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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 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. 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

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

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) for assistance.

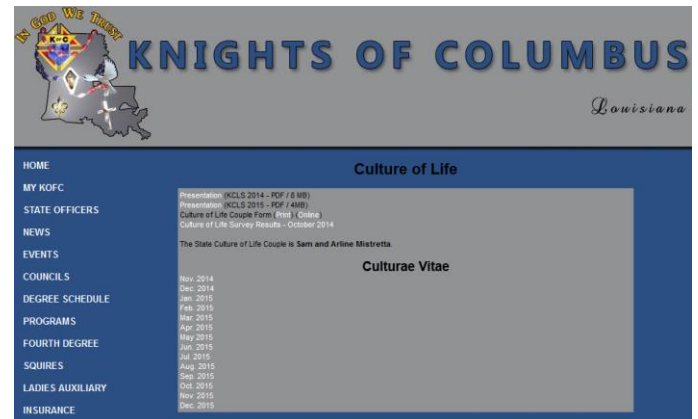


CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE WEB SITE

Thanks to the work of Webmaster Brandon Hendricks, anyone can now access any previous issues of our *Culturae Vitae* newsletters on the State KC web site: [link](#).

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 councils to receive 100 points in Culture of Life.

Please contact us if you cannot find what you are looking for.



YOUR FIRST STOP FOR PRO-LIFE RESOURCES IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana is one of the more pro-life states in the union. That is no accident, and continuous efforts are needed to avoid losing ground in our Culture of Life. While the attacks on the human person are global, we should start our efforts locally. There is no better place to look for help than Louisiana Right to Life (<http://www.prolifelouisiana.org/>). Their web site includes a number of helpful resources and their staff is ready to help you. They also provide pro-life speakers and presentations, free of charge, for your council meetings, banquets, and other events. I encourage all councils to contact Louisiana Right to Life and find out how they can help you build a Culture of Life in your community.



USCCB RESPECT LIFE KITS AVAILABLE

(William O'Brien, Senior Coordinator
Culture of Life, Marriage and Family Values Office
Department of Fraternal Services)

TO: State Culture of Life Directors
State Culture of Life Chair Couples
State Squires Chairmen

We are pleased to advise you that this year **Respect Life Program packets**, published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, are being sent directly to your council's Culture of Life Director and Culture of Life Chair Couple.

The packets they will be receiving — with the theme "Every Life is Worth Living" — contain important information and resources about topics such as chastity, pregnancy, prenatal diagnosis and end of life care. The resource packets are designed for use by them and your council throughout the fraternal year.

To view the packet contents, go to:
www.usccb.org/respectlife.

To order materials on-line, go to:
www.store.usccb.org/category-s/2188.htm.

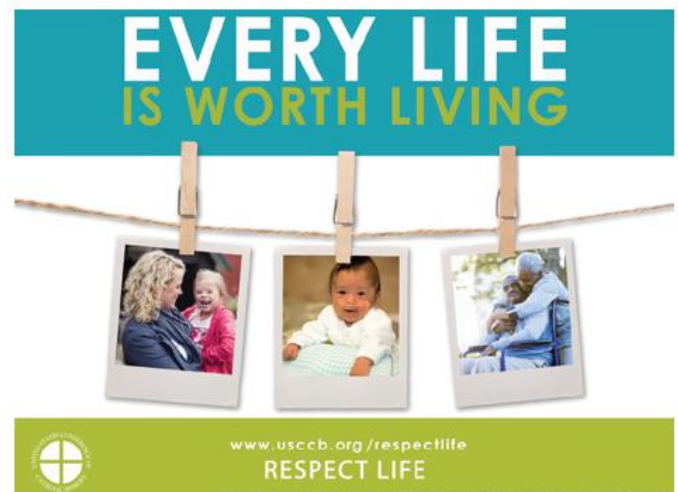
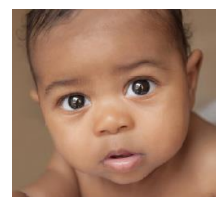
To receive two complementary packets, call toll-free 866-582-0943 and provide the operator with code RLP15-KOC.

This past year physician assisted suicide bills were defeated in all but one state, and we have seen important pro-life legislation passed by state legislatures across the country. Now, more than ever, our country needs efforts which help us to see that we can stop abortions by supporting both the mother and her unborn child, and which also help us to learn how to face the last days of our lives with grace, dignity and courage.

