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PRELIMINARIES

COUNCIL CULTURE OF LIFE CHAIR COUPLES WANTED!

We want to encourage each council in the state to name a chair couple and allow them to contribute to the council's activities. If you have not done so, please send us the contact information for your council chair couple. A form has been created to facilitate this and it can be found on the State KC web site:

<http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>

Please send the filled-out form to us by mail or email at smistretta2@cox.net.

KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATION

Were you unable to attend KCLS this year? If not, then you can view the PowerPoint presentation given by the State Culture of Life Chair Couple. It is available on the state KC web site:

<http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>

This presentation provides an overview of the main Culture of Life issues. We hope that the content will provide a good starting point for further study. Also, we hope that you will be motivated to publically defend the Church's teaching on these Culture of Life issues. Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

WHAT IS A CULTURE OF LIFE?

Culture is the way in which men and women in a community mold or shape a particular way of relating to nature, to each other and to God, thus establishing a typical style of human coexistence.

One of the primary values of the Culture of Life is respect for human life from its beginning at conception until its natural end. When a culture is capable of protecting and encouraging this vision of mankind through its political, social, economic and legal structures, it can be called a culture of life.

Building such a culture not only requires collaboration of society's leaders, but it is also a duty and a right of all Christians.

SHARE WHAT YOUR COUNCIL IS DOING TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

We want this monthly newsletter to be an opportunity for councils to share the good work that they are doing to build a Culture of Life. Please send an email telling us what your council is doing and send us pictures. Email us at smistretta2@cox.net. We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

CULTURE OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE

The results of a recent survey of Culture of Life chair couples is now available on the state KC web site:

<http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cultureoflife/>

FREE MATERIALS FROM SUPREME

The Supreme Council has a number of Culture of Life materials to aid you. All of these are free of charge except for the shipping. A list of materials can be found at the website:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/programs/support_materials.html

Contact the Supreme Council Supply Department to order the material. Note that some of the materials are in electronic form that can be downloaded immediately. You can email your questions or other requests for materials to William.obrien@kofc.org.

CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCE MATERIALS

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Many people are not aware of the effectiveness and benefits of natural family planning. However, help is available. One of the more effective methods is the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. This method is being promoted by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. In addition, NaProTECHNOLOGY™ can be used to address reproductive and gynecologic disorders. NaPro & Creighton Model work together. More information is available on the Woman's New Life Center web site:

<http://www.womansnewlife.com/fertility-care/hope-fertilitycare-center/welcome>



THE FERTILITY AWARENESS CENTER OF BATON ROUGE, INC.

Become part of a natural approach to women's health care and family planning!

The Fertility Awareness Center of Baton Rouge, Inc. exists to support those professionals involved with the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTechnology.

We are raising funds for the education of FertilityCare Practitioners in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System.

The Creighton Model is an effective, modern method of fertility awareness that enables a couple to plan their family naturally. Couples learn this method in one-on-one sessions with a certified FertilityCare Practitioner. The American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals certifies these FertilityCare Practitioners after they complete a rigorous 13-month training program.

This system is also the foundation for NaProTechnology, a new health science that works

cooperatively with a woman's body to successfully manage a variety of women's health problems including infertility, premenstrual syndrome, and polycystic ovarian syndrome, while respecting the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage.

Please join us in our efforts to ensure that women have access to ethical means for family planning and women's health care that honors the dignity of the human person.

More information is available at:

www.creightonmodel.com.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious freedom is closely tied to the effort to build a Culture of Life. The Catholic position on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and "same-sex marriage" are offensive to many people. There are efforts throughout the world to outlaw speech deemed offensive (so called "hate speech" laws), so such laws prevent Catholics and other people of good will from living out their faith.

Organizations such as the Alliance Defending Freedom are on the front lines of this battle. Alliance Defending Freedom is an alliance-building legal organization that advocates for the right of people to freely live out their faith. Their work was recently highlighted on EWTN's Vaticano program.

