



## Culturae Vitae

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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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net).

#### KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATIONS

Were you unable to attend KCLS this year? 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/>

The 2014 presentation provides an overview of the main Culture of Life issues. The 2015 presentation provides specific guidance on the activity grading form.

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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net). We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

### CULTURE OF LIFE SURVEY RESULTS FROM 2014 ARE AVAILABLE

The results a 2014 survey of Culture of Life chair couples is 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 materials 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](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](mailto:William.obrien@kofc.org).

## CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES

### USCCB PRO-LIFE MATERIALS

Pro-life materials are available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The theme for this year's materials is: **Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation.**

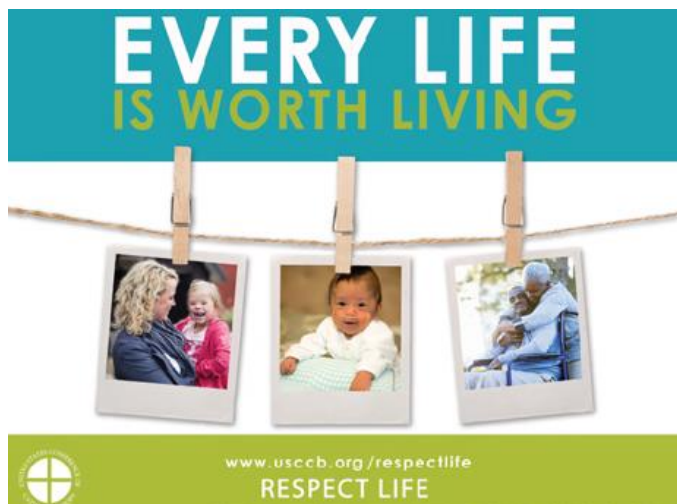
The booklets cover: advanced medical directives, adoption, the devaluation of human life, healing from an abortion, poverty and abortion, and dealing with a miscarriage.

The booklets provide important information that is not presented by the main stream media on these topics. In short order, they delve deeply into some of the dangers of going along with fashionable viewpoints that seem like a good idea on the surface but actually lead to unintended consequences such as physicians deciding to withhold basic necessities of life or administering medical treatments against the wishes of the patient and family members. Another example is children conceived through IVF being left out of custodial agreements in a divorce. The booklets also contain very useful statistics. For example: "If the state's Medicaid program paid for elective abortions, their abortion rate was more than four times that of other women."

Electronic materials can be obtained from:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2014/respect-life-program-2014-pamphlets.cfm#Advance>

Also, printed materials can be ordered from the same web site.



## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION FROM THE USCCB

As part of the recently completed National NFP Awareness week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided some educational literature related to natural family planning. Please check out the material on their web site: [link](#).



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PRO-LIFE SPEAKER?

Dear Worthy Knights:

At Louisiana Right to Life, we are deeply appreciative to the Knights of Columbus for your continued support of the pro-life cause both in Louisiana and across the nation. The Knights of Columbus are an absolutely essential part of the national effort to defend and protect human life!

In Louisiana, we have been especially grateful for the Knights' support of Camp Joshua and the Oratory Contest. These efforts have strengthened the cause by developing young pro-life leaders for our high school and college campuses. Your steadfast leadership at the Louisiana Life Marches in Shreveport and Baton Rouge has also been exemplary.

We want to let you know that Louisiana Right to Life and our network is always willing to serve the Knights of Columbus on the state-level and in your individual councils. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, ideas, or requests.

Most specifically, we are available to offer pro-life speakers and presentations, free of charge, for your council meetings, banquets, and other events. Whether it is to update you on current happenings in the pro-life movement, educate your audience on a particular life issue, or to provide inspirational testimony, we are here to help. With offices in New Orleans, Lafayette, and Shreveport, our team covers the entire state. Whether you are in Monroe in the north or Grand Isle in the south, we will be happy to come to you.

Please contact us through our state toll-free line at 1.866.463.5433 or via email at [info@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:info@prolifelouisiana.org) to schedule a visit from our team. We look forward to serving you and building the culture of life in Louisiana!

