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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? 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. The 2016 presentation provides updated information, and it covers new topics.

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 NEW 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](#). The website also has a new look!

This will make it easier for you to share this information with others and utilize the information in your pro-life activities. You are welcome to use any of the content in presentations made to your council. The newsletter also provides helpful information and ideas to enable councils to receive 100 points in Culture of Life. Please contact us if you cannot find what you are looking for.



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 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. 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.



CULTURE OF LIFE STORIES**HELP PRCS IMPACTED BY THE FLOOD**

LRTL

The historic flooding over the weekend that devastated many parts of the Interstate 12/Interstate 10 corridor between Covington and Lafayette claimed at least two pregnancy resource centers, **Caring to Love Ministries**, located on N. Flannery Road in Baton Rouge, and **Family Resource Clinic**, 12201 Florida Blvd., between Walker and Livingston.

Can you help these life-saving agencies rebuild?
Please consider a donation today!

Use this [link](#) to donate to Caring to Love Ministries.

Use this [link](#) to donate to Family Resource Clinic.

**PRO-LIFE TOUR**

LRTL

Louisiana Black Advocates for Life is going on a statewide pro-life tour to celebrate the belief that **ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER**, from the womb to the tomb.

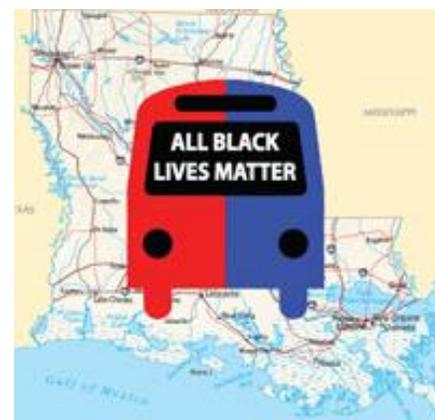
LABAL will address the tragedy of abortion in the African-American community. In 2014, abortion was the No. 1 killer of blacks in Louisiana (6,249), more than HIV, heart disease, and cancer combined.

The seven-city tour will begin in September with stops in Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Opelousas, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Each two-hour event will include local entertainment, information about the reality of loss of unborn lives in the African-American community, personal testimonies from women and men, opportunities for prayer and healing, and identification of resources to continue on the healing journey. Each event will end with a praise and worship experience.

"We hope to identify pro-life ambassadors in each city who will continue the pro-life conversation and advocacy in a way that fits the vision of community members," said LABAL Director Kathy Allen.

Specific dates, times and locations will be announced soon. For more information on the tour or becoming a pro-life ambassador, contact Kathy Allen at kathy@lablackadvocates.com or Concerned Women for America Louisiana's Sancha Smith at cwala.director@yahoo.com.



PRO-LIFE VIDEOS

Charlotte Bergeron

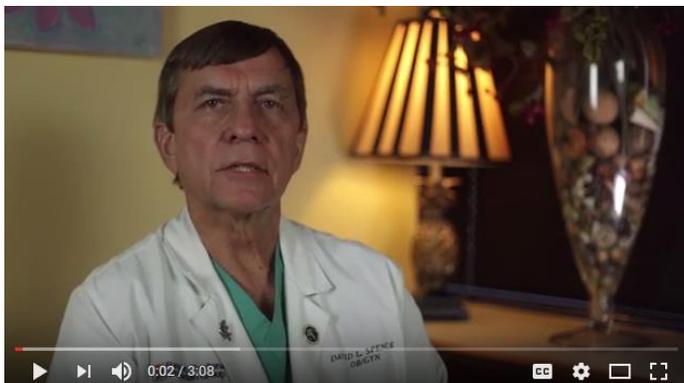
The Center for Bioethics and Culture (CBC) has produced a trilogy of must-see films that address third party reproduction including surrogacy ([link](#)). The founder of the CBC, Jennifer Lahl, has been helping fight surrogacy all over the world and here in Louisiana. She sent Gov. John Bel Edwards a powerful letter requesting his veto of HB 1102 because of the documented medical, psychological and emotional harms to women and children linked to surrogacy. Surrogacy destroys more life than it creates by leading to more abortion via "selective reduction" of babies in the womb and frozen or destroyed embryos. We must become armed with knowledge about this new attack on the dignity of women, motherhood and the commodification of children.

Please consider purchasing a set of the films and share it with your family, friends, church and school. Your purchase will support the critical work of our friends at the Center for Bioethics and Culture that are leading the fight in the United States and are among the international leaders working to stop the reproductive trafficking of women and children. Go to the Coalition Against Reproductive Trafficking's Action page for helpful information here: <http://reproductivetrafficking.org/action>.

MUST SEE PRO-LIFE VIDEOS

Fr. Dan Cook, Diocese of Alexandria

The Holy Spirit inspired Dr. David Spence and Peter Lemoine to produce these pro-life videos and here is what is finished so far: [first video](#) and [second video](#). Please take a few minutes to view and share these videos. Caution: some graphic scenes.

A NEW LEGAL RESOURCE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Alliance Defending Freedom

In a highly debated election season, churches across the United States are faced with the question of how or if they will engage in the political conversation.

