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### PRELIMINARIES

#### COUNCIL CULTURE OF LIFE CHAIR COUPLES WANTED!

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

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

Please send the filled-out form to us by mail or email at [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net).

#### KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE PRESENTATIONS

Were you unable to attend KCLS? 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 us an email telling us what your council is doing and send us pictures. Email us at [smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net). We want your council highlighted in the next issue!

### CULTURE OF LIFE NEWSLETTERS ARE ON THE STATE KC 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](#).

You are welcome to use any of the content in this newsletter to make presentations 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.



**CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCES****FREE MATERIALS FROM SUPREME**

The Supreme Council has a number of Culture of Life materials to help you. All of these materials are free of charge except for the shipping. A list of materials can be found on-line. Use this [new link!](#)

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

**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. Use this [new link!](#)

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

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

**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. 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.

**DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE RESOURCES**

Many of the Dioceses in Louisiana have pro-life information and resources on-line. Here are links to specific web sites:

Baton Rouge: <http://www.mfldiobr.org/>

New Orleans: <http://respectlife.arch-no.org/>

Lafayette: <http://diolaf.org/pro-life>

Lake Charles: <http://www.lcdiocese.org/prolife.html>

Shreveport: <http://www.dioshpt.org/ministries/pro-life-ministry/>

Houma-Thibodaux: <http://htdiocese.org/fm>

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIESOPPORTUNITY TO HELP PREGNANCY  
CENTER

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

The [Gianna Center of the Gulf South](#) is still currently in need of an ultrasound machine. In order to receive the matching funds from the Knights of Columbus to purchase their ultrasound machine, they need to raise \$32,000. This ultrasound machine is an integral part of the treatment of infertility as well as tool that plays a vital role in encouraging abortion-minded women to keep their babies. To make a donation to the Knights of Columbus for the Gianna Center's ultrasound machine, contact Steve Hart at 504-615-1303 or [heartfore@bellsouth.net](mailto:heartfore@bellsouth.net).

SCIENCE DOES SUPPORT ABORTION  
RESTRICTIONS!

Louisiana Right to Life

*New Guttmacher Study "Findings" Only Protect  
Abortion-on-Demand*

The Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, released a report last week stating that 28 states, including Louisiana, have at least two abortion laws that conflict with science. Louisiana, the report says, has seven, ranking it second in the nation behind Kansas and Texas, which both have eight.

Those laws "belie scientific evidence," according to the report. Click [Here](#) to Read Guttmacher Report.

"It should come as no surprise that this group would do everything it can to discount even the most common-sense regulations that ensure the health and safety of women seeking abortion or protect the innocent baby living in the womb," said Benjamin

Clapper, executive director of Louisiana Right to Life.

Here are the real facts on three of the laws Guttmacher said aren't supported by scientific evidence:

Hospital Admitting Privilege Requirements:

During the 2014 consideration of HB 388, Louisiana Right to Life presented the testimony of a number of experts sharing why admitting privileges are a critical component of ensuring that abortion facilities can provide continuity of care in the case of an emergency.

During committee hearings, a local OB-GYN physician who had worked stints in the ER shared how he had women come into the ER with complications from an abortion, and since the abortion physician did not have privileges to handle the complications in the hospital, this ER physician had to reassess the condition of the woman from the beginning, wasting time in order to properly handle the medical issues at hand.

In addition, testimony showed medical complications do exist from abortion, and the law must step in to help women in those situations, regardless of the level of occurrence.

Fetal Pain Laws:

In Louisiana, babies 20 weeks post-fertilization are protected under law based on the wealth of anatomical, behavioral and physiological evidence that shows that the developing human fetus is capable of experiencing tremendous pain by 20 weeks post-fertilization.

The website [www.DoctorsOnFetalPain.com](http://www.DoctorsOnFetalPain.com) documents the relevant studies that point to the understanding of the baby at 20 weeks post-fertilization having the ability to feel pain. Information includes points such as this: "Pain receptors (nociceptors) are present throughout the unborn child's entire body by no later than 20 weeks after fertilization and nerves link these receptors to the brain's thalamus and subcortical plate by no later than 20 weeks after fertilization."

## Mandatory Waiting Periods:

Abortion is a permanent decision that many women regret later in life. Even if most women in an abortion facility at the moment they are choosing abortion are confident in their decisions, the testimony of women who regret their decisions is reason enough to give women time to consider their options.

Even U.S. Supreme Court Justice Kennedy recognized that "some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained...the State has an interest in insuring so grave a choice is well informed." (Gonzales v Carhart)

Currently, abortion facilities in Louisiana are selling only one service: abortion. Their counseling cannot be trusted to be neutral in the decision-making process since they have a financial interest in the women's decision. Waiting periods provide additional time for women to reflect on their decisions and seek additional resources prior to the making the ultimate decision to terminate a pregnancy.

"The fact is that ample pro-life legislative testimony from experts in the fields of medicine and social services was provided prior to the enactment of the Louisiana laws criticized by the Guttmacher Institute," Clapper said. "It was rare during deliberation on these bills for the abortion-on-demand organizations to present commensurate expert testimony, especially from a medical doctor perspective. Rather, they resorted to vague claims and recycled talking points."