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,

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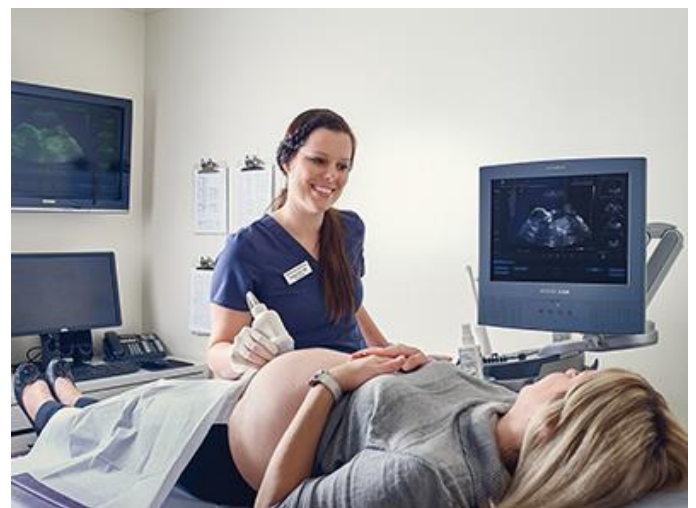


## KC ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

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: <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](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net)) for assistance.



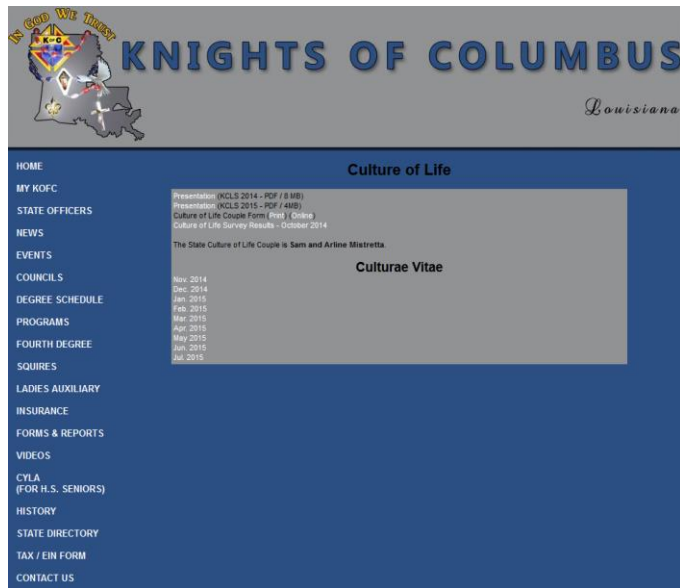
## CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

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](#).

This will make it easier for you to share this information with others and utilize the information in your pro-life activities. The newsletter also provides helpful information and ideas to enable your council to receive 100 points in Culture of Life.





### YOUR FIRST STOP FOR PRO-LIFE RESOURCES IN LOUISIANA

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

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 in our Culture of Death. 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. 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.



You can also sign-up for their email newsletter using the following [link](#).

### PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST



Every year, the Louisiana Pro-Life Oratory Committee sponsors a pro-life oratory contest among high school juniors and seniors from throughout the state. Contact the State Director to learn about times and other information for the current year!

Louisiana Oratory Contest State Director: Shanon Snyder: [snyder@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:snyder@prolifelouisiana.org), 866.463.5433

The winner of a local Pro-Life Oratory Contest is allowed to compete in the Louisiana State Oratory Contest, which is held in May in coordination with the Knights of Columbus Convention. Local oratory contests will often award a small cash prize to the winner and runner-up of their competition.

The winner of the Louisiana Oratory contest competes in the National Oratory Contest at the National Right to Life Convention held every summer.

Cash prizes of the Louisiana Oratory Contest are:  
First Place: \$500 plus expenses to attend the National Right to Life Convention (not to exceed \$1000). Second Place: \$250

The contest is non-denominational and originates with National Right to Life. Topics to choose from:

- Tragedy of Abortion
- Tragedy of Euthanasia
- Tragedy of Infanticide
- Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Talks must be between 5-7 minutes and do not have to be memorized.

The National Right to Life Jane B. Thompson Oratory Contest takes place annually at the National Right to Life Convention (the statewide Louisiana winner will compete in this).

A list of local Louisiana Pro-Life Oratory Contest Coordinators can be found at this [web site](#).

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus will recognize the Pro-life Oratory Contest winner at the 2016 State Convention Banquet. The winner will be given 5 to 7 minutes during the dinner portion of the banquet to give their winning talk. The immediate family members of the winner will be given free tickets to the banquet. These speeches are impressive and inspiring, so the Knights of Columbus is pleased to partner with LRTL to do it.