Some churches prefer to stay out of politics altogether. Others are uncertain about what freedom their congregations and pastors have when it comes to talking politics and err on the side of caution. Still others feel led to address political topics regardless.

Wherever your church lands on political participation, we want to arm you with knowledge about what the law actually says and how it affects your church.

That's why ADF has created this brand new legal guide, "[Pastors, Churches, and Politics: A Legal Guide for Ministries on Political Engagement](#)."

There are many meaningful activities that your church can participate in, if it chooses, without any fear of lawsuits or censure from the IRS. And no, pastors do not have to stay completely silent about election topics at the pulpit, especially those that overlap with biblical issues.

Get this brand new legal resource today to better understand what the Tax Code says about church political engagement. And don't forget to share it with your pastor and church leadership! If the feedback we've received is any indication, they will very much appreciate you sharing this valuable resource.



SENATE NEEDS TO PASS BORN-ALIVE
ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

By Sarah Zagorski

If a baby is born alive, even during an abortion, he or she should be protected by law. Can't we all agree on this? Judging by my own life, I know it would save lives.

On Sept. 18, 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a simple bill that requires that a baby born alive during an abortion must be afforded "the same degree" of care that would apply "to any other child born alive at the same gestational age," including transportation to a hospital.

Now, we need the Senate to act on its version, S. 2066, sponsored by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE). Thankfully, our two Senators, David Vitter and Bill Cassidy, are already co-sponsors. Of course we want to protect every baby, both born and unborn. But doesn't it seem that all people, both pro-life and pro-choice, should be able to come together to support a bill like this?

If enacted, the legislation would protect babies from the fate of thousands of children who have survived abortion but been left to die or killed by an abortion practitioner. The law would make failure to provide standard medical care to children born alive during an abortion a federal crime, which makes it unique from a similar law, the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. That law extends legal protection to an infant born alive after a failed attempt at induced abortion. While the 2002 law was a good step forward, it did not have the "teeth" needed for proper enforcement.

For some of us legislation like this may be hard to get excited about because it's not going to end abortion tomorrow or stop Planned Parenthood from performing its nearly 324,000 abortions each year. However, we should be 100 percent behind this bill because it saves babies from death and protects lives like mine.

Twenty-six years ago an infamous New Orleans abortionist told my birth mother she should let me die on the table after he delivered me breech at 26 1/2 weeks. I wasn't breathing when I was born, and

to him, my life was meaningless and wouldn't amount to anything.

The abortionist was so certain of my worthlessness that he told my mother I would be a mental vegetable and incapable of having a normal life. Thankfully, she didn't listen, and I'm here today to tell you this story. But what if my birth mother didn't have the courage to fight for my life, what would have happened then?

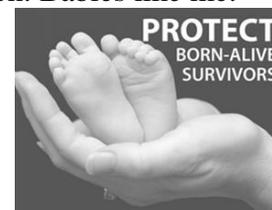
The odds are I would have died on that table, and the life I know now would be non-existent. The people I love would have never known me. I would have joined the list of babies who have had their lives snuffed out after an abortionist convinced their mothers, or medical professionals, that they were better off dead.

If we do not put these abortionists on notice with real penalties in law, they will not stop their destructive actions. It is time to act!

Sadly, it doesn't seem everyone is willing to protect babies like me. At the same time the House passed the legislation last year, President Obama issued a statement that he would veto the bill if it arrived on his desk since, in his opinion, it would have a "chilling effect, reducing access to care." Likely at the insistence of Planned Parenthood, Obama feels that by truly protecting babies outside of the womb we would somehow be hindering the ability to kill the baby in the womb, up until the moments before birth. Talk about abortion-on-demand.

Interestingly, as a senator in 2002 Hillary Clinton supported the former version of this legislation. Would she be willing to support this new version with real protections today?

We talk in our nation often about the value of finding common ground. Now is the chance. Join me in asking the U.S. Senate to step up to the plate, find unity, and truly protect those babies born alive after an abortion. Babies like me.



HUMAN CLONING/STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

“...there are in fact almost 3,500 ongoing or completed clinical trials using adult stem cells, listed in the NIH/FDA-approved database. Moreover, large numbers of patients have been treated with adult stem cells. In 2012 there were almost 70,000 patients treated around the globe in that year alone, and almost 20,000 patients treated in just the U.S. in 2014. Cumulatively, it’s been documented that as of December 2012, there had already been over one million adult stem cell transplants. This means that now, over 1.5 million patients have had their lives saved and health improved by adult stem cell transplants.” Read more [here](#).