Click [Here](#) to Read LARTL's Complete Response

Click [Here](#) to Read NRL's Response



## CENTRAL LOUISIANA PREGNANCY CENTER

Jerry Hollis, Project Coordinator for Project  
Abortion: The Untold Story

Rev. Brian Gunter contacted me to share some great news and asked me to share it with you.

First, Rev. Gunter tells me that on Monday, we should expect an official announcement of the location for the Central Louisiana Pregnancy Center. An article will be published in the Baptist Message, and Brian hopes to reach out to other local media as well. The contract/lease will be signed next week, and we should be able to start moving in by the end of the week. Please look for updates, especially on social media if you use it, and help share after the announcement is made. Brian hopes to start the Central Louisiana Pregnancy Center's Facebook presence next week, and sharing the page to build a base of followers will be important. Once the official announcement is made on Monday (after 10:30 a.m.), start sharing it among family, friends, colleagues, and social media.

Second, there will be a meeting on Thursday, May 18, in the new 5,660 sq. ft. Central Louisiana Pregnancy Center. The meeting will take place at noon and everyone is welcome to attend and tour. The building is in between Mattress Firm and the Baptist Building. The physical address of the Central Louisiana Pregnancy Center is 1254 MacArthur Drive in Alexandria. Rev. Gunter tells me that this meeting will be filled with great news, and he will also discuss communication, a website, branding and logos, donations, and much more.

Third, Brian tells me that starting on Friday, May 26, he will open the Central Louisiana Pregnancy Center for donations for lightly used baby items. No clothing now, please, as clothing is the first thing people donate and usually a lot of it. We'd have to have a lot more staff and space to sort and store clothing. For monetary donations, please continue to have donors send checks to 2201 Melrose St., Pineville, LA 71360. This is the Baptist Mission Center, which is staffed 40 hours a week and therefore better able to receive donations at this time.

Fourth and finally, an announcement from Fr. Dan Cook about a victory celebration happening on June

10 at 11:00 a.m. on the sidewalk of the former Bossier City abortion clinic, which recently closed. On hand will be Shawn Carney of 40 Days for Life and Lauren Muzyka of Sidewalk Advocates for Life.



#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

Brian Gunter

Attention: Searching for a full-time Executive Director for Cenla Pregnancy Center, a new pro-life ministry in Alexandria

Qualifications include:

- a passionate Pro-Life woman who is skilled at ministering to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy
- a highly motivated, very organized leader who is able to manage a staff of part-time employees and volunteers
- a gifted public speaker who can represent the Pro-Life movement in Cenla
- willing to travel across Central Louisiana to promote Cenla Pregnancy Center at various events
- able to work with churches and volunteers from various denominational backgrounds

Please email resumes to:  
info@cenlapc.com  
OR mail to:  
2201 Melrose St  
Pineville, LA 71360  
Attention: Brian Gunter

#### ULTRASOUND MACHINE NEEDED IN NORTH BATON ROUGE

John Hauler (Council 9016)

Barbara Thomas, Director of the North Baton Rouge [Women's Help Center](#), sent a message to me asking for help in obtaining a new ultrasound machine.

The one that they have is outdated, and she says the company will only service it for the next year or so. I know one council by itself cannot afford to do this, but I putting out a call for help.

If your council would like to obtain an ultrasound machine for this center through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, then please contact me at [jehauler@yahoo.com](mailto:jehauler@yahoo.com) or call 504-812-8753.



**WOMEN'S HELP CENTER**

*Help. Hope. Healing.*

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

We continue to assist a local safe house, the [Free Indeed Home](#), where girls ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked can come for healing.

If you or your group would like to participate in the collection of much-needed items, please contact the Respect Life Office at [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org) to facilitate this. No drop-offs can be accepted.

The following items are needed:

- Cash or gift cards for grocery/big box stores
- Canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasoning, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding
- Paper towel, toilet paper, paper napkins
- Comet Cleanser, Clorox Clean-up, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, multi-surface

cleaner, baking soda, floor wax for hardwood floors, laundry detergent

- Feminine products
- Board games, puzzles, craft items
- Copy paper (cheapest kind), pens, pencils, crayons, color pencils, markers, dry eraser markers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, binders, printer ink for an HP 950 and 951, batteries (all sizes, primarily AA and AAA).

### REQUEST FOR HELP TO END ABORTION

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

This is a **request from Archbishop Aymond**: With the recent closures of facilities in Bossier City and Metairie, there are three remaining abortion clinics operating in the state of Louisiana, one within the city of New Orleans — Woman’s Health Care Center on General Pershing Street. On any Tuesday through Friday mornings, there are upwards of 25 women waiting in line to enter the clinic, while there may be at most only one sidewalk counselor present to offer support.

If you are interested in becoming a sidewalk counselor at the General Pershing Street abortion facility, please contact the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office at 504-286-1119 or [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org). The need is urgent; training and ongoing support will be provided.

