baby shampoo, and Desitin. **For health reasons, only NEW items please.**

The collected items will be distributed to crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state. Please contact Sam and Arline Mistretta at 769-2433 or email: smistretta2@cox.net if you can help with this effort.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE ACADEMY

The National Right to Life Academy is a five-week academic summer course for pro-life college students eager to put their pro-life passion to work. Students receive a comprehensive pro-life education – emphasizing (but don’t limit courses to) abortion, fetal development, assisted suicide/euthanasia, healthcare reform, debate, lobbying, grassroots organizing, communications, legislation and politics. For information and registration, go to: <https://www.nrlc.org/academy/>.

After the program, students are empowered with the knowledge and tools to effectively articulate the pro-life message and make a difference for life. Graduates of the program have gone on to run pro-life clubs in their colleges, work at pregnancy resource centers and have played vital roles in our National Right to Life state affiliates and chapters.

Right^{National} to Life ACADEMY 2018



The National Right to Life Academy is a fun, fast-paced, and intense five-week academic summer course for pro-life college students eager to put their pro-life passion to work and the opportunity of earning 3 college credits.

\$3600 tuition includes lodging near NRLC headquarters in Washington, D.C., registration & lodging at the 2018 NRL Convention in Kansas City, KS and transportation from Kansas City to Washington, DC.

WHEN?
June 28, 2018 -
August 3, 2018



Fighting to Keep the Hearts Beating

WHERE?
Kansas City, KS
(4 days)

Washington, DC
(5 weeks)

the future of the pro-life movement is
happening now
be a part of it and apply today!

For More Information or To Apply: nrlc.org/academy



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



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](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

NaProTECHNOLOGY is a relatively new women's
health science that works cooperatively with a
woman's natural cycle. As mentioned before, it can
be used to diagnose and treat many gynecologic,
hormonal, and even emotional problems. However,
what it seems to be known for best is treatment of
infertility." You can learn about Natural Family
Planning [here](#).



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Sex Traffickers Shutting Down Websites After
Congress Passes Law](#)

[Christians Protest UNICEF for "Sexualizing"
Children](#)

[Supreme Court Blocks Release of More Videos
Exposing Planned Parenthood Aborted Baby Part
Sales](#)

[In Latest Clash, Obamacare Blocked From Further
Funding of Abortions](#)

[Women Are the Heralds of 'Humanae Vitae'](#)

[Grassroots church focuses on making abortion
unthinkable, unavailable in black community](#)

[Founder of 40 Days for Life enters Catholic Church
on Easter](#)

[How Accepting Down Syndrome Frees Everyone
To Be Loved When We Become A 'Burden'](#)

[The "Medical Conscience" Civil Rights Movement](#)

[Air Force reverses decision to punish colonel for his
religious beliefs](#)

[New study: Abortion pill reversal saves nearly 68
percent of babies](#)

['Humanae Vitae' and the 'Chemical Corset'](#)

[Among the Abortion Extremists](#)

[Miracle Baby Rescued Alive After Being Dumped
in Storm Drain and Left to Die](#)

[Trump Signs Bill to Hold Websites Accountable for
Sex Trafficking](#)

[An endocrinologist studies the transgender
movement's most popular kid's book](#)

[Church Leaders Mostly Silent In Face of Rulings
Against Alfie Evans, Vincent Lambert](#)

['Humanae Vitae' Continues to Generate Dissent,
Greater Public Support 50 Years On](#)

[Sociology prof warns: Internet porn, online dating
screwing young women into 'cheap sex'](#)

[Look Out, Pro-Choicers, You're in Danger](#)

[Abortionist on trial for murder, media blackout
ensues](#)

[Hawaii Law Prescribes Death in Paradise](#)

[Adoption and the Firing of Kevin Williamson](#)

[Students accuse Notre Dame of 'fearing the queers'
after gay man committed to chastity speaks on
campus](#)

[Marriage Matters: All Living Arrangements Are Not
Equal](#)

[California set to vote on banning books about
treating unwanted homosexual attraction](#)

[Trump Admin and Pro-Life Nations Stop Latest
Attempt to Push Abortion at the UN](#)

[Debunking the common myths about pregnancy
resource centers](#)

[Watch a Man Who Lived as a Woman Reject the
Lies of LGBT Activists](#)

[U.S. and Africans Foil Latest Ruse to Advance
Abortion Rights](#)

[Woman Died in the Back of a Taxi After "Extensive
Internal Bleeding" From Botched Legal Abortion](#)

[Lucifer's Game](#)

[Frs. Mullady, Rutler and Spitzer on Hot Topics of
the Day](#)

[U.S. State Department Says Abortion is Not a
Human Right](#)

[Yes, California Is on the Verge of Banning Some
Christian Books, Here's How](#)

[From the Heart of a Young Father](#)

[Being Nice Isn't Good Enough](#)

[Why can't the Church stop harping on purity?!](#)



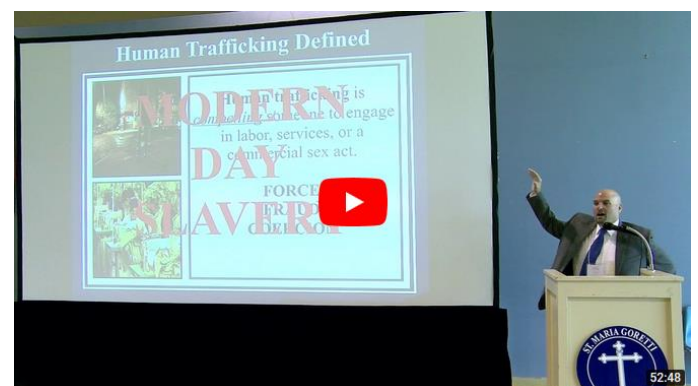
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The moral norm regarding abortion is clear. Each human individual life begins at conception. The embryonic person has a genetic identity distinct from the parents. It is from the first moment of conception that a person develops organically into maturity as a fetal human being and a newborn human child. There is no ‘personhood threshold’ that begins at some point after conception and before birth. The human being is one entity from the first to the last. Consequently, abortion at any stage of the life of a newly conceived person constitutes the unjust taking of a human life, and is gravely wrong. It constitutes a species of murder.”

Taken from **The Light of Christ (An Introduction to Catholicism)** by Thomas Joseph White, O.P., CUA Press, 2017.

VIDEOS OF THE MONTH

Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Committee has produced a series of videos from their Human Trafficking Symposium. You can access all of the videos on-line at this [link](#).



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

Pro-Life Prayer

Heavenly Father, we have turned our backs on you and your principles in your Word. We have allowed man to usurp Your role as God over life and the number of our days. But we come to you in brokenness and repentance over our sin. We cry out for Your mercy and ask you to remove the scourge of abortion from our land. Use us as your vessels, Lord, to bring the light of Your Truth to our nation once again. Because of Christ we pray, amen.

Source: [40 Days for Life](#), Devotional Guide