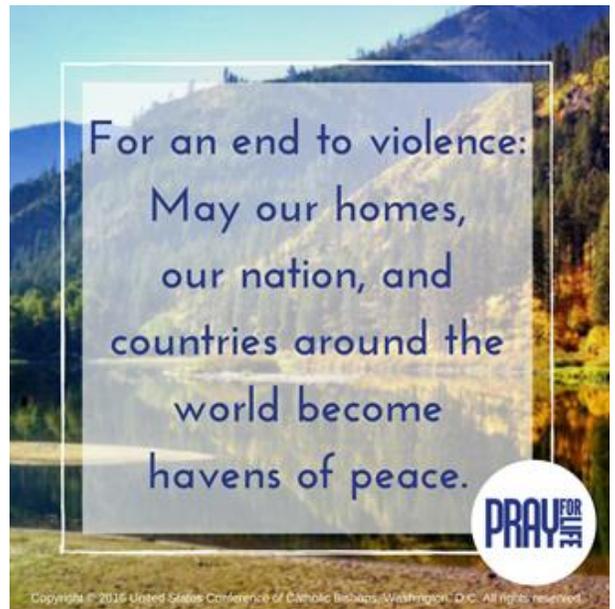


ACTIVITIES AT DELTA IN BATON ROUGE

Jamie Johnson

Each day, sidewalk counselors faithfully pray and offer help to people seeking an abortion at the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge. The following is a brief description of an event that took place in September:

A young lady from Lafayette left Delta in the morning. Her story is a very unusual situation. Her dad had brought her in to Delta, and one of our counselors spent a lot of time speaking with him. She had been raped and was now pregnant. The rapist is in jail. She is married and her husband wanted her to abort the baby. However, she and her dad decided against having the abortion. What courage! She accepted rosary and gift. This was a confirmed save.



CULTURE OF LIFE ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

In August, Council Culture for Life couple sent e-mail to the U.S. Senators representing Louisiana to defund the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in response to bill S-1881.

Culture of Life couple had the visiting Pilgrim Queen of the Family Image in their home to facilitate family praying the Rosary and the fostering of devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe Queen of the Americas started by William K. Weigand, Bishop of Sacramento. This is done daily for two weeks and families were invited over to the house to pray.

The council Culture for Life Couple helped with all of the council’s activities to help flood victims in Louisiana with over 3,000 man-hours. They also helped cook and serve over 3,500 hot meals for the local community.



REQUEST FOR PREGNANCY CENTER
SUPPORT

Dear Sam:

It is difficult to overstate the importance of the gift of an ultrasound machine that the Family Life Federation has been given by the Knights of Columbus. Our efforts to offer alternatives to abortion to women facing unplanned pregnancy will be greatly enhanced by being able to offer these women a chance to actually view the life within them.

We at The Family Life Federation are so grateful to the Knights of Columbus for making such life-saving technology available to the women we serve. We are also grateful for your offer of continuing support so that this gift may be used to its fullest potential and have the greatest possible impact on our mission.

At your request, I am writing this letter to provide information on the costs involved in providing ultrasounds now that we have been given the machine.

Proper and effective use of the machine will require well-trained personnel. We have already identified a qualified nurse, who is willing to perform the procedures on a volunteer basis. It is recommended that there be two nurses who share the duties. We are actively looking for an additional qualified nurse who would also be willing to volunteer. The cost of training two nurses is \$10,000.

In addition to training, we will have additional liability insurance costs of \$2,500 per year. There is also a minimal cost for supplies of approximately \$50 per month.

Again, thank you so very much for all that your wonderful organization has done to bring this life-saving technology to our organization. We welcome any continued support you might be able to provide as we work together to protect this most precious gift of life.

God bless,
Frances Broussard
Executive Director
director@pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com



You can find out more about the Pregnancy Problem Center at their web site:

<http://www.pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com/>

24 HOURS FOR LIFE

Kyle & Paula Balkum (Council 9692)

Come Participate in St. Jude's 24 Hours for Life!

October is Respect Life Month, and to grow a Culture of Life, St. Jude (9150 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge) will host 24 straight hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Adoration will begin in Church on Wednesday, October 26th at 9 AM with Benediction and continue uninterrupted until 8:15 AM Mass on Thursday, October 27th.

Spend a peaceful hour in prayer in the presence of our Lord for the sake of the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the elderly, the unborn, the poor, the disabled, those on death row, and migrants and refugees. They are all masterpieces of God's creation.

You may contact Kyle Balkum at 225-819-9526 or kbalkum33@yahoo.com if you'd like to participate in this beautiful devotion.

Security will be provided during the evening, late night and early morning hours.

Show that our generous and faith-filled community can keep Jesus company for 24 hours!

When Jesus returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" Matthew 26:40

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

September seems to have kicked off a busy season of Pro-Life activities. On Saturday September 10, Darnell LeBlanc worked with Dee and I at the Jazzed for Life! Respect Life Coordinators & Volunteers' Day that was hosted by our own Archdiocese. On short notice, we were asked to step in for Sam and Arline Mistretta, the Louisiana Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Couple (two of the greatest people I know).

This was a blessing to us to see all the different ministries and services that are available for the different human needs. We are all aware of C.B.I.B Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies and the beautiful care they offer. There were many other support services for young expectant mothers. Our eyes were opened to the amount of human trafficking and the abuse that it brings. This happens on a daily basis in our own city. What brightened our day the most was seeing the great programs for our youth, and education/awareness programs for everyone.