**URGENT: Help Wanted:** The archdiocese is in need of a dedicated individual who can coordinate the sidewalk counselors who will be reaching out to the women at the General Pershing abortion facility. This person would be responsible for coordinating the presence of sidewalk counselors on peak days and at peak times so that there are enough counselors to be present to the many women that are going into the facility on those days. The coordinator does NOT need to be present at the facility everyday. This position is volunteer and requires good organizational skills, use of email/phone, attendance at one of our Sidewalk Counselor Trainings, and a deep desire to see the end of abortion in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please contact the Respect Life Office for more details: [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org).

If you feel called to help in any way with these great needs, we have help for you to get started:

This is a note from Wilson, veteran sidewalk counselor who is at General Pershing most weekdays: “Like I have done in the past at Ridgeland, if anyone wishes to go out to the General Pershing mill at anytime after we leave to pray, witness, or whatever on a regular schedule, I will be glad to come out & help them get started.”



### HELP NEEDED TO GET ULTRASOUND FOR WOMAN’S NEW LIFE CENTER

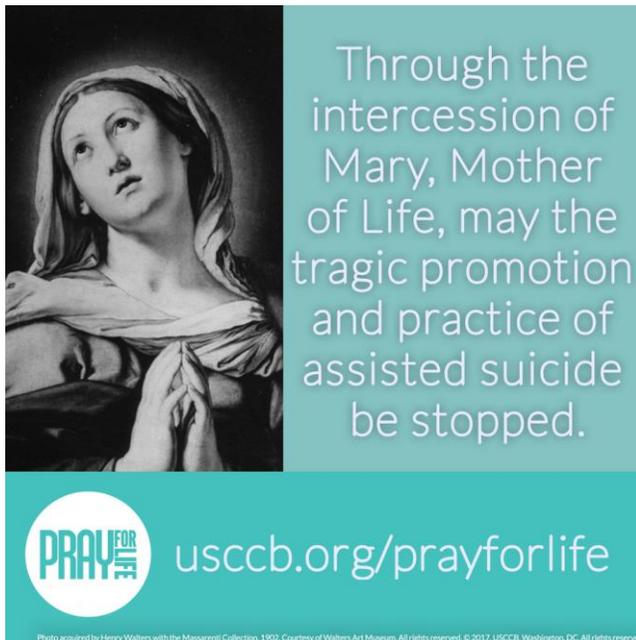
The Woman’s New Life Center is located directly adjacent to the Delta abortion mill in Baton Rouge. The ability to show pregnant women their child in the womb has a huge influence on their decision to not have an abortion. Therefore, this is a critical part of their pro-life work.

However, the machine is outdated and it is unable to provide clients with clear and accurate pictures of the baby.

Council 8147 in Gonzales (GK Ralph Roger) will participate in the Ultrasound Initiative to obtain the ultrasound machine. They are looking for additional councils to pledge \$1,000 or more to help raise the required amount of money. Their goal is to raise, \$20,000.

If your council is willing to accept the challenge, please contact your State Culture of Life Director Sam Mistretta ([smistretta2@cox.net](mailto:smistretta2@cox.net) or 225-975-1501). Thank you for your support!





### MEN FOR MARY'S HOUSE RAFFLE

For the last 10 years, there have been over 70 abortions each week at the Shreveport and Bossier City abortion centers. Every week! Recently it was announced that the Bossier abortion facility has closed. Now there are only three abortion centers left in the state: Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Shreveport is the closest abortion facility for all of North Louisiana from Alexandria north, East Texas and South Arkansas. Wouldn't it be wonderful to end abortion in Shreveport? We can do that!

[Mary's House](#) offers alternatives to abortion to women with unintended pregnancies. We offer free peer counseling, free pregnancy tests and free ultrasounds to women who think they have no other option but abortion or who are just afraid and don't know what to do. We help them TAKE TIME. Research shows that 77% of the time when women thinking of abortion see an ultrasound of their baby, they choose life.

Alas, every good thing needs money to run though. That's why we are having a Men for Mary's House Raffle. I have met so many men who are pro-life, and ask how they can help. This is one way. Raising funds, winning prizes and spreading the word about Mary's House Pregnancy Care Center - three ways men can show they are pro-life - MEN FOR MARY'S HOUSE!

### THE DETAILS:

1. Tickets are loose (no books of tickets), so you can buy one at a time or hundreds. We will sell tickets until October 25, but being eligible for all 6 drawings is ideal.
2. When purchased from us, we can mail the ticket number to the purchaser and keep the ticket stub with their name for the drawing. When purchased from a "distributor," the distributor sends the ticket stubs to Mary's House for the drawings.
3. A purchaser is entered in every drawing unless he wins; then that winning ticket is withdrawn from the following drawings.
4. Tickets are \$20 per ticket.

### PRIZES:

June 1st – 65 Qt. Yeti Cooler  
 July 1st – 4 Cowboy Football Tickets  
 August 1st – 4 Saints Football Tickets  
 September 1st – 4 LSU Football Tickets  
 October 1st – Big Green Egg - Mini  
 November 1st – Cajun Fryer and Stand

I appreciate all and any help you would be able to give Mary's House with its Raffle. Focused intensity, persevering by God's grace, we will end abortion in Shreveport.

