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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? 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 RESOURCES**BIOETHICS INFORMATION**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Bioethics is the study of the ethical and moral implications of new biological discoveries and biomedical advances, as in the fields of genetic engineering and drug research. This can seem to be very complicated subject matter because it often involves cutting edge science. Proper understanding of related news stories may require some explanation of the technical details. However, some technological developments in the biological and medical sciences pose a growing threat to human life. Some of the issues hit close to home such as: organ donation, In Vitro Fertilization, “brain death”, and Persistent Vegetative State.

One resource for information on bioethics is the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.nbccenter.org). Their web site provides free on-line resources organized by topics. You can purchase books and other materials on bioethics. You can even submit a question on the web site.



Under the publications link, you can read “A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions.” Printed copies of the guide can be purchased as well.

Some of you who watch EWTN or listen to Catholic Community Radio may be familiar with Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph. D. who is the Director of Education for the NCBC (www.fathertad.com). He is the author of a column called *Making Sense of Bioethics*. These articles can be accessed for free from the NCBC web site. One of the latest articles discusses “Undoing a Chemical Abortion.” The article explains how the doctors can counteract the effects of drugs like RU-486 if a woman changes her mind and treatment begins within hours of taking the abortion inducing drug. This is simply amazing, so please check it out.

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Human Life International (HLI) is a Catholic apostolate seeking to respond to their calling as followers of Jesus Christ by building a Culture of Life and of Love around the world through education, outreach, advocacy, and service. Their mission is to defend the God-given right to life and dignity of all human persons from conception until natural death.

You can find a lot of pro-life resources at their web site: www.hli.org. Free literature can also be downloaded at the web site. They have pro-life talking points and information explaining the Church’s teachings on contraception. Their web site has Culture of Life related news stories, and they have an on-line store with solidly Catholic content.

**KC ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

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

The Supreme web site provides overview and guidelines documents. There are also two forms that must be submitted to determine if your situation qualifies for this program: 1) Diocesan evaluation (form 9884) and 2) Application to Supreme (form 4886).

Your State Culture of Life Chair Couple is ready to assist your council in participating in this program. Please contact Sam Mistretta (225-975-1501 or smistretta2@cox.net).

USCCB DIGNITY OF LIFE RESOURCES

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Did you know that each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation? Don't forget the wonderful Culture of Life resources available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Check out their web site for the 2015 Respect Life Program: www.usccb.org/respectlife. You can find up-to-date articles, bulletin inserts, and prayer resources for your family, school or parish. Much of the material is available in a pdf format.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

GET UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE NEW ABORTION FACILITY IN NEW ORLEANS

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

As many of you are aware, Planned Parenthood has resumed construction work on a new abortion facility on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans. This is very bad news indeed because Planned Parenthood expects to perform an additional 2,844 abortions each year.

You can get up-to-date information about the situation on Louisiana Coalition for Life web site: <http://lacoalitionforlife.com/>.



Louisiana Coalition for Life
STOP PLANNED PARENTHOOD EXPANSION IN LOUISIANA

Thanks to John Hauler (Council 9016) for making us aware of this organization.

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIESCAMP JOSHUA IN BATON ROUGE

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Camp Joshua was held in at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge from Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th. Louisiana Right to Life Youth Programs Director Kandace Landreneau led the program, and she did a great job. As has been the case for several years now, Vince Wittington (Council 9247) provided hands-on support on all three days. On Friday, Sam and Arline Mistretta helped with registration. About 50 young people attended the the pro-life camp. On Saturday, the group prayed outside the Delta abortion facility in Baton Rouge and then visited the Women's New Life Center located right next door. This center is a Christian organization promoting the sanctity of human life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality. The Woman's New Life Center provides practical, medical, emotional, and spiritual services to women in need.

BABY SHOWER COLLECTION DRIVE

By Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

In our continuing efforts to promote a culture of life and support those who choose life, we will be collecting items needed to help new mothers in caring for their babies. We are asking all councils to consider holding a baby shower collection drive in their churches or councils and bring the items collected to the state convention in May. There will be a Culture of Life table at the convention where donations can be dropped off. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Donations will be distributed to Baton Rouge crisis pregnancy centers. Please see the attached flyer for more details.



