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BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

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

ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Center is in need of diapers, wipes and other baby essentials so that they can continue serving families in need within the community. They are nearly out of larger size diapers (size 4, 5, 6 and Pull Ups), wipes and baby clothing (Size 3 M – 12 M). You can help by participating in the ACCESS Virtual Shower! For questions please contact Michelle Black at mblack@ccano.org or 504-885-1141. You can find out more about this effort at this [website](#).



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 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).

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR UNBORN PRAYER GARDEN

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Catholic Cemeteries ([link](#)) is planning to build **Unborn Prayer Garden** in St. Patrick #1 Cemetery. It will be located very close to the location where Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies buries the babies for whom they have funerals. This memorial garden is anticipated to be ready for our annual Prayer Service for the Unborn on January 22, 2018.

The cost of the garden is being underwritten by New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries and generous donors. For those who would like to contribute, donations are being accepted to underwrite the cost of construction and maintaining the prayer garden.

New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries is offering the opportunity for families to memorialize their lost babies by name with a bronze plaque. The cost of the plaque with the baby's name is \$100.00.

If you would like to donate or for more information, please email the Respect Life Office for more information: respectlife@arch-no.org.

CULTURE OF LIFE STORIESA HAPPY DEVELOPMENT

If you read this newsletter regularly, you are keenly aware of our effort to get new ultrasound machines for three pregnancy centers in Louisiana:

1. [Woman's New Life Center](#) in Baton Rouge
2. [Community Center for Life](#) in Gretna
3. [Women's Help Center](#) in Baton Rouge

We have had several councils in the Baton Rouge Diocese that have made substantial donations to this effort. Nevertheless, the fundraising effort has been very difficult for several months. However, a breakthrough occurred in November that has changed everything.

St. Louis King of France parish in Baton Rouge is closing. As a result, Knights of Columbus Council 9016 will also cease to exist. The council had money set aside in a Home Corporation, so the members went to work to distribute those funds to various charitable causes.

I am very pleased to announce that Council 9016 has donated \$45,000 to allow each pregnancy center to receive an ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative!

Council 8147 in Gonzales, Council 1905 in Gretna, and Council 13632 in Baton Rouge are currently finalizing the paperwork to complete the process with Supreme.

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this much needed gift for life! I will provide updates as the machines are placed early in 2018.

NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN ABORTION

Greg Schleppebach

In early November, three brave nurses came to Washington, D.C. to tell their disturbing stories of coercion to members of Congress and the public about how they were forced to choose between participating in abortion and losing their jobs.

Cathy DeCarlo came to the U.S. from the Philippines in 2001 to advance her nursing career. In 2004, the New York City hospital that hired her assured her that she would never have to compromise her conscience by participating in an abortion. But on May 24, 2009, the hospital tricked Ms. DeCarlo into serving a patient having a late-term abortion. If she didn't assist, she would lose her nursing license, destroying her career.

"I'll never forget that day as I watched in horror as the doctor dismembered and removed the baby's bloody limbs, and then I had to account for all the pieces," Cathy said at a press conference outside the U.S. Capitol. "I still have nightmares about that day."

Fe Vinoya is a nurse in a same-day surgery unit in New Jersey where she and twelve other nurses were told they had to be trained to assist in abortions. Their jobs were threatened if they refused. "After years of working as a critical care and emergency room nurse, I never imagined that the hospital I worked for would force me to choose between taking the life of an unborn child and losing my job," Fe said. "[W]hen the government denies or coerces healthcare providers' conscience[s], it not only hurts patients and those of us committed to serving them, it also deters others from joining the profession," Fe added.

The third nurse, Sandra Mendoza, worked for eighteen years in pediatrics at the Winnebago County Health Department in Rockford, IL. In 2015, Sandra was informed that her clinic was being merged with women's health services and, consequently, all nurses would have to be cross-trained in abortion referrals and abortion-causing drugs. When Sandra objected, she was told that if she didn't participate, she could no longer work at the health department.

"Like many nurses I know... I view nursing as more than just a job, but a calling and a vocation," Sandra said. "I'm called to protect life not destroy it. I'm called to serve others and do no harm, as the Hippocratic Oath I took states. While we may not all agree on abortion, I'd hope we can all agree that no doctor or and nurse should be forced out of employment on account of their faith and commitment to protecting life."