The K of C Supreme office must have a RAPID RESPONSE team, because they had videos, posters and handout material at my door step in just a few days. IT WAS ALL FREE!

This years' 40 Days for Life starts on Wednesday, September 28th and it will take place every day until Sunday, November 6th. This is a time of PRAYERFUL support of life with other advocates. We are sharing Saturday, October 15th, with Christ the King Council 5870 and the pro-life powerhouse church of St. Angela Merici led by Fr. Beau Charbonnet. Folks, we need to make a showing to let New Orleans know that the majority of its citizens oppose abortion. If you want to experience a sample of what the program is like, there will be a special event on Saturday October 1st from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Planned Parenthood facility on Claiborne Avenue with a lunch gathering after.

Please pray for the Baton Rouge 40 Day for life program, as there will not be any support services for those walking in front of their abortion clinic this year. The floods have devastated the local pro-life clinics (The Good Guys) in the Baton Rouge and

surrounding areas. They are also in great need of help.

On a final note, Supreme will MATCH any funds raised to purchase a Ultrasound Imaging machine. These are the best way to show the human life that is within a woman's womb. Several of the "Good Guy" service groups lost their machines in the flooding. Any ideas out there? Hummm.

Yours in Christ
Don and Dee Caskey
dcaskey53@yahoo.com



A PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Wade & Melissa Simon (Council 8770)

With the unfortunate passing of Mrs. Claudine Desormeaux, we were faced with the loss of a great pro-life warrior in our area. Brother Knight Robert Mire's wife Mary Ann Mire and myself (Wade) will work as Co-Directors for our parish and area with the Diocese of Lafayette as a replacement for our beloved friend.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Diocesan Pro-life Coordinators Meeting recently. A few points mentioned were:

- 40 Days for Life runs from: 9/28/16-11/6/16;
- Respect for Life Sunday is on 10/2/16;
- An introduction to "Theology of the Body" by Saint John Paul II will be held 10/19/16, 10/26/16, 11/9/16, and 11/16/16 at the Immaculata Center on the Breaux Bridge Hwy in Lafayette from 6-8PM each evening;
- Ms. Krista Corbello gave an excellent presentation discussing her pro-life work and the upcoming Pulse Immersion Weekends.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN BATON ROUGE CANCELLED

Danielle Van Haute and Charlotte Bergeron

The leadership of the 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge campaign, co-sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge and Baton Rouge Right to Life, extends its prayers and support to all those who have been affected by the floods that devastated our communities in the last month. The impact of this tragedy is enormous and the road ahead will be long. At the same time, we are inspired and comforted by the outpouring of compassion and support from our local community and beyond. We trust that, with the Lord's help, our communities will recover from these losses and create a new and vibrant spirit once again.

The reality of the scope of this unprecedented devastation resulting from a 1,000 year flood event has required us to re-consider the prudence of moving forward with this year's campaign. The damage to thousands of homes, schools, businesses and churches as well as the continuing displacement of families who face months of recovery ahead, have led us to decide to cancel this year's Fall campaign in Baton Rouge. So far, damage to 55,000 homes has been documented with the number expected to rise to over 110,000 as a result of the August floods. The full magnitude of the disaster is still being determined by local, state and federal authorities. This was a difficult decision but one that was reached unanimously by all leadership parties involved.

Though there will not be a formal 40 Days for Life campaign, individuals and groups are strongly encouraged to continue to pray for an end to abortion. Tragically, one of the resulting impacts from the flooding will likely be an increase in the abortion rate as women facing unplanned pregnancies are burdened with the loss of their homes, jobs and family support system. Please support our local pregnancy resource centers that need our support now more than ever. We also urge those who feel called to action to participate in the New Orleans 40 Days for Life Campaign. Information can be found at www.40DaysforLifeNola.com.

We wish to thank all who have participated in the 40 Days for Life campaign in the past and we hope that this same dedication will allow us to resume this campaign next year.



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AT DELTA IN
BATON ROUGE

Sam and Arline Mistretta (Council 3743)

Grand Knights and Pro-Life Friends,

As you are probably already aware, this year's 40 Days for Life campaign in Baton Rouge has been officially suspended. Unofficially, we encourage everyone to participate anyway. While there will not be an official presence in the form of a tent with literature, signs and the like, we would still like to see groups peacefully praying at the Delta Clinic during the campaign period. Abortions are still being performed there, and the women still need our support in the form of our presence and prayers. Therefore, we encourage KC councils, churches, prayer groups, rosary groups, school groups, families, etc. to gather and pray at the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge.

Be aware that you will need to furnish your own drinks, snacks, chairs, trash bags, prayer materials and anything else you will need. We should still be allowed to park and use the rest rooms at the OLOL clinic at 8415 Goodwood Blvd, but **WE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE GRASSY LOT ACROSS FROM THE DELTA CLINIC.** We are allowed to stand on the sidewalk or on the public servitude between the sidewalk and the street, but we are not allowed to cross the sidewalk onto Delta's property. We may walk across Delta's driveway, but we cannot block the driveway or block access to any vehicles entering or leaving the facility.