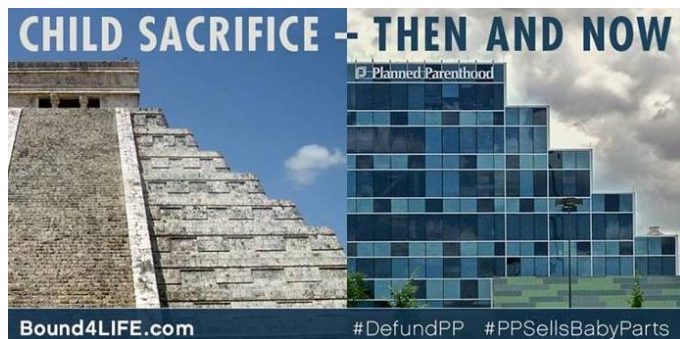
Please work with your parish and council to encourage high school juniors and seniors to participate in the contest.

## **CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**

### **DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

Deacon Lloyd Duplantis (Council 12285)

"All child sacrifice ended and more than ten million Aztecs converted to Christianity within 10 years following the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531 and the miraculous tilma of Juan Diego, which still cannot be explained by science to this day. In little more than 15 years, we will see the 500th anniversary of this miracle. Pray that, through the grace of God and for the Glory of Christ, Our Lady will again crush the head of the serpent and end this culture of child sacrifice that is once again plaguing the Americas."



## **PREPARING FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

By Michael and Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

Council 9623 in Laplace is preparing for a busy month of October after completing an email Campaign to support the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act ( H.R. 3504 ) and to defund Planned Parenthood in Louisiana and our Nation. Their parish will display Our Lady of Hope (pregnant Madonna) statue in church and in the Adoration Chapel for the entire Month of October. Prayers will be offered in the Adoration Chapel for an end to abortion for the entire month.

A Baby Bottle Campaign will start on October 10th. Also, a Rosary prayer service for an end to abortion will be held at the Tomb for the Unborn on October 13th after the 8:30 AM Mass. A Baby Wipes and Baby Diaper Campaign will also be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at all weekend Masses. A Silver Rose Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM at Ascension of Our Lord Church (1900 Greenwood Dr., Laplace). The council and parish will participate a peaceful and prayerful vigil on October 25th from 7 AM to 7 PM in front of the Abortion Clinic at 3044 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie as part of 40 Days for Life.

## **THE COST OF ABORTION**

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Exactly how much does an abortion cost at Planned Parenthood? From their own literature: "Nationwide, it can cost up to \$1,500 for abortion in the first trimester, but it's often less. The cost is usually more for a second-trimester abortion" ([source](#)). "For both types of abortion, the exact costs depends on location, the facility, and timing. Planned Parenthood estimates that in the United States a medication abortion costs between \$300 to \$800 and an aspiration abortion (in the first 12 weeks) between \$300-\$950" ([source](#)).

What about the abortion pill? Again, from their own literature: "Nationwide, it can cost up to \$800, but it's often less. Costs may be more or less depending on whatever additional tests, visits, or exams are needed" ([source](#)).

So, Planned Parenthood did 327,653 abortions according to its 2013-2014 Annual Report and the

cost to have an abortion (abortion pill or surgical) range from \$300 to \$1500, depending on the type of abortion and the clinic location.

And how much revenue did abortions generate for Planned Parenthood? Based on publicly available financial information from 2013-2014, **it's a whopping \$98 MILLION dollars annually at a bare minimum.** These numbers are based on the cheapest abortion (\$300) and the number of abortions performed in that reporting year (327,653). For more insight into Planned Parenthood's financials check out an analysis of their annual report by National Right to Life ([link](#)).

You do realize that Planned Parenthood, who rightfully claims that they do not perform abortions in Louisiana, refers their clients to other abortionists? However, they are building a huge facility in New Orleans to do exactly that. The election of a new governor is coming up soon, so we must ensure that we have all of the information needed to make a wise decision, not only for Louisiana, but for our nation.

### SUPPORT STATE KC PRO-LIFE EFFORTS

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Promote YEP within your councils to help Camp Joshua and Joshua Leadership Institute (soon to be renamed PULSE). State Deputy Vernon Ducote has had to cut financial support for the Camp Joshua and Joshua Leadership Institute because of a lack of YEP funds. We need all councils to push YEP to provide essential funding to these important programs. This is where our future lies. If we do not help the youngsters, then we are hurting them as well as ourselves. The pro-life programs such as Camp Joshua and Joshua Leadership Institute provide extremely valuable tools in our efforts to build a Culture of Life. The development of our future pro-life leaders is extremely important to continuing to confront the culture of death. These new leaders can and will speak out to our civic leaders as well as to the general public to encourage a change of hearts and minds.