You can find more information about the organization's work and religious freedom at:

<http://www.alliandedefendingfreedom.org/>.



CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**PREGNANCY PROBLEM CENTERS**

By Ross and Carolyn McCalip (Council 3743)

Years ago, thirty plus years to be exact, I was a sidewalk counselor in front of the Delta Abortion Facility in Baton Rouge. Day after day, I would try to talk women out of killing their child, but it was difficult at that time because there were not many alternatives to show them. That is why I got involved with the Family Life Federation (Pregnancy Problem Center) to find those alternatives. My wife Carolyn and I first became involved as volunteers with the Hosanna House, a home for unwed mothers waiting to have their babies. Mother Theresa's sisters took over that ministry.

Carolyn became a volunteer counselor at the PPC and has done that off and on ever since. I referred women to the PPC, financially supported them, and volunteered in fundraising and other activities. I have been on the Board of Directors for over 10 years, and I have served as President for the last four years.

Over the years, the PPC has saved many women from making the terrible mistake of abortion. Not only do they run pregnancy tests and counsel the women, the PPC provides all the mothers with vitamins, makes sure they get the medical care they need to have a healthy baby, and helps provide them with baby good.

The latest program started at the Center is the *Earn While You Learn* program. It teaches the women coming to the Center how to be good mothers and guidance to ensure a healthy pregnancy. The mothers watch videos every week and earn "baby bucks" to buy diapers, baby cloths, and other needed items from the "Baby Room" that has been setup at the Center for this purpose. The PPC is there for the women and their babies. They come in crisis and leave knowing that they have a friend.

There is always a need for volunteers and funds. Please do not hesitate to contact us by email if you can help at rmccalip@cox.net.

CAMP JOSHUA IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Vince Whittington (Council 9247)

Camp Joshua is a fantastic pro-life camp started by the Knights of Columbus, Louisiana Right to Life and Louisiana Students for Life in 2008. We worked together to develop the weekend long training camp to train high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to be pro-life leaders and activist. We taught Abortion 1 & 2 classes and brought in speakers from all over in country to train students on issues of abortion. We also brought in people who had an abortion and gave live testimonies of the effects of abortion on themselves, families and friends. They shared their regret. We also brought in representatives of the Crisis Pregnancy Centers to give their purpose and explain how the students can help.

We had about 35 students in the first year, and participation rapidly grew to 90 students in the second year. The following year, we started having multiple weekend camps at different areas of the state. After witnessing and being a part of this weekend, watching the students bond, and hearing some of the discussions from the small groups, I am convinced our future is bright. Working with this generation of young men and women we felt they were going to be the ones to get it done, but we must give them the tools to work with.

We were starting to see the fruits of the Camp Joshua weekend as they went out and started Pro-life groups in their schools and communities. These kids also helped at the Crisis Pregnancy Centers. One of our first year students founded the Pro-life group at Southeastern and later other Camp Joshua students started the Pro- life group at ULL.

We recognized the need for additional training to move student from seat work to foot work. In 2010, we started a week long summer camp called the Joshua Leadership Institute (JLI). JLI takes Camp Joshua to the next level and teaches students how to put what they have learned into action.

The week-long session has been designed to equip high school and younger college students with information on all of the life issues, plus opportunities to dialog with other students. JLI

builds on skills learned at Louisiana Camp Joshua, but it is more action-oriented and takes a deeper look at abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia and other pro-life issues. We bring in some of the top pro-life leaders in the nation such as Bobby Schindler (brother of Terri Schiavo), John Bruchalski M.D., a former abortionist trainee who now is a pro-life obstetrics physician for “Justice for All” which is a group that provides training on pro-life activism and debates.

Participants will take what they learn out into the public and put it into action. For example, they have a candle light vigil at the abortion clinic, visit one of the local nursing homes, visit the Governor’s Mansion and the State Capitol, and talk to politicians. They also go to the LSU free speech alley where they set up a display and interview other students, changing hearts and minds.