Remember that this is a **PEACEFUL** prayer vigil and not a protest. Peaceful prayer in public places is a right protected by the first amendment. We do not encourage interaction with the patients at the clinic.

Sidewalk counseling should be left to those who have had specific training. We should stand as peaceful witnesses to remind those individuals who work at the clinic as well as those who seek abortions that all life is precious and should be protected.

You can find more information at the 40 Days for Life FAQ [site](#). Thank you for your work to build a Culture of Life!



UPCOMING EVENTS



PRO-LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Louisiana Right to Life will host a pro-life prayer breakfast on October 26, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at Louisiana College Granberry Conference Center in Pineville, LA. The event will raise awareness and funds for the promotion and development of the Louisiana Life March Central that is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Cost to attend the prayer breakfast is \$15 per person. Students can attend for \$10.

For more information contact:

Ryan Verret, associate director of Louisiana Right to Life, at 337.257.3029 or rverret@prolifelouisiana.com.

The Rev. Brian Gunter, pastor of First Baptist Church Pollock, at 318.312.9861 or bgunter3@hotmail.com.

The Louisiana Life March Central was held last year for the first time and drew a large crowd from the Central Louisiana area. This year's march, like last year's, will begin at Louisiana College and end at the Amphitheater in downtown Alexandria.

CHERS BEBES

Chers Bebes: Acadiana's Soirée For Life will take place on Wednesday November 2, 2016 at Le Pavilion in Lafayette, honoring Suzanne Tierney and Brenda Desormeaux with Keynote Speaker Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. Join Us for a Great Evening for Life! Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the event begins at 7:00 PM.

This event features live Acadian music, delicious food and drinks, fun baby shower games, and Acadiana Pro-Life Awards.

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!

The November 2, 2016 event will be held in honor of two pioneers who dedicated their lives to building up Acadiana's strong culture of life and service, Ms. Suzanne Tierney and Ms. Brenda Desormeaux. Ms. Tierney and Ms. Desormeaux have served Acadiana very generously for the past 40 years through legislative involvement, 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!

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.

For more information, contact us at 337.524.0044 or email Ryan Verret at rverret@prolifelouisiana.org.





UPCOMING PULSE WEEKEND IMMERSIONS

Hey high schoolers! Be trained to be a pro-life agent of change in your community at our exciting PULSE weekend and week-long events in 2016! PULSE is the new name for the Louisiana Camp Joshua and Joshua Leadership Institute events.

Click on this [link](#) to Register!

Call Alex or Krista at 866-463-5433 for more information, or to have them come speak to your youth!



SLIDELL LIFE CHAIN

St. Tammany Right to Life proudly presents the 25th annual Slidell Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 from 2 to 3 PM at Gause Blvd in Slidell.

Come join hundreds of pro-lifers in this peaceful and prayerful protest against abortion. You can stand anywhere on Gause Blvd or contact your church for a location. Signs will be passed out on site at 1:45 PM or you can pick them up ahead of time by contacting Michelle Gorney at 882-7210 or 640-8765.

An Open House at Slidell Crisis Pregnancy Center will follow the Life Chain at 3 PM at 550 Gause Blvd, Suite 2. Please plan to join this event!



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for Indigent Babies*



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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

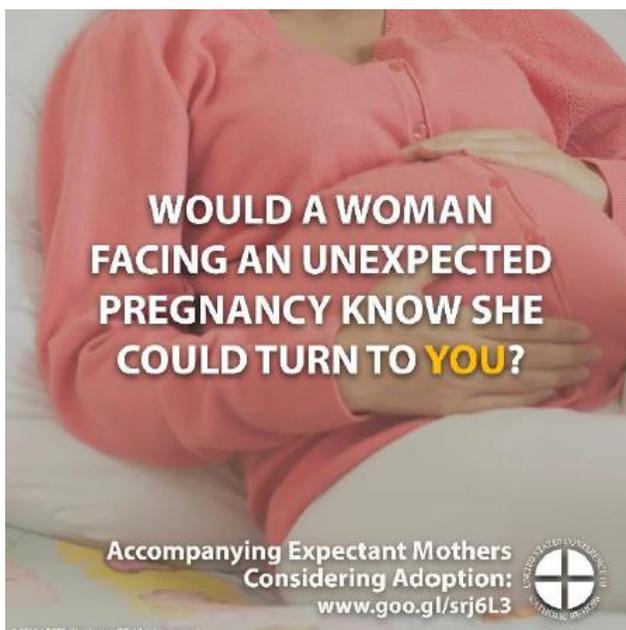
WHAT IS “THEOLOGY OF THE BODY”? It consists of 4, 60 minute videos narrated by Christopher West and moderated by Adele Guillot, MA Theology. It is an Evangelization Tool and the Theological foundation of the Culture of Life with the family at its center. Along with the videos, the participants will use the accompanying workbook to better synthesize the teachings “Theology of the Body”

Diocese of Lafayette - Immaculata Center 1408 Carmel Drive - Lafayette, LA 70501 Katharine Drexel Meeting Room (Enter through the East side of the building.)	
Wednesday's in October, 2016 October 19 th & 26 th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Wednesdays in November, 2016 November 9 th & 16 th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. There is NO charge for classes, but a workbook will cost \$15 each.