PRO LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

"Let us pray for the conversion of those in the abortion industry." We hear these words at almost every pro-life function and event, and we should not take them lightly. Norma Mc Corvey "Jane Roe" in *Roe v. Wade* was active in pro-choice activities and was working at an abortion clinic in Texas when a pro-life group moved into the same building. The seven year old daughter of a volunteer named Emily was able to open Norma's eyes and convert her heart. This is the power of truth, prayer and love. Norma started a pro-life ministry, *Roe no more*, and she is currently an avid advocate for pro-life ministries.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson was an obstetrician that in the late 1960s and early 1970s helped to start several pro-abortion groups. He was a "Expert Witness" before the Supreme Court at *Roe v. Wade*, *later admitting that he had lied and distorted the facts*. He was a major player in the pro-choice movement, overseeing 60,000 abortions and performing 5,000 himself. It was the "witness" of the emerging ultrasound imaging technology that converted his heart. By the end of the 1970s, he was outspokenly pro-life. For the rest of his life, he tried to undo the damage he had done. In 1996, he was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church where he found forgiveness and healing.

This evil can be beaten and hearts can be converted, it all begins with prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Don and Dee Caskey

A RESPONSE TO CORPORATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE REDEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

This year, several large U. S. corporations have filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in favor of allowing same-sex couples to marry. They argue that "this fractured legal landscape harms employers and employees alike, creating legal uncertainty, imposing unnecessary costs and administrative complexities on employers, and impairing business interests and employer/employee relations – thus hindering businesses' ability to attract and retain the most talented workforce possible." Furthermore, they argue that it is "a matter of equality and fundamental human rights."

These perhaps well-meaning corporate executives do not understand the meaning of the words that they are using to justify their position. The root causes of this confusion did not suddenly appear in 2015. They have been building for quite some time: no-fault divorce, artificial contraception, and abortion. In his introduction to *De Ente et Essentia*, St. Thomas Aquinas said that "a little error in the beginning leads to a great one in the end."

This is a matter of justice, giving to each person his due. What is Justice for those with Same-Sex Attraction (SSA)? To answer this question, we must first answer some more fundamental questions.

Do we have a human nature? If so, what is our human nature? This can be established by looking at our needs (not wants) and the natural human functions that support life and enable human flourishing. For example, all human beings are either male or female. Furthermore, there are specific conditions and actions that are in accordance with human nature. For example, we need to eat food to survive and thrive. We can even savor a beautifully prepared meal in a way that animals cannot. However, if we eat in excess (gluttony), then we will get sick. It is self-evidently true that we ought to want and seek whatever is really good for us. Today, many people reject the idea that there is a human nature. Therefore, they reject the idea that anything is really good for us. For them, there are only desires, and there can be no disordered desires. Furthermore, many people reject

the idea that there are final causes in nature (i.e. that things in nature have a specific function or purpose). This has far-reaching consequences.

What is the purpose of sex? Fundamentally and essentially, the purpose of sex is to beget children. The very existence of the artificial contraception industry demonstrates that this is true because it would not exist if sex did not naturally lead to babies! And so, a man and a woman come together in the conjugal act, thereby establishing a complementarity between man and woman. They are made for each other.

All of this, of course, is predicated upon a belief that we can know objective truth, that is, make statements that are true for everyone. Objective truth is a hard sell today because our society as a whole has embraced the ideology of relativism. This is particularly true for moral truths.

Strong forces in our society are proposing (more accurately imposing) a change in the definition of marriage. So, what is marriage? This definition has been proposed: "Marriage is, of its essence, a comprehensive union: a union of will (by consent) and body (by sexual union); inherently ordered to procreation and thus the broad sharing of family life; and calling for permanent and exclusive commitment, whatever the spouses' preferences" (see *What is Marriage?* by Girgis, et. al.). Another definition is: "Marriage is a union of a man and a woman that is oriented toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring" (see *Why Homosexual Unions Are Not Marriages* by Catholic Answers). A simpler definition is: "Marriage unites a man and a woman with each other and any children born from their union" (see *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right* by W. B. May). The words are slightly different but the reality that they describe is fixed and universal. No one has a right to change the definition because it is grounded in our human nature and the natural moral law given to man by God.