Thank you,  
 L'Anne Sciba  
 Mary's House of Louisiana, Inc.  
[maryshouse.sport@gmail.com](mailto:maryshouse.sport@gmail.com)



**REQUEST FROM THE DESORMEAUX  
FOUNDATION**

Trista Littell, Diocese of Lafayette

The Desormeaux Foundation has seen and consulted with 15 abortion seeking clients, 21 non-abortion clients, and conducted 18 ultrasounds since May 1st.

They are in need of the following baby items for a client who was seeking an abortion and decided to choose life for her baby:

1. Mini Crib
2. Mini Sheets
3. Car Seat with Stroller
4. Baby Bottles
5. Baby Clothes
6. Any Baby Essentials

The DesOrmeaux Foundation also wants to offer Theology of the Body classes at their new building located at 1334 Jefferson St. in Lafayette and are in need of the following to facilitate Theology of the Body classes as well as Baby and Me classes:

Flat Screen Smart TV (40"- 48") Max size 52" (Suggested brands: Samsung, Vizio, Sony etc.) with multiple inputs: Composite, S, HDMI 1, HDMI 2, and Cable.

The Baby and Me Boutique is in need of items listed below to fill "vouchers" for their clients:

- Diapers - sizes newborn, 4, 5, and 6
- Bibs
- Socks
- Wipes
- Receiving blankets

General Housekeeping items are also needed:

- Clorax wipes
- 33 gallon black trash bags

The Desormeaux Foundation is located at 1331 Jefferson Street; Lafayette, LA 70501. The phone number is 337.289.9366.

Please keep them all in your prayers.  
May God reward you!

**CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT**

Wade Simon (Council 8770)

Stanley S. Hebert Sr. Council 8770 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Maurice sponsored a diaper drive to support the Desormeaux Foundation and mothers who chose the precious gift of life. We are collecting during May, the month of our Blessed Mother and Moms everywhere.



**CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT**

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

Council 9623 Culture of Life couple sponsored a Pro-Life Baby Shower with the Middle School Students with all the gifts given to the Women's New Life Center in Metairie. The chair couple also sponsored the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine for our church. This pro-life shrine was displayed at all Masses. At all masses during the first weekend in May, the couple organized the signing of a petition to stop the building of a 7,000 sq. ft abortion facility on Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

Don and Dee Caskey (Council 1905)

Brother Knights and Ladies,

Gentle persons, we are wrapping up a successful Access Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Drive at St. Joseph in Gretna. The bottles are still slowly coming in and the numbers are gently climbing. As of May 14, 2017 we have received \$662 in cash and checks not counting a substantial amount of coins. One of our brother Knights told me this evening that he picked up an additional couple of bottles.

We are looking forward to the third church for our Baby Bottle Tour which will be held on Father's Day weekend starting at the 5:30 vigil mass on the 17th of June at St. Martha in Harvey. We will continue on Sunday at the 8:30 and 10:30 AM masses. Gentle People I will need some help for all three masses. It was mentioned that **IT IS** on Father's Day and that is great. The men that I know at ALL of our churches have **MANNED UP** and embraced their role of husband and father. We can all be an encouraging example to the men that may not realize the beauty of holding and nurturing a small new born child. Some men may have never had a good father figure in their life to learn from.

Access Pregnancy Center and the Women's New Life Center are both doing wonderful work for the babies and their mothers. Can we offer mentoring or support for the fathers? If you have any ideas, please contact me.

One more word about June 17th is that it is the day of our council picnic and we will need help in cleaning up in order to make to church on time. (That last part sounds like a song).

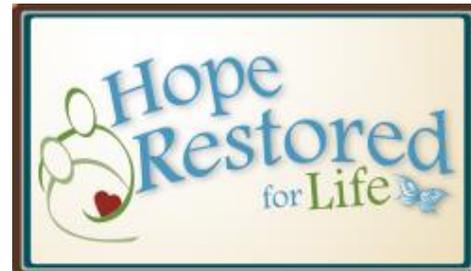
The fourth and final church of the 2017 Baby Bottle campaign will be at Infant Jesus of Prague in Harvey for both masses. The date will be announced at our next meeting.

Yours in Christ,  
Don and Dee Caskey

A PRO-LIFE MOTHER'S DAY

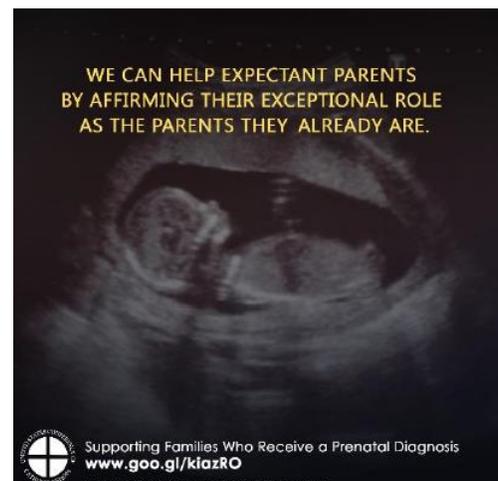
Nick Prosperie (Council 8932)

Council 8932 in Bourg, LA sold Mother's day corsages to benefit local Crisis Pregnancy Center Hope Restored and Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life. They were sold St Ann Catholic Church.