Please register by calling the following information to the Office of Pro Life Apostolate: 337.261.5607: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Email Address, Phone, Church Parish/City, Referred By.

If you have questions please contact Trista Littell at 337.261.5607 or email Adele Guillot at maguillot27@gmail.com, www.cajuncatechist.com or www.theologyofthebody.com.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

The Fall 2016 Rachel's Vineyard retreat is scheduled in the New Orleans area on October 14, 15, 16th. Please remember to pray for our team who is preparing behind the scenes to bring Christ's mercy and healing to the women who will join them. Also, we are in need of groups or individuals who would like to sponsor one of the women who will make this retreat. The total cost to sponsor a retreatant is \$170. If you would like to undertake this beautiful work of mercy, please contact me to arrange it: respectlife@arch-no.org.

For help for post abortive women & men, see the Respect Life website for more information — <https://respectlife.arch-no.org/post-abortion-healing>.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on October 7-9, 2016 in the Lafayette area. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope! For more information and to register call 337.261.5607 or email tlittell@diolaf.org. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



LIFE CHAIN EVENT

Shanon Snyder, Louisiana Right to Life

Life Chains are a great way to spread the pro-life message and show support for the unborn. For this event, pro-life participants stand in solidarity with the unborn and pray for the end of abortion in their communities.

Louisiana Right to Life is encouraging folks in every parish across the state to host a Life Chain this fall. Life Chains are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2nd across the U.S. and Canada, though some groups have scheduled the event for another day.

Several Life Chains are already planned in Louisiana, and many others are likely, though those sites have not been verified. Events are being added to our website as we receive information on them. Use this [link](#) to find an event in your area.

If you would like to plan a Life Chain in your community, contact state coordinator Julie Hanks at 985-351-3143 or you can email her at julieandedinhammond@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center is having their Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Shreveport Convention Center on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Special guest will be Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor. Seating begins at 6:30 PM with dinner and program from 7 to 9 PM. The dinner is complimentary, and an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. You can call Kim at 318-861-4600, email: kim@altcpc.com, or go to www.GiveThemOptions.com for more information.

LIFE FEST & RESPECT LIFE MASS

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, October 1, 2016, in the Tracy Center Ballroom of the Catholic Life Center (1800 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge).

The theme for this year is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy". The keynote presenter will be Fr. Andrew Merrick, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Spiritual Director for the March for Life Pilgrimage.

Breakout session topics include: Mercy at the End of Life, Prison Ministry, Artificial Reproductive Technologies & Infertility, and Living out Every Day Mercy.

This FREE event will also feature Adoration, Kids Track for ages 5-11, music by Greg&Lizzy, various exhibitors and the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4pm. Registration information will be available soon!

For more information, contact the Marriage & Family Life Office at 225-242-0323 or visit their website, www.MFLDiobr.org.



LIFE CHAIN IN LAFAYETTE
 Trista Little, Diocese of Lafayette

What: You and your families are invited to participate in a "Life Chain"
 When: Sunday Oct. 2, 2016, from 4:00-5:00 PM.
 Where: Corner of Evangeline Thruway and Simcoe Street in Lafayette.
 Parking: St. Genevieve Church parking lot

Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the United States! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer! Bring your whole family! Rain or shine! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome!

Signs will be provided that proclaim: "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption the Loving Option," "Jesus Forgives & Heals," "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation," "Abortion Hurts Women," "El Aborto Mata Ninos," "Life – The First Inalienable Right," "Pray to End Abortion.

See www.LifeChain.net for more information.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in honor of 54 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

The Life Chain should always be a silent, prayerful event. All thoughts and attention should be focused on prayer for the unborn and healing for women who may be suffering from abortion. Participants will be able to quietly choose a sign to hold.

Immediately following the Life Chain, all participants are invited to silently enter St Genevieve Church for 5:30 PM Mass.

Mrs. Donna Morgan
 Pro Life Coordinator
morgandoa@gmail.com

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20)

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 24, 2017
 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)
- **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



Guest Celebrant for
 Eucharistic Procession & Mass
Fr. Alexander Albert
 St. Peter's, New Iberia, LA



STAND FOR LIFE

America is at a crossroads and the Sanctity of Life is under increasing attack. We're coming to 50 states in 40 days to sound the alarm and help bring our nation back to life.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
UNITED
 UNITED FOR LIFE IN PRAYER & FASTING

COMING TO **LOUISIANA**

Hear from dynamic local and national speakers, pray, fast, and stand together with pro-lifers from across our state

STATEWIDE RALLY:
New Orleans
 Monday, October 31
 6:00 pm
 Public right-of-way,
 4363 S. Claiborne Ave.

40daysunited.com

Help save lives by joining with record numbers of people across all 50 states for the largest nationwide pro-life mobilization in history!