Why does the state recognize marriage? The state cannot function without healthy, upright, and productive citizens. Governments have long recognized that the best way to do that is for a man and a woman to enter into a marriage to raise their

children. There is no other reason for the state to get involved in marriage. Certainly, it has no legitimate interest in anyone's love life.

It should be obvious to everyone that two people of the same sex cannot come together to beget children. The claim that homosexual couples have a fundamental human right to marriage requires the establishment that a marital union and an act of sodomy are morally equivalent. This proposed equivalency stems from lack of understanding of human rights.

Human rights are that which all human beings are owed because they are human beings. These rights are not given by anyone but simply acknowledged as existing, prior to any man-made law. Their source ultimately comes from God. Sodomy is an abuse of our bodies by using our sex organs for something contrary to its purpose. You cannot have a right to abuse yourself or anyone else.

The "fractured legal landscape" referenced by U. S. corporations writing their amicus brief is largely the result of judicial activism, not a result of a democratic process. This shows a fundamental lack of understanding of the separation of powers established by the Founding Fathers in the U. S. Constitution. Laws are made by Congress and the Judiciary apply the law to specific cases. The legalization of so-called same-sex marriage was established state by state by judicial action in just a few short years, not by a vote of the people.

Our human laws must be grounded in the natural law (based on man's nature), and the natural law is grounded in God's eternal law (the reason or will of God). If man-made laws are not grounded in God's law, then they will always be subject to the changing whims of men in power. Students of history know where this leads: the rejection of the unique dignity of the human person and his destruction.

The redefinition of marriage is just the latest manifestation of a Culture of Death. It will not end with these latest efforts to destroy the institution of marriage, a definition that has been acknowledged throughout recorded human history. We may be entering a dark time in human history and so we may all suffer as a result. However, there is hope

because Jesus Christ has told us: “In this world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world” (John 16:33).

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. We also welcome opinion articles from chair couples.

COUNCIL KICKS OFF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

by Justin LaGrange (Council 1437)

On August 14, 2014, Council 1437 in New Orleans provided labor and support for a party to kick-off the 40 Days for Life Campaign which took place at St. Angela Merici Gymnasium in Metairie. The council work included cooking and serving food for the event. Archbishop Gregory Aymond attended the event.



TAKING THE POLAR PLUNGE

By Randy Mobley (Council 3779)

On March 14, 2015, the Polar Plunge® event took place at the East Ridge Country Club in Shreveport. The Polar Plunge® is one of Special Olympics Louisiana’s largest fundraisers, attracting hundreds of people. Crowd favorites at this event include the

costume contest, musical entertainment, gigantic ice sculpture, as well as vendor displays and giveaways. Randy Mobley, Culture of Life director for council 3779, took the plunge for this very worthy cause. Check out the pictures to prove it! Randy is in the middle.



COUNCIL VISITS THE AMERICAN HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

By Ross McCalip (Council 3743)

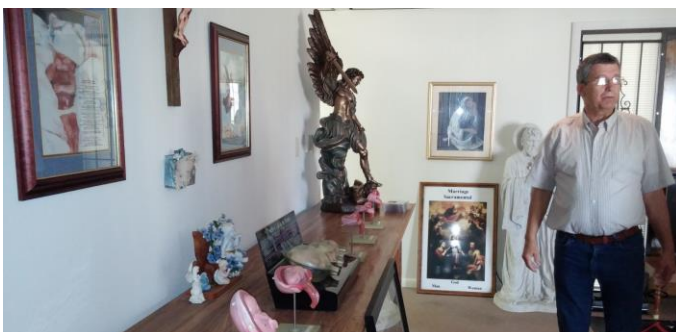
As part of our council’s efforts to provide pro-life educational opportunities, Ross McCalip, Culture of Life Director for council 3743, organized a visit by council members to the American Holocaust Museum located at 4829 Bennington Ave in Baton Rouge on March 21, 2015. The American Holocaust Memorial site operated as an abortion clinic from 1986 to 1994 with 30,000 abortions performed there. It now serves to educate the public about abortion and to help pregnant women in need. Ross McCalip, guided the group through a private tour of the museum, and he imparted a great deal of knowledge to those in attendance because he was very active in the pro-life movement during a time