KCLS CULTURE OF LIFE SESSION

Knights of Columbus Leadership Seminar (KCLS) will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2016 at Dutchtown High School in Geismar, LA. Again this year, there will be a special breakout session for Culture of Life chair couples and any others who are pro-life leaders in their councils.

This year, we will kick-off the session with a special pro-life speech from 15 year old Anna Starnes. We will present pro-life information that you can share with your council. There will also be a detailed review of the new grading form with more time for questions. We will also have a **special gift** for those in attendance, and free pro-life materials will be available on a first-come, first served basis. The session should wrap-up before lunch. Please make sure that your council is represented. We look forward to seeing you there!



### BABY SHOWER DRIVE AT CONVENTION

Each year a Baby Shower Collection Drive is held at the state convention to support crisis pregnancy centers. We are happy to report that this year's collection was our largest yet! We received donations from councils, auxiliaries and individuals from around the state consisting of play pens, diapers, wipes, clothing, towels, blankets, bottles and various other items including 15 boxes of blankets, burp cloths and lovies hand made by Melissa Ziegenhorn with Somebody Loves Me Creations. We also received monetary donations including a check from the Louisiana State Ladies Auxiliary Association. The donated items were distributed to crisis pregnancy centers in Shreveport/Bossier, Monroe, Lafayette, Houma/Thibodaux, Lake Charles and the Baton Rouge area as well as the Baton Rouge Woman's Hospital NICU. Thanks so much to everyone for your overwhelming support!



### PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST FINALS (LRTL)

The Louisiana Pro-Life Oratory Contest was held at the Knights of Columbus Convention in Baton Rouge May 6. Four Louisiana students competed for a \$500 prize and chance to represent Louisiana in the National Right to Life Oratory Contest in Milwaukee on July 1.

Gabrielle Gremillion, a homeschool junior from Baton Rouge, won this year's contest with her speech "Abortion is a Tragedy to Women." With passion and charisma, Gabrielle highlighted the injustice of abortion toward women.

"Abortion is a topic that I will never get tired of speaking on until Roe vs. Wade is overturned," Gremillion said after winning the grand prize.

Later that evening she gave her full speech from memory at the Knights of Columbus Convention banquet.

Beau Nicaud of New Orleans won second place and \$300. A senior at Jesuit High School, Nicaud highlighted the moral hypocrisy of abortion and civil society. Joel Thompson of Lafayette and Alexis Pippin of Shreveport also competed as finalists.

If you would like to hold a competition in your community for the upcoming school year, contact Shanon Snyder at [shanon@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:shanon@prolifelouisiana.org) for more information.



BOWTIES FOR BABIES

On Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Louisiana Right to Life held their annual Bowties for Babies event at the Capitol Park Museum, with Louisiana's State Capitol as its backdrop.

About 250 people attended Bowties for Babies on Thursday evening at the Capitol Park Museum across from the Capitol and enjoyed an evening of good food, music and drinks as well as a time to visit with pro-life friends.

Former Sen. Ben Nevers and former Rep. Tom Willmott were honored with the 2017 Leadership for Life Awards, and Attorney General Jeff Landry gave the keynote address. Baton Rouge Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome also attended.

The event was held to benefit the Advertise for Life project, which uses targeted online advertising to connect women in crisis pregnancies with one of the state's pregnancy resource centers.



UPCOMING EVENTSCHAMPIONS FOR LIFE

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 2-mile walk and 5K run to raise money for the Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center in Shreveport. Go to: [www.GiveThemOptions.com](http://www.GiveThemOptions.com) for more information.

JAZZED FOR LIFE!

Jazzed for Life! Respect Life Coordinators' & Volunteers' Day will take place Saturday, September 9, 2016 from 9am - 1pm.

The event will provide information on Respect Life Sunday, Respect Life Week in the schools, and other Respect Life events throughout the year. It includes prayer, spiritual reflection, speakers, and opportunities for networking with each other and with other local organizations. Food is included!

This is sponsored by the Respect Life Office & hosted by University of Holy Cross in New Orleans. ALL parish Respect Life Coordinators AND their committees are invited! For more information, contact Debbie Shinskie at [respectlife@arch-no.org](mailto:respectlife@arch-no.org) or go to this [web site](#).