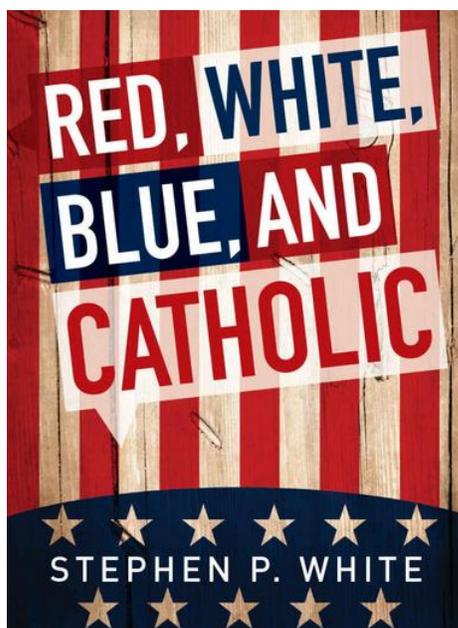
OUR PARTNERS:

EDUCATION CORNERBOOK REVIEW

We have a very important election coming up in November. Before you go to the polls to vote, a serious Catholic should make sure that they make their decisions well grounded in Catholic teaching and good fundamental moral principals. However, this task can seem daunting. One solid resource is the book: **Red, White, Blue and Catholic** by Stephen P. White.

This little book (just 101 pages long) is a great place to start. As the author states, “what this book does aim to do is set our nation’s political travails against the broader and deeper setting that the Church itself provides, to use the rich tradition of the Church and its social teaching to fill in some of the gaps that pockmark our nation’s political discourse.”

The book provides good background on recent U. S. history and provides a clear description of current societal trends. The book also draws heavily upon the Church’s Magisterial documents without relying on unfamiliar theological language. The author’s writing style was very efficient and clear. I also found the book to flow well using clear language, so it was a fast read. While the book is largely about politics, it is not political. The author points out how both major political parties have the wrong vision of government and politics. His insights are worthy of consideration. It is highly recommended.

WITNESS TO LOVE

Dear Marriage & Family Life Advocates,

It is here! Thanks to your support and encouragement we are happy to announce that everything needed to maximize the impact of Witness to Love in your parishes and dioceses is complete: [link](#).



In June we released an online training platform for parishes and diocesan directors. In August we released the final updated version of our workbook (thank you all for your feedback during the pilot phase).

Today we are unveiling our classroom and videos for engaged couples and their mentors! These videos beautifully bring to life the the witness and challenge of our workbook. The online classroom provides survey follow up questions and a certificate to be sent directly to the engaged couple's parish.

To get started or to ask questions, please fill out our [survey](#) and we will contact you. If you would like to order a sample of all of our printed materials for yourself or to share with your pastor please consider purchasing a "[Parish Pack](#)."

In Service to Christ and His Church,
Mary Rose & Ryan Verret



STEM CELL RESOURCE FACTS

Stem cell research is often in the news. However, not all stem cell research and therapies are the same morally. How does one determine what is morally licit and what is not? One helpful on-line recourse is provided by the Charlotte Lozier Institute: [Stem Cell Research Facts](#). Check it out.

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[University of New Mexico Dept. head confirms aborted baby brains dissected for high school students](#)

[A new overview of a contested subject](#)

[The silence of the shepherds on homosexuality: An interview with Robert Reilly](#)

[Reasoned Analysis vs. Blah, Blah, Sneer, and Blah](#)

[Pro-Life Activist Says Leaked Document Shows George Soros and Planned Parenthood in a Panic](#)

[Pro-Life Heroine Mother Teresa Will Be Declared a Saint](#)

[Archdiocese of Newark Stands Ground in Firing Guidance Counselor Over 'Gay Marriage'](#)

[Why Man and Woman Are Not Equal](#)

[Mother Teresa: Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace](#)

[Obama Mandate on Sex Reassignment Surgery Challenged in Court](#)

[How Mother Teresa Challenged Hillary Clinton on Abortion](#)

[Study: Abortion Poses Mental Health Problems to Young Women Down the Road](#)

[What are human-animal chimeras, and why are they problematic?](#)

[At canonization, Pope Francis praises Mother Teresa's strong defense of the unborn](#)

[How should Christians respond to new biotechnologies?](#)

[How A Cakemaker Became An Enemy Of The State](#)

[The scandal of abundant life in a culture of death](#)

[Born at 22 weeks, youngest premature baby to survive in Israel leaves hospital](#)

[Planned Parenthood's ties to eugenics go far beyond Margaret Sanger](#)

[The Church Cannot Reverse Past Teaching on Capital Punishment](#)

[A Suicide in Brooklyn Raises Questions about Parochial Education](#)

[Adult Stem-Cell Transplants: A Journey of Faith Backed by Science](#)

[Are Clinton and Gates Foundations and USAID Supporting Depo-Provera Deception?](#)

[New Massachusetts law may force churches to let 'transgender' men use women's restrooms](#)

[Ruth Bader Ginsburg Promotes Abortion: "No Law Should Deny a Woman Her Right to Choose"](#)