Just as Camp Joshua transformed character into action, we want the high school and college students of Louisiana to be formed in their Pro-life convictions, enabling them to live out their values in word and deed. “Joshua’s character was one of bold strength, wisdom, and courage. Louisiana Camp Joshua and the Joshua Leadership Institute instills in young women and men strength in character, wisdom, and courage to defend and proclaim the message of life.”

This is one of the best things we have ever done as Knights of Columbus. Your sponsorship is making a difference! Thank you for your support.

Here is poem written by one of our students:

CAMP JOSHUA

Speaking out about what's right

Learning the truth to end the fight

I know of a place where I can happily go

Where teachers and leaders teach what they know

How to get my point across

How to avoid getting my voice lost

The right way to get the word out

They gave me confidence to stand up and shout

I AM PRO LIFE

I will not back down!

They can choose whether or not to believe

But in my heart I will thank

Camp Joshua who inspired me.

Written by Catherine Stewart

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

The Knights of Columbus recently presented their Ultrasound Initiative's 500th ultrasound machine in the US to a Baltimore pregnancy care center! This program has had the great impact on the lives of men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy as attested in an [article](#) by Mary McClusky. It certainly should be part of any effort to ensure informed consent.



(Image courtesy of the Knights of Columbus)

Details on how your council can participate in this program can be found on kofc.org web site:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/ultrasound/>

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Each month, we would like to highlight council Culture of Life activities. Please send us a brief description of your event and pictures of the event to share with other Culture of Life chair couples. We want to share successful events with others so that they can also conduct effective programs.

COUNCIL SPONSORS BABY BOTTLE
CAMPAIGN

By Daniel M. More (Council 7856)

Knights of Columbus Council 7856 comprised of members from Mount Carmel Catholic Church, located in St. Francisville, LA, and Misson Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located in Jackson, LA, participate in the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Program. This program is a commitment to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death. Across the nation, councils and individual Knights conduct projects aimed to build a culture of life in their individual communities.

For the past several years, KC Council 7856 has undertaken fund raising campaigns seeking contributions from church members to benefit the Family Life Federation, also known as the Problem Pregnancy Center. In the enclosed picture, Deputy Grand Knight, Daniel Doré is shown presenting Frances Broussard, Executive Director, a check for \$3,021 which was raised the recent effort.

The Family Life Federation, located at 4724 Jamestown Avenue in Baton Rouge offers free services to women throughout their pregnancy. The services offered include: pregnancy tests, counseling, abortion alternatives, adoption information, natural family planning, nutrition and educational programs. In the last year, the Center has served over 1,000 women in crisis pregnancies in the Baton Rouge area.



KC Council 7856 also made a \$500 contribution in support of the youth of the two parishes who will be making the pilgrimage to Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. in January 2015.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS LOCAL CLINIC

by Judy Tureau (Council 8147)

St. Mark's Gonzales council 8147 shown here giving donation from the baby bottle fundraiser to Family Resource Clinic, Livingston, LA. The Family Resource Clinic is a non-profit organization that brings help, hope, & healing those facing serious life challenges such as hunger, abuse, disasters, & crisis pregnancies by providing counseling, ultrasounds, food, emergency relief, and clothing to those in need.

Pictured below from left to right are Jimmy Sanchez, Dale Tureau, Judy Tureau, Bryan Rasberry, and Julie Rasberry.



Also on this date Jimmy Sanchez, with the help of Gloria Senn, Dale and Judy Tureau, took Christmas pictures of the clients and families free of charge. Many pictures were first pictures of the babies taken and first for family pictures.

**COUNCIL MAKES DONATION TO CATHOLIC
HIGH FOR MARCH FOR LIFE**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

The Knights of Columbus is working hard on several fronts to build a Culture of Life, and our council has supported students attending the March for Life in Washington D. C. for the past few years. We think that this public witness can begin the process of changing hearts and minds, and we want all Catholics, particularly young Catholics, to take part in this important effort. As a result, the council has decided to allocate a portion of our annual budget to help two Catholic High School students attend the March for Life with a check for \$200.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCHES

Again in early 2015, the Louisiana Life March will take place at two locations:

Louisiana Life March North
Shreveport-Bossier
Saturday, January 17, 2015
10:00 AM start

The pro-life movement in Louisiana will reflect on 42 years of Roe v. Wade and remember the thousands of lives lost to abortion in our state with two Louisiana Life March events on consecutive Saturdays this month.