PULSE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

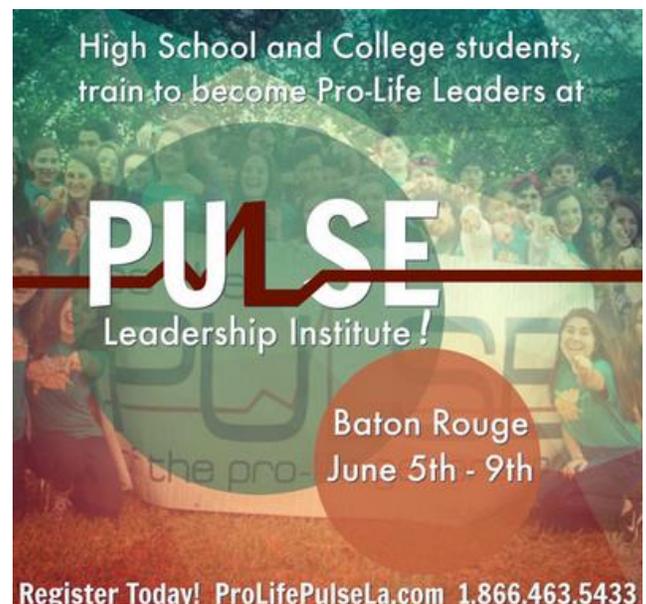
The PULSE Leadership Institute will be held on June 5 - 9, 2017. Click [here](#) to visit and apply for the PULSE Leadership Institute

The PULSE Leadership Institute (PLI) is an exciting opportunity for high school students and entering college freshmen to experience the pro-life movement in a way never before done! PLI is a weeklong program designed to equip you with education on ALL life issues and give you the chance to dialogue with new friends and some of the top pro-life leaders of the nation!

PLI is very action oriented. You will not only participate in exciting workshops, but also traveling to various destinations for special "feet-work" sessions. There will be field trips to Laser Tag, the Capitol, and Women's New Life Center.

We will have plenty of fun throughout the week, whether it is the famous CoffeeHouse, indoor rock climbing at LSU, skits, interactive games, and free time to hang out with friends. Also at PLI, you will receive intensive training on starting and maintaining pro-life student groups. Learning to be a pro-life student activist is the focus of PLI. We want YOU to shape your community and our world!

Contact Alex Seghers at [alex@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:alex@prolifelouisiana.org) or Krista Corbello at [krista@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:krista@prolifelouisiana.org) or call 1-866-463-5433 for more information.



EDUCATION CORNER

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please be aware of the signs of trafficking. Go to: <http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>.

If you see something, SAY SOMETHING! It is better to report a suspicious incident and be wrong than to be right and say nothing.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline is 888-3737-888. Put that number in your cell phone!

For more information, Go to the Coalition Against Reproductive Trafficking’s Action page: <http://reproductivetrafficking.org/action>.



Here is a sign on the men’s restroom door at the Crown Plaza hotel, host of the state KC convention:



METANOIA IN LOUISIANA

Human trafficking is not just an issue in foreign countries. It’s a real issue across America and, now, throughout our own State.

According to national statistics, one of the busiest trafficking corridors stretches from Houston to New Orleans. The victims ultimately reach virtually every corner of Louisiana. The average age of a trafficking victim is 13.

These children come from every walk of life – some abducted, others lured by traffickers. They are then transported to other states where they are forced to perform sexual acts, sometimes as often as 20 times a day. The impact on trafficked children is devastating.

The victims of human trafficking are nothing more than income-producing property for their handlers. They have each been robbed of their childhood. There is no joy in their lives.

Fr. Jeff Bayhi is leading an effort to provide a secure home for trafficking victims to recover from their ordeal (see this recent [news story](#)). They need your support! Go to their [web site](#) to find out how you and your council can help.



IN THE NETHERLANDS, REQUESTS FOR “HASTENED DEATH” WERE WITHDRAWN BY **85%** OF PATIENTS WHEN THEIR SYMPTOMS WERE BETTER CONTROLLED.

Every Suicide is Tragic: [www.goo.gl/KEXpR9](http://www.goo.gl/KEXpR9)

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## RESOURCE FOR END OF LIFE ISSUES

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops have a toolkit available on their website for planning for End of Life Issues. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.



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### THE FINAL JOURNEY

#### ADVANCE CARE PLANNING TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS

- Thoughts About End-of-Life Care video – Archbishop Gregory Aymond
- A video message from Archbishop Aymond about the importance of advance care planning
- National Healthcare Decisions Day Homily
- Drop-in article for Diocesan newspapers and church bulletins
- Congregational Conversations guide
- The Final Journey booklet
- The Final Journey PowerPoint presentation
- Conversations Change Lives booklet
- Video on Advance Care Planning: What Is It?
- La-post.org
- NHDD.org

#### ADVANCE CARE PLANNING TOOLKIT FOR CATHOLIC PARISHIONERS

- Video on Advance Care Planning: What Is It?
- The Final Journey booklet
- Conversations Change Lives booklet
- CHA End-of-Life Guides:
  - Expressing Your Health Care Wishes
  - Caring for People at the End of Life
  - Caring Even When We Cannot Cure
- Living Will
- Catholic Living Will
- Power of Attorney for Health Care
- LaPOST document
- Religious/Cultural Resource Library
- La-post.org
- NHDD.org

## FIVE TALKING POINTS TO DEBUNK PP

Lila Rose, President of Live Action

We are at a critical point with Congress in the fight to stop Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding.

With the legislation to defund Planned Parenthood now in the U.S. Senate, it is important now, more than ever, that you are equipped with resources and information to be an active member in the fight for life.