Among the most visible witnesses to these values is the annual **March for Life**. Every council in the United States is encouraged to organize a delegation from local parishes to travel to Washington, D.C., for this event on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, as we mark the 43rd anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision.

All brother Knights are also urged to ensure that prayer is an integral component of our pro-life advocacy. The **Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on March 25, 2016** (which will be Good Friday this year), is an ideal opportunity to organize activities based on prayer for life.

Thank you in advance for your dedication to building a Culture of Life.

**In 2012, Planned Parenthood
SOLD 327,166 abortions...**

...and they plan to sell more on Claiborne Avenue.

www.NolaNeedsPeace.com

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES

PRO-LIFE POLITICS

Zeb Stearns (Council 1745)

Recently I attended a reception sponsored by the Louisiana Right to Life to honor our legislators that have supported pro-life values. Each elected official that came got a chance to speak about their convictions and what they considered were their accomplishments in supporting the pro-life movement here in Louisiana. One state representative spoke about the need to oppose abortion and support pro-life legislation and then began to discuss the need to advance government welfare programs like the state medicaid program if one was truly pro-life. His argument was that we needed to promote pro-life values throughout everyone's lifespan and that to really be pro-life we had to support government programs that provided support for individuals in every circumstance and not just in the beginning and the end of their lives.

After the meeting, I told him that what he had to say was obviously a very polarizing issue and that at meetings like these I thought it would be more productive to promote what pro-lifers have in common. I told him that many who disagreed with him on expanding government programs, agreed on the same end result, that is, compassionately caring for those in need but had different ways of getting there.

Those of us who have been in the "pro-life" movement since the beginning of legalized abortion have always dealt with false allegations that "pro-lifers" do not care about life issues once the baby is born. Pope John Paul II did more to highlight how untrue this notion is than anyone else by making the phrases "culture of life" and "culture of death" mainstream labels to a movement that has been reinvigorated by his writings and example. I believe the term "culture of life" as opposed to "pro-life" is an important distinction and paradigm shift to clarify what the Catholic pro-life movement is all about. The Catholic pro-life movement in America truly has a mission that cannot be considered anything less than all encompassing. A movement that embraces all life issues and that truly promotes a complete "culture of life" from conception to natural death. A movement that in the vast majority

of this country has the Knights of Columbus as its backbone.

I certainly do not need to catalogue all of the support services provided by those that champion the culture of life to mothers that want to bring new lives into the world. Church parishes, Catholic diocesan offices, local Knights of Columbus councils and the Supreme Knights of Columbus organization provide countless resources to not only help women in need but also provide support for the homeless through programs like Habitat for Humanity, to the hungry through food banks and soup kitchens and to those in need of medical care through various charitable organizations and free clinics. All of the above is provided without government assistance or tax dollars.

Government programs are necessary to fill gaps for those in need. There is no denying that. However, to say that someone does not promote the culture of life because they do not support the ever growing expansion of government programs is wrong and that idea takes away from what we do as brother knights. If we have government programs that are so big and address every societal need, what opportunity do we have for charity?

As Knights, we are leading the charge in promoting the culture of life in a society that continually embraces more and more a culture of death. It is through our charity and sacrifice that we will overcome the culture of death. Government programs cannot provide compassion no matter how many tax payer funded dollars they have.

On the other hand, The Marguerite d'Youville Home for unwed mothers supported through Knights of Columbus fundraisers provides a place for mothers to live and a good dose of compassion. The Knights of Columbus that volunteer at the local free clinic for working uninsured persons provide compassion. The toiletries and clothes donated by local Knights councils to the diocesan home for battered women provide compassion. The witness by brother Knights in pro-life marches show that all life is sacred and we are a society that values and promotes a culture of life.

The legislator that equated the need to promote expanding welfare programs as necessarily pro-life

was well intentioned, he just has a different life experience than me and my brother knights. We have seen first-hand what a difference a small group of men can make in our community with a lot of hard work and just a little money. I know that the money I give, the work that I do and the time my council spends doing for others to promote the culture of life will go infinitely farther than a government program ever can. Every minute and every dime we spend doing charitable work promotes a culture of life though we may never know the extent of it. Let us continue to find more opportunities to promote the culture of life and to impact the lives in our communities through our labor and charity.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

By State Rep. Mike Johnson
LARTL Regional Director
for North Louisiana

Each January, "Sanctity of Human Life Month" is observed in churches throughout our country to remind Americans of the inestimable value of every innocent human life.