of significant public debate. The walls of the museum had numerous framed newspaper articles with pictures showing the public protests at the site.

The museum provides a portrait of the horror and ugly nature of abortion, but it also provides a presentation of the beautiful teachings of the Catholic Church on human life. It is a stark contrast indeed! There are striking images of the true nature of abortion, and those in attendance were able to see a room where the abortions were done and view the instruments of death. The museum also contains beautiful artwork of angels, saints, and the Virgin Mother. For example, the mural of Our Lady Queen of Angels was exceptionally beautiful, created by artist Terry Bourgeois. The Choir of Angels room that contained a portrait of St. Therese of Lisieux who is known as “The Little Flower” was given special attention by the council visitors.

The existence of this museum is in large measure the result of the work of Richard Mahoney who has a well established reputation as a tireless advocate for the protection of unborn children. Throughout the museum, the beauty of Catholicism and Christ’s victory over death is made manifest through the exhibits. Visitors can get free literature to better understand the many attacks on human life.

The tour ended with an impromptu group discussion about what we could do to end abortion. It is hard to understand how abortion continues to remain legal and accepted by so many. One key factor sustaining the status quo is a concerted effort by those in power (particularly the national media) to hide the truth from the public. Museums like this one serve an important role in the effort to build Pope Saint John Paul II’s Culture of Life by exposing the truth. More information about the museum can be found at their web site: <http://www.cpforslife.org/#!memorial/c1v8n>.



COUNCIL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Our council is currently conducting in a baby bottle campaign for the Access Pregnancy Center. We raised \$1,302 from one church and we have three more to go. Our council represents four churches, Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Martha both are in Harvey, and St. Joseph and St. Anthony are both in Gretna.

THE LIFE CHAIN

By Al Thonn (Council 9973)

The Life Chain was held on Sunday, October 4, 2014 from 3 to 4 PM on Gause Boulevard in Slidell. St. Luke's had been assigned a designated area to participate in the Life Chain. The Council 9973 partnered with the parish community and youth

group to provide sufficient coverage for our designated area. Participants stood silently for one hour, praying the Rosary and holding signs promoting a Pro-Life culture. The majority of those who pass by in their automobiles honked in support or shouted encouraging words to those standing or kneeling in the Life Chain.

Before the Life Chain began, St. Luke and Council participants gathered in the St. Luke Church meditation garden to pray for a safe and spiritually uplifting event. The Council provided signs and Rosaries for all participants as well as water to keep participants hydrated.

COUNCIL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

David & Anne Gregory (Council 8342)

At St. John the Evangelist in Prairieville, we had a Spiritual Adoption sign-up at all masses on March 21-22, 2015. Parish members have pledged to pray for their babies for 9 months. Each month a poster will be displayed in church showing and describing the development of the child. Those who signed up and provided their e-mail address will receive a message each month describing the baby's development and this same information will be found in the parish bulletin. Father Jerry Martin has been extremely supportive, speaking from the pulpit and promoting this endeavor. The parish, including all age groups, has embraced this pro-life program.