As you know, Planned Parenthood is America's biggest abortion chain, committing over 34 percent of abortions in the United States. According to its own 2014-2015 annual report, the corporation committed 323,999 abortions in 2015 — that's 887 abortions a day, or one abortion every 97 seconds.

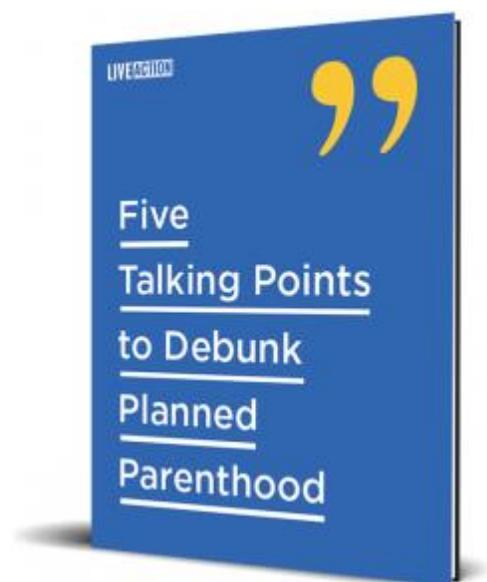
Not only has Planned Parenthood demonstrated a continued lack of respect for the sanctity of human life, the abortion giant continues to lie about the scope of health services it provides, perpetuating faulty information in the mainstream media while trying to convince Congress not to redirect taxpayer money to more worthy health care providers.

As a defender of life, I want to make sure you are able to articulate your stance on this issue of Planned Parenthood's funding with your friends and family in an effort to bring truth to these lies and win more people over to the cause of life.

That is why my team has developed an eBook, 5 Talking Points to Debunk Planned Parenthood, just for you!

In this free eBook, you will learn five key talking points that will help you stand up for your beliefs and address the debate over Planned Parenthood's funding.

I encourage you to [download](#) your free copy of 5 Talking Points to Debunk Planned Parenthood today so that you can continue to be informed and share this information with others during this key time in our country for the pro-life movement.



INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[How to Accompany Catholics With Same-Sex Attractions](#)

[A new civil rights ruling may create religious liberty problems](#)

[Procreation: Still the Primary End of Marriage](#)

[Obergefell and the Apotheosis of Judicial Will](#)

[Pro-Life Advocate Charmaine Yoest Appointed to HHS](#)

[Belgian Brothers of Charity Oppose Euthanasia Directive for Catholic Hospitals](#)

[Denver's Catholic archbishop won't allow transgender Boy Scouts in church troops](#)

[Kansas City Archdiocese cuts ties with Girl Scouts over abortion, transgender promotion](#)

[Like 'Knights in Armor,' We Must Defend the Sanctity of Life](#)

[When Redefining 'Normal' Hurts Those It Purports to Help](#)

[There Are No Extra People on Earth](#)

[UN Tries and Fails to Convince Honduras to Legalize Abortion](#)

[Birth Control Linked to 'Significantly Lower' Quality of Life](#)

[How the Church Must Confront the Sexual Revolution](#)

[Illusory LGBT "Civil Rights" vs. Catholic Truth](#)

[Ireland Moves Closer to Legalizing Abortion](#)

[New York Magazine is Right: Every Pregnancy Center is a Threat to Big Abortion](#)

[Denver Catholic: Après Gorsuch le deluge](#)

[Judge: Catholic University Can Fire Tenured Prof For Defending Student Who Stood For Catholic Teachings](#)

[This evangelist asked a gay bakery to make a traditional marriage cake. Now he may face charges.](#)

[Vatican to investigate Belgian Catholic hospitals for deciding to euthanize sick people](#)

[Catholic schools pull gender identity play aimed at elementary students](#)

[Kentucky's last abortion clinic could close after court ruling](#)

[New Human Trafficking Foundation May Support Abortion and Prostitution](#)

[The Big Lie of Transgender Ideology](#)

[Appeals court says Hands On Originals did not discriminate against gays](#)

[Trump Administration Expands Pro-Life Mexico City Policy](#)

[Inside Gosnell's House of Horrors](#)

[Cecile Richards v. Marjorie Dannenfelser: Dramatically Different Views](#)

[Premenstrual Spotting Found to be Predictive of Endometriosis among Women with Infertility](#)

[Stem cell transplants may advance ALS treatment by repair of blood-spinal cord barrier](#)

[Trump Expands Mexico City Policy, Abortion Groups Keep Some Funding](#)

[Bill Nye used to teach kids about science, but now he wishes there weren't so many 'extras'](#)

[Jewelry company offers parents 'sacred art' made of IVF embryos](#)

[Baby born alongside the IUD meant to destroy him: Here's his incredible story](#)

[Target launches gay pride products: We ‘proudly stand with the LGBT community’](#)

[Pro-lifers are winning the fight against abortion. Here’s why.](#)

[LGBT activists slam ‘the most important psychiatrist of the last half-century’ because he debunks transgender ideology](#)

[Pope Francis to Huntington's patients: You deserve respect and love](#)

[This new technology could produce babies from skin cells. And that's bad.](#)

[Famed historian: ‘The sexualization of society is the death of society’](#)