### SUPPORT STATE KC PRO-LIFE EFFORTS

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

According to some abortion-minded people, the starting point for abortion is that women should be trusted to make medical decisions in private consultation with their doctors and families and not to have politicians making these decisions for them. To be pro-life means to be anti-abortion. After all, abortion means to terminate a human life, to end a pregnancy.

Pro-Choice Senators and Representatives do not care to see any evidence that abortion kills babies. One recent morning on Capitol Hill, the Susan B. Anthony List hosted a screening of the Planned Parenthood videos recorded by the Center for Medical Progress. They specifically invited Democrats because it has been widely reported that Democrat members of Congress have not seen the footage, even those who spoke up to defend Planned Parenthood. The Weekly Standard reported that most Senate Democrats had not seen the videos before voting to block efforts to defund the organization (only two Democrat Senators voted to defund Planned Parenthood).

That's why the SBA List team invited 2,000 Democratic staffers to watch the videos, without distraction, and at a convenient location. Less than a dozen showed up, and some attempted to actively disrupt the screening. Planned Parenthood representatives camped outside the viewing room to protest and they refused to talk with the press.

*The Daily Signal* provided great coverage of the event, including a video showing the attendance ([link](#)).





### PRO-LIFE RECORDS FOR THOSE RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Do you know where the candidates stand on life issues?

It is crucial that we have a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and state legislators that are committed to the pro-life cause. To elect pro-life representatives, we need to do the work over the next month to ensure voters know where our candidates stand.

Louisiana Right to Life has sent questionnaires to candidates for governor and lieutenant governor as well as the State House and Senate. We are receiving questionnaire responses from them as we speak! We are posting them online as they become available, along with the voting records of incumbents. You can view candidate comparisons for all these elected positions at [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/2015Elections](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/2015Elections).

Since qualifying just ended last week, many candidates have yet to complete our questionnaire. If you know candidates running for these seats, please ask them to quickly complete the questionnaire and return to us. If you meet or speak to a candidate, ask them how they answered the 2015 Louisiana Right to Life Questionnaire.

Remember, voting will occur on Saturday October 24th and Saturday November 21st!



### JOHN HAULER' LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

Certainly all of the readers of this newsletter are well aware of the recent revelations that Planned Parenthood has been harvesting and selling aborted baby parts. For many people, this was a shock. The videos from the Center for Medical Progress has shown much of the public the largely hidden ugly truth of abortion. This is a great time for knowledgeable people to "connect the dots" for many who have not given abortion much consideration.

John Hauler from Council 9016 and President of Baton Rouge Right to Life has written a letter to the editors of the Advocate newspaper that was published on September 17, 2015. You can read this wonderful letter at this [link](#). Please read this letter and share it!

### COUNCIL 9016 KICKS-OFF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN BATON ROUGE

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Fr. Hurst Council 9016 volunteered to pray for an end to abortion at the Delta facility from 1 PM to 7 PM on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of 40 Days of Life. Arline Mistretta was also there to lend her support and prayers.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

By Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

On Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, an Interfaith Candlelight Prayer Service was held to start the 2015 40 Days for Life Campaign at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

The program included wonderful and emotional testimonials from Kamie & Mike Sanchez who are sidewalk counselors and Shannon Achord who is a sibling survivor of abortion. A wonderful talk was also given by Rev. Brad Doyle, Associate Pastor of St. George Catholic Church. Music was provided by Kathleen Lee, Director of Campus Ministry at St. Michael the Archangel High School and Eric Wilkes, a full-time multi-instrumentalist.

The event was organized by Co-Campaign Directors Charlotte Bergeron and Danielle Van Haute.

Among the many people in attendance were Ross and Carolyn McCalip and Sam and Arline Mistretta from Council 3743 and John & Elaine Hauler from Council 9016.

UPCOMING BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

By Mike Callais (Council 3054)

Council 3054 in Lockport is planning Baby Bottle fundraiser program in the month of October at Holy Savior parish. It will probably run for 2 weekends. Our Culture of Life chair couple Stanley and Melissa Alleman is highly involved in the program along with Father John's support. The bottles will be distributed in the middle of the month and will be picked up on the last weekend as planned now. I'm looking for a good program to come out of this effort. It will also relate the importance of Pro-life to parishioners. Vivat Jesus!