On Jan. 22, America will mark the tragic 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous decision to legalize abortion on demand in all 50 states. Since that time, approximately 59 million unborn children have been lost to abortion, mostly because someone considered them too inconvenient or expensive. That staggering number represents somewhere between one-half to one-third of my entire generation, and the cultural consequences of this loss are incalculable.

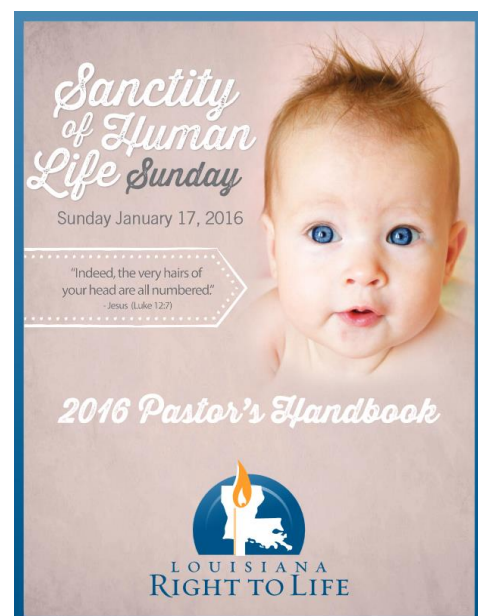
Because many Americans - including people of faith - are still unaware of the scope of this tragedy and what can be done to address it, a growing number of churches across the nation have begun to recognize the third Sunday in January each year as the "Sanctity of Human Life Day." This tradition, which grew out of the annual proclamations of President Ronald Reagan beginning in 1984, is an opportunity to share what Scripture teaches about the inherent dignity and value of every single human life, and what responsibility we have to act in love to defend it.

As more people of faith understand this issue and help raise awareness, reach out a renewed hand of compassion, and stand unapologetically for this biblical principle, we know it can make a difference. Polls show that a growing majority of Americans now identify themselves as "pro-life," but we have a long way yet to go before human life in all of its expressions - preborn, newborn, elderly, disabled - is fully embraced and legally protected.

In light of recent media attention given to the atrocities of Planned Parenthood, there has never been a better time to explain the facts about the abortion industry - and our pro-life cause. Pastors are in a unique position, and, I believe, have a particular responsibility, to inform their congregations and influence the culture about these issues. This January will be the perfect time to do so, and a wealth of excellent materials is now available to assist in this effort.

In Moses' last days he reminded the people of God's eternal faithfulness and the promise of restoration. "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses," he said. "Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." (Deut. 30:19) That same profound admonition echoes down through the generations to us today.

The time is urgent, and the people need to hear it. Let's do our part to share the message. (Visit the [website](#) and download content using this [link](#).)



JOIN US AT THE LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH

By Mike and Cathy Abbate (Council 9623)

Ascension of Our Lord Church in Lapace will be participating in the Louisiana Life March South. Bus transportation will be provided to those interested in attending. However, limited seating is available. Please sign-up at the AOL Parish Office by calling 985-652-2615.

The cost to AOL parishioners is \$5 per person. You may bring a bag lunch and drink or snacks for the trip. Any student wishing to attend must be accompanied by their parent/chaperone and must complete the necessary paperwork.

The bus will depart at 8:30 AM from AOL Church parking lot and proceed to Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. The bus will return by 1:30 PM.

Show your Pro-Life support and REGISTER NOW with payment.

YEAR OF MERCY

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

The Year of Mercy has begun! For local information on the Year of Mercy, visit this [website](#).

To open the year of mercy, the Respect Life Office highlights merciful outreach to post-abortive women and their families and friends here in the Archdiocese.

Help available to post-abortive women, men, and their families here in the Archdiocese is highlighted in our new [video](#).

The Archdiocese has prepared a Speakers' Bureau on topics of mercy for this Jubilee Year; scroll down to End of Life, Capital Punishment, and Post-Abortive Healing for topics and speakers available for you!

Please pray that all the Archdiocesan efforts of mercy reach those who need it, that they receive God's mercy & healing!