The LLM North, in its second year, begins at 10 AM on Saturday, January 17, at Bossier City's Louisiana Boardwalk, travels across the Texas Street bridge, and ends at Shreveport's Festival

Plaza, where speakers and musicians will lead in prayer and presentation.

Speakers (in alphabetical order) include:

- Kathy Allen, Black Advocates for Life
- Rev. Jonathan Beck, First United Methodist Church
- Vickie Brumley, Executive Director, Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Jodi Burns, Executive Director, Heart of Hope
- Chris Davis, Coordinator, 40 Days for Life
- Bishop Michael Duca, Catholic Diocese of Shreveport
- Pastor Denny Duron, Shreveport Community Church
- Pastor John Fream, Cypress Baptist Church
- Mike Johnson, Legal Counsel, Louisiana Right to Life
- Dr. Brad Jurkovich, First Baptist Bossier
- Barry LeBlanc, Board President, Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Pastor James McMennis, Word of God Ministries
- Dr. Chuck Pourciau, Broadmoor Baptist Church
- Rachael Wells, Shreveport-Bossier Prayers for Life

Music will be provided by the Cypress Baptist Worship Team, and the procession will be led by the Knights of Columbus and the Christian Motorcycle Association.



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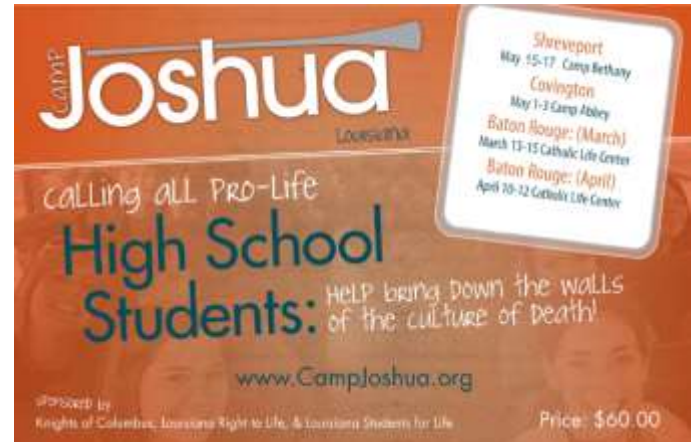
CAMP JOSHUA

Life March South
 Baton Rouge
 Saturday, January 24, 2015
 10:00 AM start

The LLM South is changing locations to LSU for just this year due to construction at the state Capitol and to partner with "The Response Louisiana," a large prayer gathering to be held at LSU on January 24, the same day as the LLM South.

The program for the LLM South rally has not been finalized, but activities connected with Life March South will begin at the outdoor LSU Greek Theatre located on Dalrymple Drive. The Life Ministry Mobilization area opens at 9:30 AM, the rally will begin at 10 AM, and at 11 AM the march will begin, concluding at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. Participants will then march into the Maravich Center, and Life March South will merge with "The Response Louisiana" to begin a time of prayer for life.

Camp Joshua is an action-packed weekend training high school students to be pro-life leaders of today. The camp features dynamic speakers and hands-on experience. Attendees will make new friends from around the state and connect with pro-life leaders.



The following is the list of dates and locations for the camp:

- Shreveport, May 15-17th at Camp Bethany
- Covington, May 1-3rd at Camp Abbey
- Baton Rouge, March 13-15th at the CLC
- Baton Rouge, April 10-12th at the CLC

The camp is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Louisiana Right to Life, and Louisiana Students for Life. The cost to attend is \$60 per student. For more information, go to www.CampJoshua.org.



Please encourage your councils to get involved in one of these two marches. More information may be found at www.LALifeMarch.com.