[Planned Parenthood pamphlet from 1952 admits: Abortion ‘kills the life of a baby’](#)

[Why “LGBTQ” Is Unjustly “INdiscriminatory”](#)

[Young People Who Support Abortion? The Problem Might Be in the Imagination](#)

[Orthodox Church to Russian gov’t: ‘Abortion must be made equal to murder’](#)

[Media Pushes Commercial Surrogacy: “Carrying Someone Else’s Child Should be Celebrated, and Paid”](#)

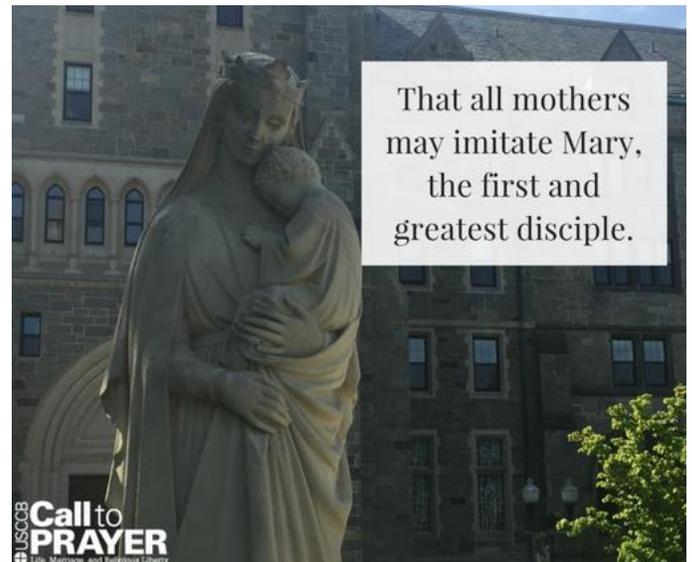
[Thousands March for Life in Rome — Images and Testimonies](#)

[What do you want/need from the church in order to “live” NFP? \(A reader survey\)](#)

[St. Louis archbishop resists law requiring Catholics to hire abortion activists: ‘We will not comply’](#)

[A Year After ‘Amoris Laetitia’: Marriage-Ministry Reform Sees First Fruits](#)

[Why the New York Times Now Favors Adultery](#)



### VIDEO PICKS OF THE MONTH

Check out this short Live Action [video](#). Planned Parenthood says it needs hundreds of millions in taxpayer funding to help pregnant women. Yet when moms need prenatal care, ultrasounds, and adoption services, Planned Parenthood turns them away and tells them to “Google it.” How is the abortion giant using our tax dollars?



Another undercover Planned Parenthood [video](#) has been released (content warning!). God have mercy!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The seeds of this new constitution were planted 25 years ago by Justice Anthony Kennedy, the author of the Obergefell decision, in his much-derided ‘Mystery Passage’ in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992):

Our law affords constitutional protection to personal decisions relating to marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, child rearing, and education. Our cases recognize ‘the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision whether to bear or beget a child.’ Our precedents ‘have respected the private realm of family life which the state cannot enter.’ These matters, involving the most intimate and personal choices a person may make in a lifetime, choices central to personal dignity and autonomy, are central to the liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. *At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.* Belief about these matters could not define the attributes of personhood were they formed under the compulsion of the state.

When people refer to the Mystery Passage, they mean the italicized line in the quotation above. It’s easy to reduce that line to an object of ridicule; it reads like the précis for a term paper in a freshman philosophy class. But read in the context of the entire paragraph, the Mystery Passage is no laughing matter. The “right to define” is also the right to redefine; and right there, in 1992, long before any of these United States had attempted to declare that the sky is green and the grass is blue and a man could be wife to another man, Justice Kennedy placed the right to (re)define reality regarding ‘marriage, procreation, contraception, family relationships, child rearing, and education’ at the ‘heart of liberty,’ which the 14th Amendment declares no ‘State can deprive any person of ... without due process of law.’”

Taken from *Obergefell and the Apotheosis of Judicial Will* by Scott P. Richert, *Crisis Magazine*, April 26, 2017

PRAYER OF THE MONTH**Prayer for Those who have Lost a Child to Abortion**

Lord of all Life,  
 You have entrusted us to the care of one another,  
 And called us to be one Body in Christ.  
 You call us to rejoice with those who rejoice,  
 And to weep with those who weep.  
 Hear our prayer today  
 For our brothers and sisters who have lost children  
 to abortion.  
 Help us to understand  
 The pain that is in their hearts,  
 And to be a living sign to them  
 Of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing.  
 Help them to undergo with courage  
 The process of grief and the journey of healing.  
 Never allow them to feel alone;  
 Always refresh them with the presence of Your  
 Spirit  
 And of their brothers and sisters in Christ.  
 Console them with the sure hope  
 That you love and care for their children.  
 Give them new strength,  
 That even while they grieve what they have lost,  
 They may look forward to all the good  
 That you still have in store for them.  
 Lord of healing and hope,  
 Give us all the forgiveness of our sins,  
 And the joy of your salvation.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Source: <http://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/post-abortion.htm>