NEW ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Kelvin and Mary Langlois (Council 12906)

The Northshore's KC Councils have formed a committee to explore options to obtain matching funds for an ultrasound machine for the Gianna Center. The Gianna Center is a full service medical clinic focusing on fertility treatments in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. This effort will be in addition to the ongoing support for the Women's New Life Center and Access Crisis Pregnancy Centers already provided by the Knights of Columbus. Council 12906 will act as the focal point to process the request for matching funds under Supreme's Ultrasound Initiative Program. Fundraising for this is expected to start first quarter 2016.



NEW WEB SITE

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

Respect Life Office [website](#) is now up and running, but still under construction. There is a page with basic Respect Life information that incorporates the USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities — the focus topics of our work and the four pillars for carrying out our work. It includes links to Church teaching on Respect Life issues, links to local activities, and regional, state, and national links for Respect Life work in the Church. There are still features to be added such as the weekly newsletter, an events calendar, a parish highlights page, the Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer page, and the Respect Life Office videos (40 Days for Life & Post-Abortive Healing). Please stop by for an on-line “visit!” I welcome any suggestions/ideas you have!

ARTIFICIAL REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

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

Consider the dark side of Artificial Reproductive Technologies such as IVF & surrogate motherhood:

“The ‘Infertility Industry’ is a growing multi-billion dollar industry. Surrogacy and the selling of human eggs and sperm generate huge profits. One commissioned pregnancy can generate as much as \$300,000.

If we believe that human beings should not be for sale and should not be trafficked or manufactured like products, and if we believe that women deserve better than to be treated as mere baby machines, then we must oppose third-party reproduction, surrogacy in particular.

Adults are bending time and space in order to satisfy their desire for children. By signing contracts before conception they can pre-order and pre-sell human

beings without breaking any laws. This loophole needs to be closed to end a marketplace in children.

The commissioned child has become an object to be bought and sold, rather than a precious begotten family member deserving of love and protection.”

You can read more about this at:

<http://reproductivetrafficking.org>

LOCAL MARCH FOR LIFE PLANNED

Voorhies and Betty Short (Council 7557)

KC Council 7557 in Broussard is preparing for their annual March of Life January 9th at Sacred Heart Church. The march will start at 8:30 AM sharp in church. There will be a guest speaker to start the event. After the march, there will be refreshments for those in attendance. A trailer will be available for those who are unable to walk. The council Culture of Life chair couple is coordinating this very worthwhile event. The walk is open to everyone, friends, family, and children.

The council are also planning a Baby Bottle Campaign. The Culture of Life chair couple is currently working to construct a Memorial to the Unborn at St John Paul the Great School.



SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTER

By Daniel and Linda Dore (Council 7856)

Knights of Columbus Council 7856 comprised of members from Mount Carmel Catholic Church, located in St. Francisville, LA, and Mission Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located in Jackson, LA, is a giving organization.

The organization participates in the national 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 Pregnancy Problem Center. In the enclosed photograph taken on December 10, 2015, Program Chairperson, Daniel Doré is shown presenting Frances Broussard, Executive Director, a check for \$3,000.



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.

This calendar year, the Knights have made donations to other organizations to include the East Feliciana Council on Aging, East Feliciana Food Pantry, West Feliciana Food Pantry, West Feliciana Council on Aging, Louisiana Vets. Fest, Special Olympics, Louisiana K.C. Mental Disability Fund, American Cancer Society, West Feliciana Project Graduation, Diocese of Baton Rouge- Office of Vocations, Women's New Life Center, United Methodist Church/Thanksgiving Program and have covered the costs a young person for the church parish to attend the National Right to Life March held in Washington D.C. each January.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

By Dick Stine (Council 4562)

I am the Culture of Life chair for the Msgr DeBlanc KC Council 4562 in Lake Charles. As a Knight and a member of the New Life Counseling (LC's PRC) Board, I and the Council have felt compelled to support the Pro-Life cause.

Here are a few of the things we have done, and are working on:

Baby Bottle Campaign – this year will be our 4th Baby Bottle campaign at Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish. At the request of the previous State Culture of Life Director Peter Sahuc, I have worked with, and continue to work other KC Councils and Church Parishes in Southwestern Louisiana.