BATON ROUGE DIOCESAN
RESPECT LIFE RALLY

Come celebrate life with the Diocese! The Diocesan Respect Life Rally will take place on Sunday, January 11 from 2-4 pm in the Main Auditorium of the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.

A fantastic afternoon has been planned including:

- Keynote speaker Bobby Shindler, "The Terri Shiavo Case"
- Presentation by Catholic Charities on Project Rachel, a healing ministry for any who have been affected by abortion
- A wide variety of Respect Life groups/ministries will have information on how you can get involved!
- Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard
- Bible crafts & activities for children 7 & under
- And more!

Please contact the Marriage & Family Life Office for more information or with questions.



The living Rosary from last year's event.

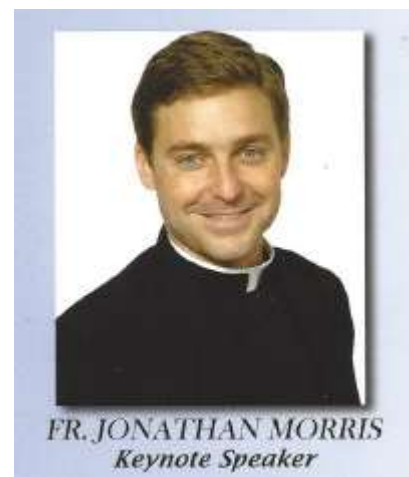
PRO-LIFE BANQUET

The 5th annual Bishop Michael Duca's Pro-life Banquet will be held on March 11, 2015 at the Bossier Civic Center (620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA). Fr. Jonathan Morris will be the keynote speaker. Fr. Jonathan is a priest of the Diocese of New York, and he is the Program Director of the The Catholic Channel and Fox News Analysis. He is also an accomplished author.

Tickets can be purchased for \$60 each, and a table of 8 costs \$500. More information can be found at www.dioshpt.org (click on "Pro-life Ministry").

For sponsorship contact:

prolifedioshreport@dioshpt.org.



EDUCATION CORNERLETTER FROM BILL CASSIDY

The following letter was received on December 1, 2014 from Senator elect Bill Cassidy in response to an email in support of a bill supporting a ban on the patenting of human beings:

“I am pro-life and will work to protect the unborn child’s right to live. When I was first elected to Congress, I wrote to President Obama and then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to encourage them to maintain the pro-life policies that Republicans held in place for the last decade. I have also maintained a pro-life voting record. Please know that I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to protect life.

I believe that all women should have access to quality care, whether it is for themselves, their children, or even their unborn child. By increasing patients’ control over their health care decisions and lowering the cost of access, we can achieve this goal.

On April 23rd, 2013, I introduced H.R. 1675, the Ensuring Women’s Access to Free-Market Healthcare Act. This bill would aim to give women access to High Deductible Health Plans and Health Savings Accounts without the financial burden associated with becoming pregnant while on one of those plans. It also enables insurance companies to develop plan options to allow women to participate in free-market health care while providing for first-dollar coverage for prenatal and postnatal care.

Women’s health care is an important issue. Through my work as your Representative in the U.S. Congress, I will continue to make sure that health care for women is always treated with the respect it demands. You will be pleased to know that I sit on the Energy and Commerce’s Subcommittee on Health. Please know that I will keep your opinion in mind in future committee discussions if any legislation concerning women’s health care should arise.”

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT HELP
FROM THE USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has provided an easy way for you to be aware of important legislative activity and take timely action to make your views known to Congress. They call it the USCCB Action Center.

“The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office of Government Relations (OGR) welcomes you to the USCCB Action Center. Public advocacy from the Catholic community is a civic responsibility that serves the common good, and we hope this platform assists in your own commitment to advance justice in defense of the dignity of every human life. Here at the USCCB Action Center you can take action immediately on a variety of the issues areas of interest to you by joining our advocate network, communicating with your elected officials and finding out more about targeted efforts including our Justice for Immigrants Campaign.”