CAMP JOSHUA IS CHANGING ITS NAME

By Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

Many of you are familiar with Camp Joshua. The Knights of Columbus have supported this pro-life educational program for many years. It has successfully trained over 700 young pro-life advocates.

Louisiana Right to Life Board of Directors, staff, and a number of past graduates of Camp Joshua have decided that a name changes was needed to expand the program and increase participation. To many Camp Joshua suggested an outdoor camp. To avoid any misconceptions, the "Camp Joshua" weekend program will be named the "PULSE Immersion" weekend. The "Joshua Leadership Institute" will be changed to the "Pulse Leadership Institute". However, the curriculum will not change.

Pro-life activism should include protecting, uniting, leading, serving and educating individuals on the sacredness of all human life. PULSE stands for the tools we hope to impart to students all across our state so they can take the "Pro-Life Pulse" of their state and revitalize the movement in their own communities. I hope all of our councils will continue to support this important and much needed program. Please look for more details soon.





## SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER 40 DAYS FOR LIFE UPDATE

By Chris Davis (Council 10728)

The Shreveport-Bossier 40 Days for Life campaign has been off to a great start! We trained 25 new sidewalk counselors at our annual Sidewalk Counseling Training Event with Sidewalk Advocates for Life. SAFL executive director Lauren Muzyka equipped these new counselors with the skills to peacefully, lovingly reach out from the sidewalk outside Shreveport-Bossier's abortion facilities. They are able to offer life-affirming choices to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

One short week later we had our 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally. Bishop Michael Duca led the opening prayer before dozens of people at Messmer Stadium. Keynote speaker, former Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Trevino, shared her story of conversion to life. She told of how she was inspired by the local 40 Days for Life presence outside her very facility.



We have had a very good presence on the sidewalk in the first few days of the campaign. We are very happy to report our first save by veteran sidewalk counselor Rachael Wells. She had a woman follow her in her car away from the Shreveport abortion facility and to the local crisis pregnancy center.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE SB.com**  
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER



Perhaps the biggest news so far was the birth of baby Noah on Day One last week of this year's fall campaign. His mother and father had considered abortion during last year's spring campaign. But through the efforts of another of Shreveport-Bossier's veteran sidewalk counselors Melissa Tittle, they chose life! Though we are faithful that God saves lives because of our prayers every day, this may be the first time we were able to actually meet a baby saved from our efforts. This time, God has shown us in a powerful way the fruits of praying for an end to abortion. God bless the four campaigns occurring in our state these forty days and the over 300 worldwide!



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### CRISIS PREGNANCY FUNDRAISING BANQUET

The Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center ([www.altcpc.com](http://www.altcpc.com)) will have a Life Banquet on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 7 to 9 PM at the Shreveport Convention Center. This is their annual fundraising dinner. This year, Abby Johnson, author of the book *Unplanned*, will be the keynote speaker.

Contact Kim at 318-861-4600 or [kim@altcpc.com](mailto:kim@altcpc.com) if you would like to sponsor a table or obtain more information.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2015

After 42 years of legal abortion-on-demand in our nation, we must unite in our local communities, and across the nation for an end to abortion. Stand with us this fall to protect women and unborn children from abortion through inter-denominational prayer, peaceful vigil, and community activism.

The 2015 Campaign will take place from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> (7 AM to 7 PM daily). Events are held at three locations:

- o Metairie-Causeway Medical Clinic
- o Baton Rouge-Delta Clinic
- o Shreveport-Hope Medical Group

This event saves lives and helps people become knowledgeable and active on the life issues.

This is a major activity for the Knights of Columbus. Make plans for your council and parish to participate in 40 Days for Life!