March for Life – a small council committee is working to enhance participation at the January 22nd Lake Charles March for Life event sponsored by NLC. We have the Parade route and the Parish Court House secured and the Bishop's approval to start contacting local pastors, Catholic schools, as well as 12 to 14 local KC Councils. We additionally intend to reach out to non-Catholic pastors and the schools they represent.

Ultrasound machine - along with seven councils, we have financially supported the St Martin de Porres Council's efforts to successfully bring an ultrasound machine to NLC.

PRO-LIFE DONATION

By Wade Simon (Council 8870)

Stanley S. Hebert Sr. Council 8770, proudly made our annual financial contribution to Maurice Right to Life ([link](#)). We are proud to assist Mrs. Claudine Desormeaux and her husband our fellow Brother Knight Danielle as they continue the wonderful work defending the innocent unborn here in Maurice, LA.

A CALL TO ACTION

By John Hauler (Council 9016)

Planned Parenthood propaganda leads us to believe that they do no wrong. Their purpose is to provide women with health care. But part of the health care they provide and what they seem to be so proud of is to kill children. A child by any other name is still a child. Call it a fetus and it still has a heart, lungs and a brain. Terminate a pregnancy and the child is still dead. Its heart has stopped. The child is removed from the mother by a suction machine.

There is no easy way to explain away the meaning of abortion. It is the killing of a human being. Society allows this to take place every day. Years ago, the pro-life movement was asked to not show the gruesome pictures of aborted fetuses as they were just too awful to look at. So, those pictures were put away. Those pictures are ugly because abortion is ugly.

We do not need to show those pictures, but we do need to get the politicians and the news media to agree that abortion is murder. Once it is understood, then the full scope can be weighed and a decision can be made. If the decision is that abortion is the direct killing of a human being, then it should be stated exactly as that. Do not hide the decision behind rhetoric that is misleading.

Why should one person try to influence another so as to interfere with their man-made "right" to destroy another human life, a life that was once thought to be safe in the mother's womb? To answer that question, one should ask why anyone should involve themselves in another's life at all.

Why does the Salvation Army exist, or St. Jude's Hospital or any hospital? Indeed, why should not

each person stay within themselves only? To give aid a stranded motorist or to give aid to those considered less fortunate is considered humane in some circles. But, let someone publicly explain the basic principles of biology, then that person (or organization) is condemned by the leaders of this country and the secular press as encroaching on the rights of others.

It has been proven time and again by scientists (not by religious leaders) that life begins at conception. It has been proven that once the chromosomes of the sperm and the egg come together to form a new cell, then a new individual exists. The only things necessary for this life to continue is the proper conditions (ex: nourishment) and time. Nothing else needs to be added to the mix by us for this new life to reach its natural end.

But, man decides to interfere. This living, breathing human being does not want to be constrained by the responsibilities of his or her actions. For that reason, others will continue to rise up to defend those who are not capable of defending themselves.

However, pro-abortion advocates use intense public pressure and dishonest statements to keep many citizens reticent and subdued. As with many crimes such as robbery, assault and murder, abortion on demand will not come to an end anytime because of the selfishness and greed of man. When the day comes that human kind learns to get along with one another maybe we will find a Utopia. In the meantime, the government should not aid in the death and destruction of another human simply because he exists.

This country needs a human life amendment without exception. It will not get one until enough people get sick and tired of abortion and demand, and with one voice, end killing for convenience. Abortion is a horrible way for a person to die.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIESPRO-LIFE DINNER IN NEW ROADS

Pointe Coupee Right to Life is EXCITED to announce that nationally known pro-life advocate and writer, ABBY JOHNSON is coming to her childhood hometown in Pointe Coupee parish to speak! Abby was the former director of the Planned Parenthood clinic that was in Bryan, TX (now closed!). Come DINE with us and hear about Abby's amazing story and ministry on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads!



POINTE COUPEE RIGHT TO LIFE
presents Abby Johnson

Former Planned Parenthood Director, Nationally Renowned Pro-Life Advocate, and Hometown Hero – *Sunday, February 28 – 6:30pm* – Scott Civic Center -- **\$50 per ticket** – Banquet & Silent Auction

I have enclosed \$50 _____ Other Amount \$ _____ to purchase _____ # of tickets.

Please make checks payable to "Louisiana Right to Life" with "Pointe Coupee" in the Memo line.