In addition to medical providers and trainees being forced to participate in abortion, churches and others who oppose abortion are being forced to provide insurance coverage for it in a growing number of states. Current federal conscience protection laws are failing to prevent such discrimination due to loopholes and insufficient enforcement mechanisms. This can be solved, but your help is needed.

The Conscience Protection Act (H.R. 644/S. 301) fixes those loopholes and provides victims of discrimination with the ability to defend their rights in court. Contact Congress now through www.humanlifeaction.org to urge your representatives to enact the Conscience Protection Act as part of its Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations bill. Finally, follow and share the #StandWithNurses social media campaign advocating for nurses like Cathy, Fe, and Sandra. Your voice matters!

Greg Schleppenbach is the Associate Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops' pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.



Pro-Life Activities

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

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

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Team is looking for a licensed professional counselor who has skills with trauma care. Please spread the word. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net.



A DOWNWARD TREND

Louisiana Right to Life

Abortion Numbers Continue on a Downward Trend

The number of abortions performed in the U.S. continues to decline, according to the 2014 "Abortion Surveillance Report" recently released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Relying on reports from state health departments, the CDC reported 652,639 abortions for 2014, down 2% from the 2013 total of 664,435 and nearly 12% from the 2012 total of 730,322. While it provides a snapshot into the downward trend in abortions, this figure does not provide a complete picture of abortion in the U.S. as it does not include abortion data from California, the nation's most populous state, New Hampshire and Maryland.

In addition to the decline in the raw numbers of abortions, the CDC finds that both the abortion rate, (the number of abortions for every 1,000 women of child-bearing age) and the abortion ratio (the number of abortions per 1,000 live births) have declined. In the states included in the report, the CDC found an abortion rate of 12.1 abortions for every 1,000 women aged 15-44. The CDC found a ratio of 186 abortions per 1,000 live births.

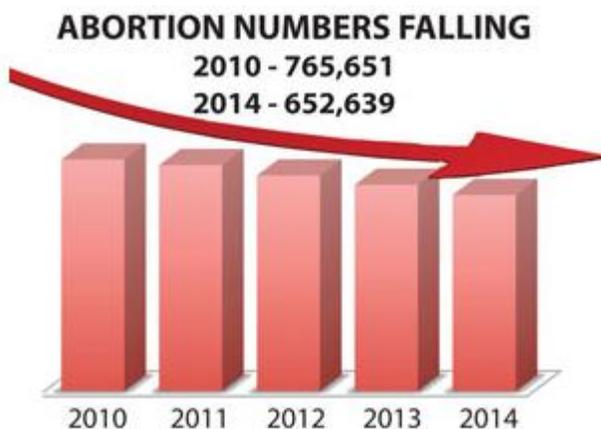
More than two-thirds (67%) of abortions were performed at 8 or fewer weeks gestation. The advent of chemical abortions has meant that more and more abortions are performed at earlier gestations. Thus it is not surprising that just over four in 10 (41.1%) were actually performed at 6 weeks or less in 2014. CDC data shows that the number of abortions at 6 weeks or less has risen steadily since 2005.

About a quarter (24.5%) of the abortions occurred between 9 and 13 weeks. The remaining 8.5% were performed in the 2nd trimester or later: 3.3% at 14-15 weeks, 2% at 16-17 weeks, 1.9% at 18-20 weeks, and 1.3% at or beyond 21 weeks.

The CDC shows that 76% of all abortions continue to be surgical abortions (67.4% first trimester, 8.6% at second or third trimester). Most of the rest of the abortions (22.6%) were 1st trimester "medical" (chemical) abortions. An additional 1.5% were chemical procedures performed at 8 weeks or more.

"Though data shows first trimester surgical abortions still dominate the industry, it also shows abortions being performed earlier and earlier, with more and more using chemical rather than surgical methods," said said Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., National Right to Life director of education and research.

For more details, click [here](#).