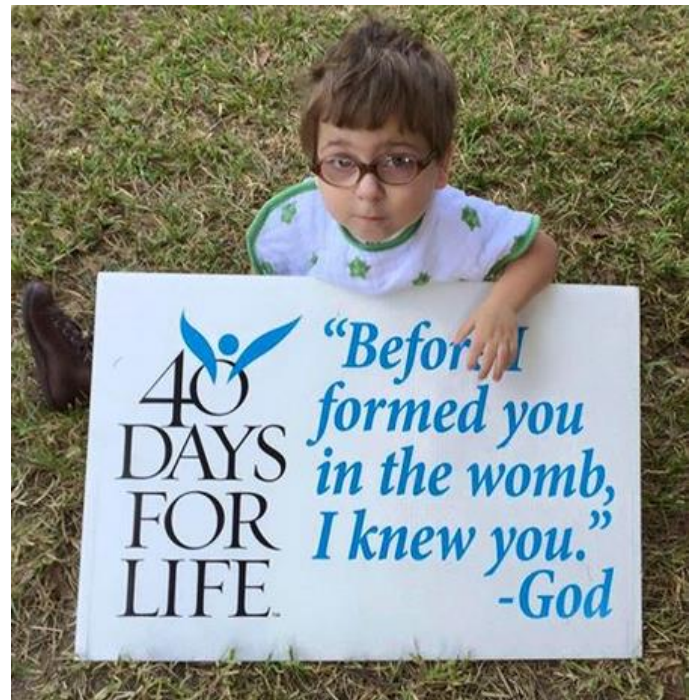


40 Days for Life Louisiana is an interfaith pro-life effort that involves prayer and fasting. People of faith throughout our city and region are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. It is a peaceful vigil of standing for life through a 40-day peaceful witness outside of a local abortion facility.

For more info, go to:

- o [www.40DaysForLifeBR.com](http://www.40DaysForLifeBR.com)
- o [www.40DaysForLifeNOLA.com](http://www.40DaysForLifeNOLA.com)
- o [www.40DaysForLifeSB.com](http://www.40DaysForLifeSB.com)

There is still time for your parish or council to participate in 40 Days for Life. Please contact the State Culture of Life chair couple for assistance.



You can also contact your local coordinator for more information and assistance:

BR: Charlotte Bergeron 225-242-0164

NO: Shanon Snyder 504-835-6520

SB: Chris Davis 318-349-3279

Also, check out this N.O. promotional [video](#).



CHERS BEBES SOIREE

Chers Bebes: Acadiana's Soirée For Life will take place on October 13, 2015 at River Oaks in Lafayette. This event will raise funds to form the pro-life future of Acadiana!

This will be an evening for our entire pro-life community to celebrate La Joie de Vivre! The evening will feature delicious food and drink, local Acadian music, and baby shower games.

This fun-filled evening will benefit the Drs. William Smith and Zerben Bienvenu Acadiana Pro-Life Education Fund. The Smith and Bienvenu Fund aims to educate thousands of middle school and high school students across Acadiana through interactive school-based presentations and activities. Through these efforts, we can strengthen the pro-life spirit of Acadiana for generations to come!

This event will be held in honor of two pioneers who helped develop Acadiana's strong culture of life, Dr. Wilton Bergeron and Ms. Evelun Landry, RN. Dr. Bergeron and Ms. Landry have served Acadiana Right to Life very generously for the past 40 years through education efforts, raising awareness of the humanity of the unborn, and assisting young mothers in need. They have set a remarkable example for today's pro-life generation to follow!

Please join us as a patron to help grow critical pro-life youth education in Lafayette. For more information, go to the event [web site](#).

BORN TO RUN 2015

Again this year, the Woman's New Life Center will have a major fundraising event in Baton Rouge.

WNLC is a life-affirming counseling and medical center that serves women facing unplanned pregnancies in the Greater New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. WNLC offers a unique range of services, including:

- Professional counseling
- Pregnancy testing and ultrasounds
- Medical history review
- Case management
- Adoption facilitation
- Professional post-abortion counseling
- Creighton Model FertilityCare
- Internship/residency programs

Dear Knights,

Your participation is wanted and needed to help save the lives of the unborn and protect their mothers from its violence. It would be an honor to have all of you, your families and parish families involved with Born to Run Baton Rouge 2015. Your participation will save lives and protect lives. Please pass this to all of the councils serving within the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Contact me, Ali Dazzio, 225-241-9822 or [adazzio@womansnewlife.com](mailto:adazzio@womansnewlife.com) for details. I can't wait to hear from y'all!

Sponsorship opportunities are available and the deadline for confirming participation is Friday, September 18, 2015. Visit their website at:

[www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun](http://www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun).



**5K RUN**  
& 1 MILE FUN RUN AND WALK



LIFE FEST IN BATON ROUGE**Life Fest 2015: Created in God's Image - The Dignity of the Human Person**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is organizing a new pro-life event on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 10 AM to 4PM at the Tracy Center Ballroom at 1800 S. Acadian Thruway in Baton Rouge.