NAME: _____	TEL: _____
ADDRESS: _____	EMAIL: _____
CITY: _____	PLEASE NOTIFY ME ABOUT UPCOMING PPDMC EVENTS
STATE / ZIP: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>YES <input type="checkbox"/>NO

**SEND TO: Scott Smith, 405 Penn Ave.,
New Roads, Louisiana 70760**

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE DINNER

New Orleans Right to Life's 17th annual Proudly Pro-Life Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Chateau Country Club in Kenner. Cocktails are at 6 PM, and the dinner begins at 7 PM.

This year's recipients of the Proudly Pro-Life Awards are the Louisiana Knights of Columbus and Mr. John Hauler. Hauler joined the board of New Orleans Right to Life in 1978 and was elected treasurer in 1980, a position he holds to this day. He has served the unborn for 38 years through his notable accounting skills and his prolific letters to the editor. Hauler and his wife, Elaine, moved to Baton Rouge after Hurricane Katrina, and Hauler now serves as president of Baton Rouge Right to Life.

The Louisiana Knights of Columbus have made numerous contributions to the pro-life cause since 1973. Most notably, the Louisiana Knights have funded and supported the youth efforts of Louisiana Right to Life through their sponsorship of Camp Joshua since 2008. Their numerous councils have participated in the Ultrasound Initiative, which provides matching funds for Ultrasound machines for Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

This year's keynote speaker will be Rachel Campos-Duffy, an author, TV personality and mother of 7. She will speak on "The Real War on Women."

Contact Peg Kenny to purchase tickets:
504-442-9079; peggyfkenny@yahoo.com

17th Annual Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Please join us...

17th Annual New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

*Honoring Mr. John Hauler
and the Louisiana Knights of Columbus*

Thursday, January 14, 2016
6:00 PM Cocktails | 7:00 PM Dinner
Chateau Country Club in Kenner, LA

www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/Dinner



"The Real War on Women"
Keynote Speaker Rachel Campos-Duffy
Author, TV Personality, Mother of 7

January 14th, 2016
Chateau Country Club, Kenner, LA

SOUTH REGION MARCH FOR LIFE***Please Join Us!***

*In praying for an end to abortion
and all pro-death activities in our
nation and in our world.*



South Region "March for Life"
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
St. Peter's Catholic Church
New Iberia, Louisiana

- **Silent Eucharistic Procession**
(from Grotto on Main Street to St. Peter's Church) 6:00 p.m.
- **Mass for Life** (a "Love Offering" will be collected to offset expenses)
- **Five Day Rosary Congress**
(24 hour Eucharistic Adoration for five days following March & Mass with Pro-Life Rosary recited every hour on the hour.)

For more information call any local Catholic Church or
(337) 369-3816



Celebrant for
Eucharistic Procession & Mass
Fr. Garrett Savoie
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Iberia, LA

TRAINING FUTURE PRO-LIFE LEADERS

PULSE
immersion
*formerly "Camp Joshua"

high schoolers...
Check Your Pulse...
DO YOU STAND for Life?

PULSE Immersion is an action-packed weekend that trains high school students to be the pro-life leaders of today!

www.ProLifePulseLA.org
1-866-463-5433

Shreveport
@ Camp Bethany
March 4 - 6 2016

Baton Rouge
February 12 - 14 2016

Covington
April 15 - 17 2016

April 29 - May 1 2016

JULY 24-29 2016
Pulse Institute
in Baton Rouge

Sponsored by:
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Louisiana Students for Life

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH 2016

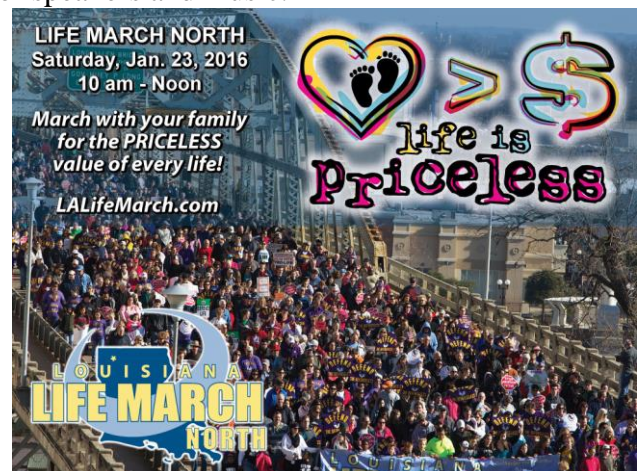
On Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 10 AM to noon, the Louisiana Life March will take place at two locations: Shreveport and Baton Rouge.