[Are Religious-Freedom Advocates 'Christian Supremacists'?](#)

[Catholic Marriage Won't Change, Tim Kaine's Bishop Says](#)

[Cardinal Dolan blasts 'Catholics for Choice' ad campaign as 'deceptive'](#)

[500 Catholic Scholars: 'Humanae Vitae Speaks Against Distorted View of Human Sexuality'](#)

[UN Agencies Agitate For Change Within Religions](#)[Women Need Men](#)[A Defense of the Christian Teaching Against Contraception](#)['Abortion Is Catholic Social Justice' Campaign Draws Wide Catholic Rebuke](#)[Powerful UN Agencies Pressure Catholic Church on Contraception, Homosexuality, Masturbation](#)[Men Don't Have Babies, No Matter What USA Today Thinks](#)[Sex, family and the liberty of the Church](#)[Euthanizing Children Now, Are We?](#)[Archbishop rebukes US gvmnt official's claim that religious liberty is just 'code' for 'homophobia'](#)[Steinem: 'Forced childbirth is the single biggest cause of global warming'](#)[Head of U.S. bishops' marriage committee lauds scholars' affirmation of 'Humanae Vitae'](#)[Belgium euthanizes first minor child under new law](#)[House Panel votes to hold StemExpress in contempt of Congress](#)[Hope for a Sane World Dashed Again on the Rocks of Madness](#)[Catholic Thinkers Say Pushing Contraception Is Wrong for Women, and Here's Why](#)[India Supreme Court Orders Closure of All Sterilization Camps Within Three Years](#)[QUOTES OF THE MONTH](#)

The following quotes were taken from the book **Red, White, Blue and Catholic** by Stephen P. White:

“Citizenship, in its most important sense, is about participation and membership in a community. It’s about belonging to a community, acting for the good of that community, taking responsibility for that community, loving that community, and teaching others to care for and love for it, too.”

“There is a limit to what human laws can do to make good citizens. We need something else to ensure that the freedom guaranteed by law does not devolve into license and end up harming citizens and the republic itself. In the United States, the Christian faith has always been that something. Our nation is a Christian nation, not in law, but in its foundation. Our country’s dedication to religious freedom, like our dedication to human rights, has Christian roots. Without strong Christian communities, we may begin to lose sight of those founding dedications.”

“Everything we have is a gift: our lives, our talents, our intelligence, our families and friends, even the earth itself. God gave us these gifts for the sake of our happiness. This means that we are free to use the things of this world for our own benefit, but we also have an obligation to use them for the good of others and in service to the common good.”

“The proper use of material goods by individuals or the state has implications for what the Church calls the preferential option for the poor. It is often said that justice is blind. This is misleading. Justice treats equal things equally, which means that, all else being equal, a rich man and a poor man should receive the same treatment before the law. But justice that is blind to relevant differences is not justice. Justice treats different things differently. Justice is not blind, for example, to innocence and guilt. Neither should justice be blind to need. If one child is sick and another healthy, who gets medicine should not be a blindly answered question.”



ABORTION IS ONLY 3% OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S BUSINESS?!

Check out this short video from Live Action to find out the truth about Planned Parenthood: [link](#).



BONUS QUOTE

“Some politicians say that they’re ‘personally opposed’ to abortion, yet ‘pro-choice.’ But we must ask: Is this a position that can survive the test of logical coherence? After all, if abortion is wrong, surely it is wrong because it is the unjust taking of the life of a developing human being. And if one believes that, then what could possibly justify a regime of law that licenses so grave an injustice? Of course, if abortion is not a form of homicide, if the developing embryo or fetus has the moral status of an unwanted growth—such as a tumor—there would be no grounds on which to ‘personally oppose’ abortion. So the question is this: Is the developing embryo or fetus a human being or a mere unwanted growth? Notice that this is not a religious or even an ethical question. It is a question of human embryology and developmental biology.”
 – Robert P. George



VIDEO PICK OF THE MONTH

March for Life Action launched a video to share the truth about what Americans really think about abortion. Check it out [here](#).



SIGN-UP FOR LACCB ACTION ALERTS



Do you want to know about pending legislation important to Catholics? If so, then go to the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops web site: www.laccb.org. They have a [web page](#) to inform you about active advocacy campaigns. You can also sign-up for email alerts so that you can contact your government officials about important issues in a timely manner.



PRAYER OF THE MONTH**Prayer for Life**

Almighty God, our Father, you have given us life and intend for us to live with you forever. Grant us your blessings as we stand together and pray for LIFE.

Ground us in the belief that human life is sacred, because all people were made in your image and likeness. And give us the courage to stand up and defend all life from creation until natural death.

Help us to teach by word and example that all men, women, and children, in every land, on every continent are precious because we are a gift from God, who is all Love.

Grace us with the strength and the wisdom we need to eliminate the poverty, discrimination, and ignorance that diminish the value of life in our country.

May the tender mercy of our God shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, and guide our feet into the path of peace.

Amen

Provided by Natasia Kissinger, *Footprints for Life*