Join us on Saturday, October 10 for our Diocesan Life Fest! This celebration of life will have something for everyone! It features renowned speakers, music by Greg & Lizzy, kids track for ages 5-11, Eucharistic Adoration and more! The day will conclude with the Annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass at 4:00 PM.

The keynote speaker will be Brian Butler, Executive Director of Dumb Ox Ministries and co-author of both *Theology of the Body for Teens: High School and Middle School Editions*.

There will be breakout topics and presenters:

- Feed the Hungry: The Reality of True Hunger in the World - Fr. Josh Johnson
- The Dignity of the Family as Domestic Church - David Dawson, Jr.
- The Abortion Discussion: A Failure to Communicate - Ariel Roland, LSMW
- Theology of Her Body (women only) - Sarah Denny
- Theology of His Body (men only) - Adam Fuselier
- Connecting the Pro-Life Dots: A Consistent Ethic of Life - Danielle Van Haute

Register [here](#) for this free event! For more information, visit [www.MFLDIOBR.org](http://www.MFLDIOBR.org)

**EDUCATION CORNER****BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Pope Paul VI prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae* was published on July 25, 1968. Much of the content was rejected by Catholics, particularly the teaching on artificial contraception. In the years since its publication, the stated consequences of rejecting this teaching on human life have been realized. As a result, many people are reading this encyclical with fresh eyes.

The new publication of the encyclical by Ignatius press includes commentary from solid Catholic thinkers of today: Mary Eberstadt, Jennifer Fulwiler, and James Hitchcock. They each provide further context for the encyclical (rational, practical, and historical) in light of our experience since its publication.

The encyclical clearly lays out the basis for the Church's teaching on artificial contraception. *Humanae Vitae* is grounded on the characteristics of conjugal love: 1) This love is fully human (physical and spiritual), 2) This love is total; the couple shares everything without reservation or selfish motives, 3) This love is faithful and exclusive until death, 4) This love is fruitful.

This encyclical is essential reading for all Catholics, but particularly those who are working to build a Culture of Life.

*"His genius proved prophetic: he had the courage to stand against the majority, to defend moral discipline, to exercise a 'brake' on the culture, to oppose present and future neo-Malthusianism."*

—Pope Francis

Revisiting the most controversial  
and prescient encyclical  
of the modern age...

**Pope Paul VI**  
**On**  
**Human**  
**Life**

**Humanae Vitae**

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INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Can National Pro-Life Health Centers Become the  
Cure for Planned Parenthood?

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2015/after-obergefell-the-effects-on-law-culture-and-religion>

Does a UK Court Plan to Kill Baby Jake?

The Consistent Ethic of Life and Archbishop Blase  
Cupich

Planned Parenthood Video Wars: Abortion Empire  
Strikes Back

Adoption, Abortion, and a Message of Hope

A Time to Kill

The Pointless Campaign to “Save Marriage”

Our Collective Responsibility to Protect the Unborn

A Look at San Francisco’s New Teacher Contract

Post-Abortive Women and Men Have Their Say

ANALYSIS: US and EU Block the Family From  
New UN Development Goals

Planned Parenthood’s CEO Confirms Suspicions,  
Advocacy Group Says

Pope Francis’ Year of Mercy Indulgence Raises  
Canonical Questions

Pro-Lifers Will Keep Losing, and Babies Will Keep  
Dying, Until We Do This

Open letter to Ebony Magazine: This Black woman  
doesn’t support Planned Parenthood

‘To be pro-life is to be pro-child’: Couple who  
adopted six now open adoption agency

Pope Francis on Reconciliation for Abortion

House Will Hold First Hearing Next Week on  
Planned Parenthood Selling Aborted Babies

Jail for Ky. Clerk: “God’s Moral Law Convicts Me  
and Conflicts With My Duties”

Do many reporters get why Kim Davis is in jail?  
Hint: Investigate Kentucky laws

Kim Davis’s Conscientious Decision

Will Progressives Require Doctors to Kill?

You’ve Got to Watch Sarah Palin Talk About  
Abortion and Down Syndrome on CNN

Pro-Life Ponderings: The Girls Scouts and Your  
Daughter

Seven Catholic Colleges Remove Planned  
Parenthood Links Following Newman Society  
Report

Christie Blatchford: This protester has served 10  
years and seven months in jail and no one cares

Kim Davis is Out of Jail

Why You Should Picket Planned Parenthood

California’s Fast-Track Suicide Bill Sparks  
Accusations of ‘Stage Play’

Apparent Truce in the Office Depot “Pro-Life  
Discrimination” Case

Planned Parenthood supporter calls dismemberment  
abortions ‘humane’ during congressional hearing

Rep. Trent Franks tells Congress: Abortion is the  
‘worst human rights atrocity in the history of the  
U.S.’