The 2016 theme will be "Life is Priceless." With horrendous videos highlighting Planned Parenthood's sale of baby body parts, we must remind the world, in the spirit of Luke 12:6-7 that human lives are valuable and priceless: "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Louisiana Life March North:
Start at Boardwalk's North Lot
Gather at 9:45 AM.

www.LALifeMarch.com, phone: 318-658-9456

In Shreveport, the format will be similar to the previous two years. The event will begin at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, march over the Texas Street bridge, and gather at Festival Plaza for speakers and music.



Louisiana Life March South:
Start at Old State Capitol
Gather at 9:45 AM.

www.LALifeMarch.com, phone: 1-866-463-5433

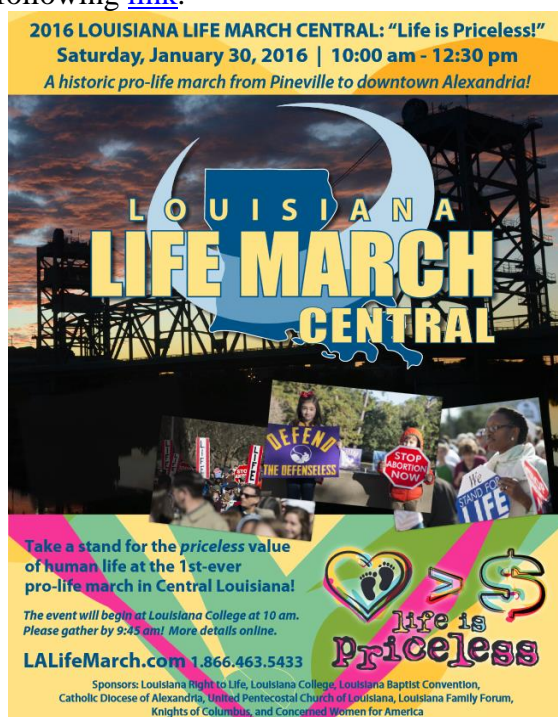
In Baton Rouge, we will begin at the Old State Capitol and march to the State Capitol. Due to a possible special session of the legislature that may fall on that Saturday, there is a chance we will hold the "rally" portion of the event in A.Z. Young Park on the Capitol Grounds. If there is no special

session planned, we should be on the Capitol steps like normal. This will be unclear until after a new Governor is elected.



Louisiana Life March Central:
Start at grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville
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For the first time ever, there will also be a Louisiana Life March in the central part of the state on January 30, 2016. The event will begin on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville. The march will go down Main Street toward the Jackson Street Bridge, cross the bridge and conclude at the amphitheater on the Alexandria side of the Red River, where speakers and musicians will lead the audience in prayer for life. More information can be found at the following [link](#).



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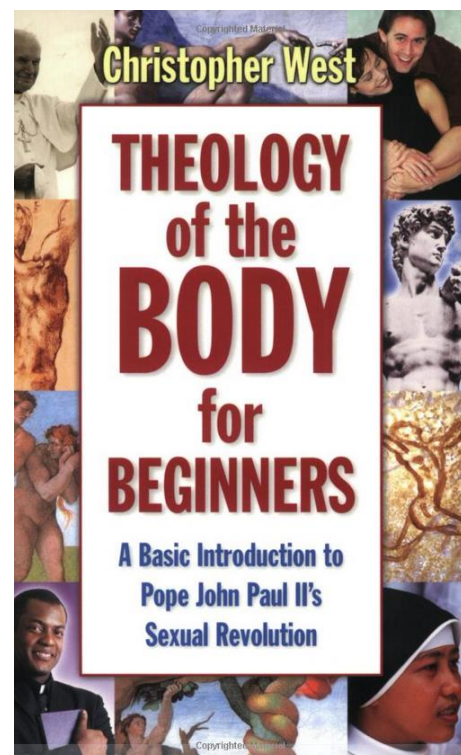
BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Our society is obsessed with sex. Sex is used to sell things. Television shows and movies often tell us implicitly if not explicitly that unrestrained sexual intimacy will make us happy. Of course, such behavior leads to unhappiness. Yet, people continue to advocate for fornication. What can be done to “break the spell?”