MARCH PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

by Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In March, the council 9623 Culture of Life chair couple organized a Rosary with school children at the Tomb for the Unborn. Later in the month, the chair couple organized a week of prayer to end abortion in our country and around the world in our adoration chapel. The couple also sponsored kids attending Camp Joshua in Baton Rouge. On March 28, 2015, the chair couple sponsored a "Day for the Engaged" marriage preparation meeting taught by Deacon Dave Farinelli.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

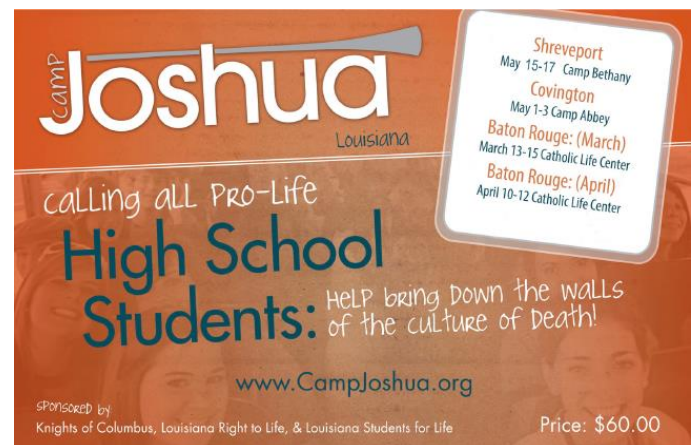
CAMP JOSHUA

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

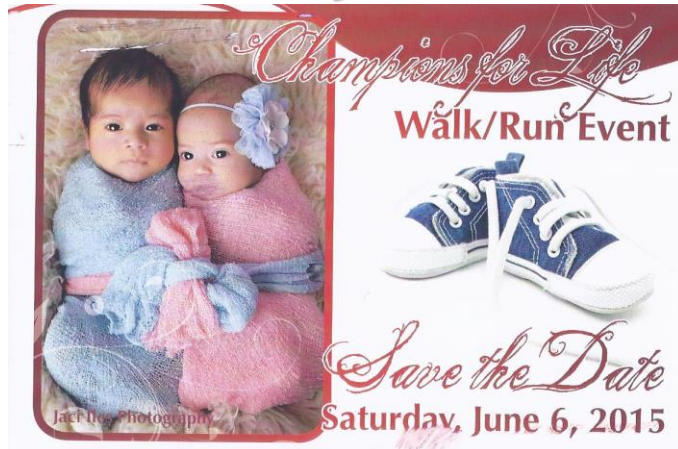
The camp is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Louisiana Right to Life, and Louisiana Students for Life. The cost to attend is \$60 per student. For more information, go to www.CampJoshua.org.



CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE WALK AND RUN EVENT

On Saturday, June 6, 2015, the annual Walk for Life will take place at Stoner Boat Launch at 857 E. Stoner Avenue in Shreveport. The event supports the Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center (<http://www.altcpcsupporter.com/>).

Registration begins at 8 AM with a 5K run and a 2 mile walk. No money is collected ahead of time, only pledges. This is a family event. Come rain or shine. There will be lots of great prizes plus a free T-shirt with each pledge level.



NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

The National Right to Life (NRL) Convention 2015 will be held in New Orleans on July 9, 10, and 11, 2015. The convention will take place at the New Orleans Marriott located at 555 Canal Street in the French Quarter. Guest speakers include Dr. George Delgado, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., medical director of Culture of Life Family Health Care and a regional medical director with The Elizabeth Hospice, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, and John McCormack, Senior Writer at *The Weekly Standard*.

Please save the date and spread the word for this awesome opportunity to be a part of the national movement to stand for life!

More information can be found on-line at: <http://nrlconvention.com/>.



BOWTIES FOR BABIES

It's almost time to get out your bowties, seersucker, and hats as the third annual Bowties for Babies: A Southern Soiree Benefiting Life is set for later this spring!

The event is May 19, 2015, from 7-10 PM at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. This fun-filled evening benefits the Advertise for Life Campaign, a service to Louisiana's pregnancy centers, women, and children.

On average, 27 Louisiana women choose abortion every day. The Advertise for Life Campaign reaches these women through targeted online advertising and connects them to crisis pregnancy centers that can help them choose life.

Bowties for Babies will feature live jazz music by the Big Easy Jazz Band, delicious food from Bonanno's, a silent auction, special guests and more.

There are several patron levels to choose from, and each includes tickets to the event among other perks. Tickets are also available at the following costs: \$125 per couple, \$75 per person, and \$50 per young professional (18-26).