PROCLAMATION REQUEST - "RESPECT LIFE DAY"

Karol Meynard, Diocese of Lafayette

The year 2018 marks the 100 anniversary of the Diocese of Lafayette. To commemorate this milestone, Bishop Douglas Deshotel's vision is to have the people of the diocese come together to celebrate "Respect for Life" by participating in one Centennial Pro Life Rally and March for Life. This Ecumenical Pro Life Rally and March, which will feature pro-life speakers and performances by Catholic musician Josh Blakeley, will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. in the Quad of ULL Campus in Lafayette. After the Rally, the marchers will procede from the ULL Quad to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, where Bishop Deshotel will welcome them and lead a procession into the Cathedral for Prayer and Benediction.

A pro-life proclamation will be read by Mayor-President Joel Robideaux at the Ecumenical Pro Life Rally proclaiming January 20, 2018 as RESPECT LIFE DAY and October as RESPECT LIFE MONTH in the City/Parish of Lafayette. (*Obtain a copy by sending an email to smistretta2@cox.net.)*

Since our theme for the Centennial Pro Life Rally & March is "Uniting Hearts ... Saving Lives" we are requesting that you contact your mayor's office to ask if he would sign a proclamation declaring January 20, 2018 as RESPECT LIFE DAY and October as RESPECT LIFE MONTH in your individual City/Parish. Your mayor can use the attached proclamation as a sample template.

Once you've obtained the signed Proclamation from your mayor, please email it to me, KMeynard@diolaf.org or TLittell@diolaf.org. If you have any questions, you can contact us at 337-261-5607.

Sincerely,
 Karol Meynard, Program Coordinator
 Office of Marriage and Family Life
 Office of Pro Life Activities
 Diocese of Lafayette
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 Lafayette, LA 70501
 337.261.5607

LOUISIANA CHURCHES:
PARTICIPATE IN SANCTITY
OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY!

Louisiana Right to Life

sanctity of human *life* SUNDAY

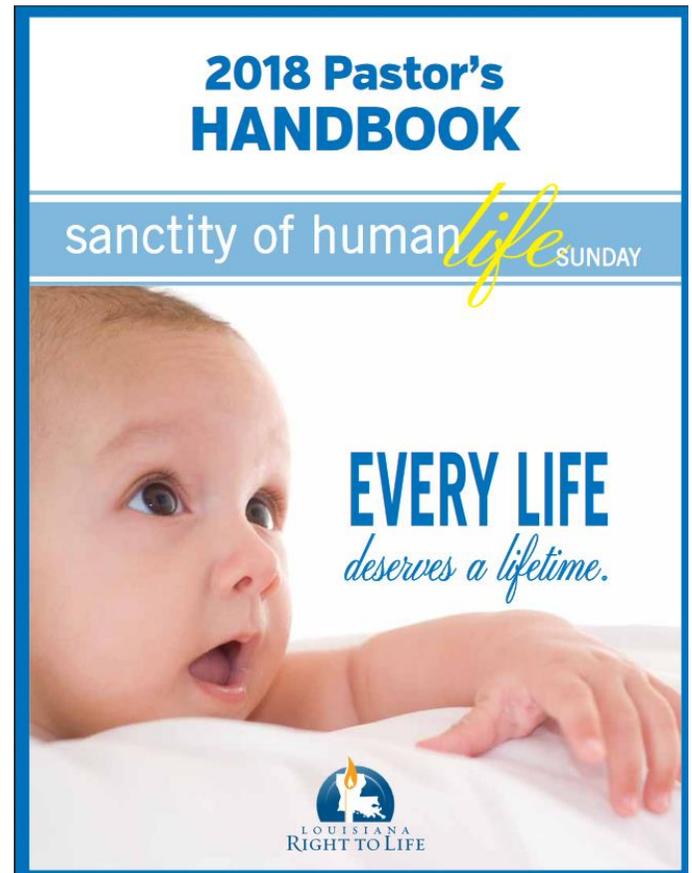
Human Life Sunday is January 21, 2018.

On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Churches around our country still use this day to raise awareness about core life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, infanticide and more. Pastors can take this opportunity to teach what the Bible says about the sanctity of human life and what the church can do to minister to the vulnerable in our society.

Do you need help to organize a related event, then [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD](#) the 2018 Pastor Handbook.

The third Sunday of January was chosen because it falls in close proximity to the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, handed down on January 22, 1973, and legalizing abortion in all 50 states, in all nine months of pregnancy, and for virtually any reason (or no reason at all).