Key areas of attention include:

- Religious Liberty
- Marriage and Family
- Catholic Education
- Justice, Peace, and Human Development
- Migration and Refugees
- Communications

You can sign-up to get email alerts. To learn more, go to: <http://cqrcengage.com/catholicbishops/home>.



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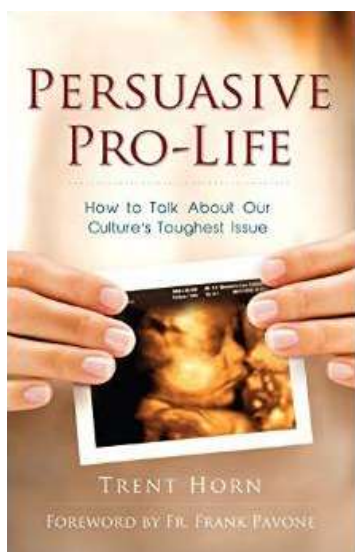
BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Having a conversation with someone who is pro-choice is very difficult. Abortion is still a “hot-button” issue, so emotions can run very high. So, how do we talk about in a way that may change hearts and minds?

A new book written by Trent Horn titled: **Persuasive Pro-Life** is an essential guide for those who wish to engage others in a dialog. This book provides very practical advise based on Horn’s years of experience debating pro-choice people.

The book provides proven techniques to steer the conversation to the question that matters most: “What are the unborn?” One technique that you will learn to use is TOAT (Trot Out a Toddler). The book contains numerous examples of dialogs demonstrating both how the conversation can turn good and bad. You will also get Do’s and Don’ts for a variety of situations. Furthermore, the author stresses the need to agree where possible and always show respect and concern for your dialog partner.

I was very impressed with the breath of coverage and the simple and clear explanations. I highly recommend this book.

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

This article provides the results of a recent Pew Research Center poll on religious belief in the United States:

<http://www.pewforum.org/2014/09/22/public-sees-religions-influence-waning-2/>

This is an article on abortion and the Affordable Care Act:

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2014/obamacare-architect-says-abortion-social-good>

This is an article on civil marriage apart from sacramental marriage:

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2014/changing-discipline-changes-doctrine>

This is an article abortion coverage in healthcare exchanges:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/pro-lifer-wins-battle-against-health-exchange-but-fight-continues/>

Chair couple Randy & Sylvia Mobley (council 3779) provided a link to an article showing a map of which ACA plans cover elective abortions:

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/12/01/interactive-map-reveals-which-obamacare-plans-cover-elective-abortion/>

An article providing disturbing statistics about abortion in New York City:

<http://liveactionnews.org/78-of-abortions-in-new-york-city-were-black-and-hispanic-babies/>

An article on adoption instead of abortion:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/adoption-takes-the-spotlight-in-new-ad-campaign/>

An article on declining birth rates:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/births-slump-to-record-low-in-cdc-data/>

An article about university training regarding traditional marriage:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/marquette-opposition-to-same-sex-marriage-can-be-a-form-of-harassment/>

An article on death by organ donation:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/doctors-push-to-allow-death-by-organ-donation/>

An article providing insights into the thoughts of some who support abortion:

<http://liveactionnews.org/5-revealing-things-abortion-supporters-said-in-2014/>

An article on no fault divorce:

<http://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2014/12/time-to-challenge-no-fault-divorce-1>

An article on religious freedom under attack in Washington DC:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/catholic-schools-religious-liberty-under-fire-in-nations-capital/>

An article on a recent abortion ruling in the U. K.:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/a-bullying-move-uk-midwife-abortion-ruling-sparks-outcry-22916/>

An article on Same-Sex Attraction from the Archdiocese of Washington:

<http://blog.adw.org/2014/12/same-sex-attraction-and-celibacy/>

An article on the problems associated with third party reproduction:

<http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/shut-up-and-be-grateful-for-your-life/>

An article on “same-sex marriage” and free speech:

<http://www.culture-of-life.org/e-brief/teaching-and-preaching-against-same-sex-marriage-%E2%80%99Chate-speech%E2%80%9D>

The work of the Knights of Columbus is being noticed by the news media:

<http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2014/12/22/3604140/knights-of-columbus-bankroll-social-conservative-movement/>

An article on a record drop in the number of abortion centers in the United States:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/report-abortion-centers-hit-record-low-in-2014/>

An article on a Diocese to lose \$2 Million in a teacher’s IVF lawsuit:

<http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/diocese-to-lose-2-million-in-teachers-ivf-lawsuit/#.VKn1civF-dV>

If you frustrated with the evening news coverage by the major media outlets, then check out the news program produced by EWTN which provides analysis from a Catholic perspective. This program is supported by the Knights of Columbus. If your cable or satellite provider does not offer EWTN, then some of the content is available on-line at <http://www.ewtn.com/tv/live/ewtnnewsnightly.asp>



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“I have never heard the ‘pro-choice’ argument made about genocide or rape or slavery or racism. Why? Obviously because everyone knows these to be evils so great and so clear that no civilized society should legalize them. Most people, even ‘pro-choicers’ on abortion, would admit that they are not “pro-choice” on slavery, for instance. But that means admitting that it is possible to have clear and certain knowledge about the goodness or evil of some human acts, at least, if not about abortion. From that admission, it is fairly easy to argue that it is also possible to have clear and certain knowledge about the evil of abortion. For this reason, some of the most philosophically sophisticated pro-choicers are reluctant to admit the principle that it is possible to have clear and certain knowledge, objective and rational knowledge, about the goodness or evil of any human act. They tend to be moral relativists or subjectivists.” Taken from **Three Approaches to Abortion**, by Peter Kreeft, Ignatius Press, 2002.

“Confusion about the relationship between persons and humans can cause tremendous harm. Twice the U.S. Supreme Court proved it badly needs philosophy lessons by missing the point that humans are a subdivision of persons rather than vice versa, that all humans are persons and therefore have the essential rights of persons. Dred Scott declared blacks less than full persons, thus justifying slavery and enforcing the return of run-away slaves as property, not persons. This took away the second fundamental right, liberty. A century later, Roe v Wade took away from unborn babies the first of a

person's rights, the right to life. The philosophy on which this is based is essentially the same as the Nazis' in this sense: the state declares that it has the power to make a certain class of human beings non-persons [whether blacks, Jews, or unborn babies]. Besides being horrible morality, it is also bad logic. It treats 'person' as a smaller class than 'humans.' Taken from **Angels (and Demons) What Do We Really Know About Them?** By Peter Kreeft, Ignatius Press, 1995.

"Women do not have the right to choose an abortion, but they do have the right to make choices about their lives. Nonetheless, if a woman's right to make free choices about her life comes into conflict with the right to life of the child in her womb, then the right to life should prevail as the more basic and fundamental right. Those who are not alive cannot exercise any freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of bodily movement or any other kind of freedom of the human person. Thus the right to life is the most fundamental and basic right, and the right to make free choices should give way to it. Abortion therefore cannot be morally justified as an exercise of the liberty of a pregnant woman." Taken from **Life Issues, Medical Choices** by J. E. Smith and C. Kaczor, Servant Books, 2007.

"So often the attempt to justify voting for pro-abortion legislation is made by the claim that the legislator, personally, is opposed to abortion but wants to allow people a choice. The flaw in this argument is obvious. When you choose, you choose something. When you say 'I choose,' you have to complete the sentence. As Pope John Paul II reminded us, ours is a choice between the 'culture of life' and the 'culture of death.'" Taken from, **Seek First the Kingdom (Challenging the Culture by Living Our Faith)**, by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2012.



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4 WAYS TO JOIN

9daysforlife.com

The 9 Days for Life App has been updated!

Pray with the bishops to end abortion.

Get the app TODAY!

For more resources visit 9daysforlife.com

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

St. Michael the archangel defend us in battle

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do though o prince of the heavenly host

By the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