For more information on the event, visit www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/Bowties. I look forward to seeing you there!

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,
Benjamin Clapper
Executive Director
Louisiana Right to Life



[EDUCATION CORNER](#)VIDEO RECOMMENDATION

The redefinition of marriage is a rapidly growing threat to the family and religious freedom. It would seem almost self-evident that two people of the same sex cannot be married. However, it is abundantly clear that a majority of Americans do not understand what exactly constitutes marriage. Furthermore, it is difficult to explain to people why we should prevent two people of the same sex from being married.

So, how do we talk about this important topic? Catholic Answers (www.catholic.com) has produced a DVD video that can really help clear up the confusion. The title of the DVD is **How to Talk About Marriage & Same-Sex Unions** by Trent Horn.

The video starts out clearly defining two different views of marriage:

1. Relational view – the recognition and affirmation of loving committed adult relationships.
2. Conjugal view – a comprehensive (mind/body) union of one man and one woman.

The relational view of marriage is simply assumed to be true by many people. Importantly, the video explains five ineffective ways of talking about this topic and then provides the best arguments for the conjugal view of marriage.

One of the more instructive parts of the video is an exploration of the essential elements of marriage:

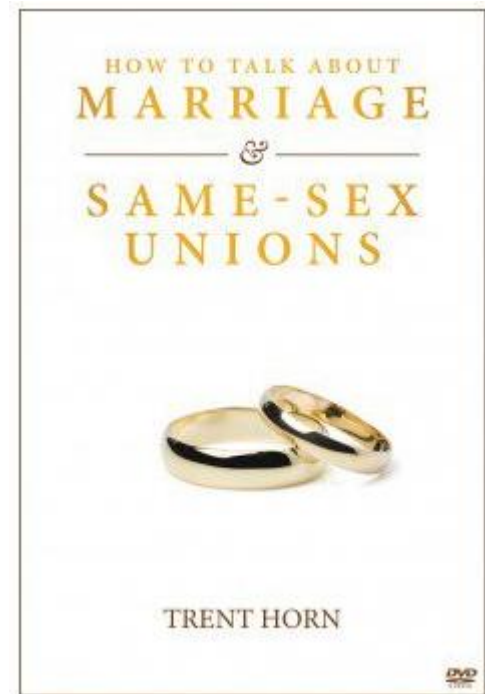
1. Government recognition
2. Ideally lifelong
3. Only two people
4. Sexual in nature
5. Exclusive in nature

The video demonstrates that the conjugal view of marriage best explains these essential elements of marriage.

The video also declares that marriage is ordered to procreation. This is a public good, and marriage is good for children. Children have a right to their

biological parents and only the institution of marriage can secure that right.

This video is a straight forward and clear explanation of why conjugal marriage is what it is. It is highly recommended.

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[8 to 12 week preborn baby plays in mom's womb](#)

[10 abortion myths that need to be debunked](#)

[7 shocking quotes by Planned Parenthood's founder](#)

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[In U.K.'s Brave New World, It Will Take Three to Make a Baby](#)

[Two Shall Become One Flesh: Reclaiming Marriage](#)

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“But we can say that the man who justifies murder justifies slavery also, since both murder and slavery spring from the same evil principle, that human life is not sacred, and that we may use or abuse the lives of others as we see fit. Opponents of abortion have long claimed that there is no moral difference between killing a child in the womb and killing a child outside it, and that only a residual sentimental disgust prevents the more obvious infanticide. And now there are proponents of the abortion “right” who say exactly the same thing. Notice, I am not saying that a particular person who snuff out the life of an unborn baby will himself undoubtedly snuff out the life of the baby in the crib. I am saying that the logic of evil has a life of its own, and will play itself out as far as it can until it is torn up by the roots.” Taken from: **Defending Marriage (Twelve Arguments from Sanity)** by Anthony Esolen.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer for the Unborn Child with Down syndrome:

Almighty Father, when a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, give us the courage to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatabe gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.

Amen.