Blatchford or Chesterton? You Choose

We Need to Talk About Adoption

Healthy Woman Decides to Have Doctor Euthanize  
Her 5 Minutes After Daughter Dies Unexpectedly

Doctor-prescribed death is the wrong choice for  
California

The Bigot Barrier

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By Sam Mistretta (Council 3743)

Here is another short internet [video](#) that you can share to help friends think about abortion.



Priests For Life (PFL) is a Roman Catholic pro-life organization based in Staten Island, New York. It functions as a network to promote and coordinate pro-life activism with the primary strategic goal of ending abortion and euthanasia and to spread the Gospel of Life according to the Evangelium Vitae encyclical written by Pope John Paul II.

According to their website ([www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)):

“Priests for Life has come to signify two distinct but related movements within the wider pro-life movement.

On one level, as described below, Priests for Life refers to a very specific effort to galvanize the clergy to preach, teach, and mobilize their people more effectively in the effort to end abortion and euthanasia.

On another level, Priests for Life represents a family of ministries that reach and enrich every aspect of the pro-life movement, for clergy and laity alike, in a wide variety of activities. This has come to pass precisely because priests are not ordained for themselves, but for the people. So in activating clergy, we are activating all the segments of the Church, the pro-life movement, and the wider society in the defense of life.

We refer to this wider family of ministries as Gospel of Life Ministries, to indicate that what unites them all is the Gospel of Life, the good news that life is victorious over death!

So whether you are clergy or laity, young or old, active or inactive, and whatever your religious or ethnic background, you're in the right place if you want to do something to restore protection to the most vulnerable members of the human family!”





QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Here are a few recent comments from Pope Francis on the topic of marriage and the family:

“(Today) the family – as God wants it, composed of a man and a woman for the good of the spouses and also the generation and education of children – is deformed by powerful contrary projects supported by ideological colonization.” (Pope Francis to members of Equipes Notre Dame Sept. 10, 2015)

“Every threat to the family is a threat to society itself. The family is also threatened by growing efforts on the part of some to redefine the very institution of marriage, by relativism, by the culture of the ephemeral, by a lack of openness to life...God calls upon us to recognize the dangers threatening our own families and to protect them from harm...Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death.” (Pope Francis to families during his visit to the Philippines, January, 2015)

“The family is the foundation of co-existence and a guarantee against social fragmentation. Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child’s growth and emotional development. This is why, in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I stressed the ‘indispensable’ contribution of marriage to society, a contribution which ‘transcends the feelings and momentary needs of the couple’ (n. 66). And this is why I am grateful to you for the emphasis that your colloquium has placed on the benefits that marriage can provide children, the spouses themselves, and society.” (Pope Francis to attendees of The Complementarity of Man and Woman, November, 2014)

“The family is being hit, the family is being struck and the family is being bastardized. You can call everything family, right? ... What is being proposed is not marriage, it’s an association. But it’s not marriage! It’s necessary to say these things very clearly and we have to say it! (There are) so many new forms of unions (that are) totally destructive and limiting the greatness of the love of marriage...So many families are divided, so many

marriages broken, (there is) such relativism in the concept of the Sacrament of Marriage.” (Pope Francis spoke to the Schoenstatt Movement, October, 2014).

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer for Pro-Life Advocates

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 You have filled us with your Holy Spirit,  
 Who is our advocate in the heavens  
 And you have made us advocates  
 For the weakest of all, the unborn.  
 Your Son has promised us  
 That we will be hated on account of his Name  
 And persecuted for the good that we do.  
 We ask you today to bless  
 All of us who are advocates for life.  
 Bless every facet and activity  
 Of the pro-life movement,  
 And grant us strength  
 And perseverance in this cause,  
 No matter what the obstacles.  
 Bless all those who have assisted  
 In the effort to expose Planned Parenthood,  
 Through projects in the past  
 And in the present.  
 Give them, and all of us who work in this great  
 movement,  
 The protection of your Providence  
 And the peace and joy  
 That come only from you,  
 And that nobody can take from us.  
 We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life