One of the Church’s best kept secrets is Pope Saint John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. This teaching beautiful and deep. Catholic author and speaker Christopher West has written a very readable book to introduce you to this teaching: **Theology of the Body for Beginners**.

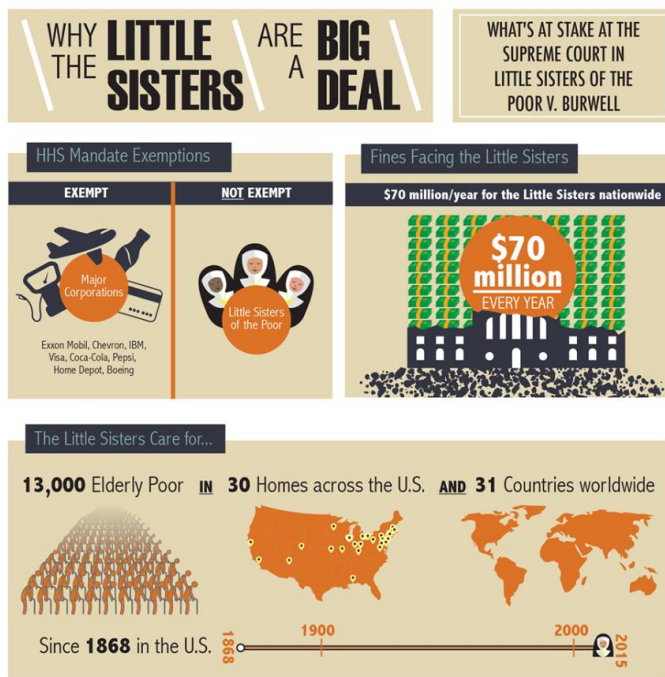
This book is grounded in our human nature and the dignity of the human person. It is also very practical, making sense of our common experiences.

This book will be valuable for people at all stages of life. You will find the answers to important questions about human sexuality as well answers to the big questions such as: what is the meaning of life? This book provides much clarity to our confused world.



THE BECKET FUND

As many of you are certainly aware, religious freedom is under attack in our country. Often times, the attacks from large organizations or the government directed at individuals or small businesses. The little man can do little to defend himself. One prime example is the Federal Government efforts to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to act against their religious beliefs and conform to the HSS contraceptive mandate. Who can come to their aid?



The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty is a non-profit, public-interest legal and educational institute with a mission to protect the free expression of all faiths. The Becket Fund exists to vindicate a simple but frequently neglected principle: that because the religious impulse is natural to human beings, religious expression is natural to human culture. We advance that principle in three arenas—the courts of law, the court of public opinion, and the academy—both in the United States and abroad.

This organization does a lot of good. Please go to their [website](#) to learn more about their work and how you can help.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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[Abortion rate in the U.S. hits an all-time low, CDC reports](#)

[Nearly 50 pro-life state laws passed in 2015](#)

[This country banned abortion and now, abortion promoters can't believe their eyes!](#)

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"From the very beginning, the Church affirmed the value of all human life and resisted exploitation and dehumanization. Because of the Christians, this way of looking at humanity became so much a part of Western culture that eventually the Constitution of the United States would be built around the concept that all people are created equal (though this stipulation would not be applied to everyone at first). Long before the Constitution was applied equally to all people in this country, the Catholic Church had already condemned abortion, the abuse of children, and slavery." Taken from *Seven Revolutions (How Christianity Changed the World and Can Change It Again)* by Mike Aquilina and James L. Papandrea.

"Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not practice pederasty; do not fornicate; do not steal; do not deal in magic; do not practice sorcery; do not kill a fetus by abortion, or commit infanticide." Taken from the early Christian text: *The Didache* (c. 150)

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life." Taken from *Evangelium Vitae*, 99



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Our Lady of Guadalupe Intercessor of the Unborn

To help stop the anti-life push in the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended that an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

The name I wish to give my baby is: _____.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the souls your prayers saved and spend eternal happiness with them.

Jesus may your peace and your love embrace the hearts, minds and souls of the family, friends, and loved ones who encourage this abortion and lead them all to your sacred and Eucharistic heart.

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