We encourage your church to participate in Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We have online resources at www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/Sunday to make your observance of SOHLS even more special. You can order free Sanctity of Human Life Sunday bulletin inserts to distribute and download our Sanctity of Human Life Pastor's Handbook, which includes information to help pastors discuss the Sanctity of Human Life more effectively with their congregations. Please take advantage of these materials. Traditionally, Southern Baptist churches observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, but our materials are open to all Christian churches.



CULTURE OF LIFE MONTHLY REPORT

Michael & Catherine Abbate (Council 9623)

During the weekend of December 16th, the council Culture of Life couple collected cash, gift cards, canned vegetables, flour, sugar, corn meal, seasonings, cooking oil, pasta, rice, cereals, canned meats, boxed cake mix, pudding, paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, cleaning products, and feminine products for the Human Trafficking Office in New Orleans and delivered the donated items.



CHANGE PRO-CHOICE MINDS/HEARTS
AT CHRISTMAS

Scott Smith (Council 1998)

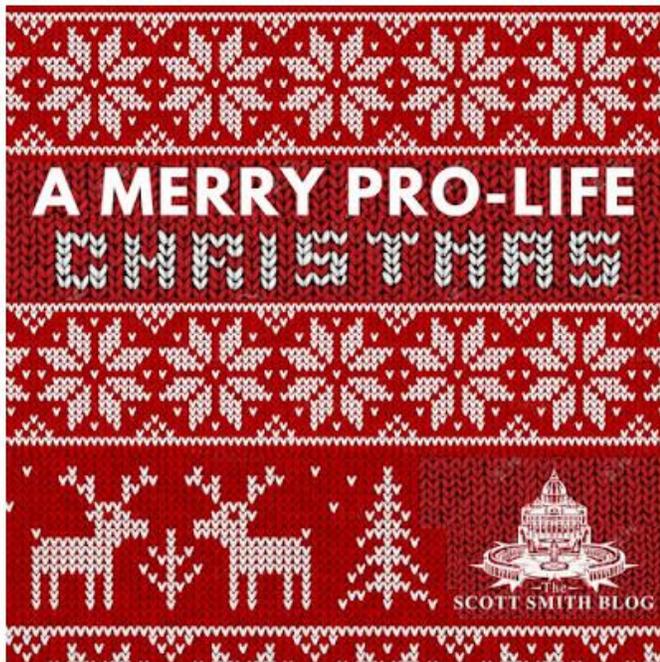
Are you stressing about certain conversation topics at the Christmas dinner table?

Do you wish for family peace and togetherness at Christmas? Are deep differences of opinion separating you from your loved ones?

I've put this [Pro-Life Conversation Guide](#) together to help you easily change hearts and minds this Christmas and, at the very least, plant some seeds! To win, we have to change one heart and mind at a time, and 'tis the season for that!

Through interviews, I've gathered together the advice of some of the best Pro-Life advocates out there. Here is a collection of their best practices.

Be sure to check out the 10-second pro-life argument! That's my favorite part. Plus, enjoy some great A Christmas Story gifs!



2018 PRO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

Trista Litell, Diocese of Lafayette

The Lafayette Diocesan Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school juniors and seniors will be held February 22, 2018 at Immaculata Center – 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The topics include one of the following:

- The Tragedy of Abortion, or
- The Tragedy of Euthanasia, or
- The Tragedy of Infanticide, or
- The Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

1st Prize is \$250 and the opportunity to participate in the state Pro-Life Oratory Contest at the Knights of Columbus State Convention, May 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center; 4728 Constitution Avenue; Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (Delta Queen Mississippi Room).

This is a great opportunity for students to research important pro-life issues.

Topics may be found on the USCCB.org website under the Pro Life Activities section.

Please encourage your high school junior and senior students to participate in the Diocesan Pro-Life Oratory Contest.

Entry forms are to be submitted prior to the deadline of February 9, 2018. You can get more information and access the entry form using this [link](#).

For additional information, please contact Trista Littell at (337) 261-5607.

2018 LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH VIDEO

LRTL has produced a one-minute Louisiana Life March promotional video! It is one video to promote all three Life March events.

Please use these links to access the video on-line:
www.LALifeMarch.com
YouTube [link](#).

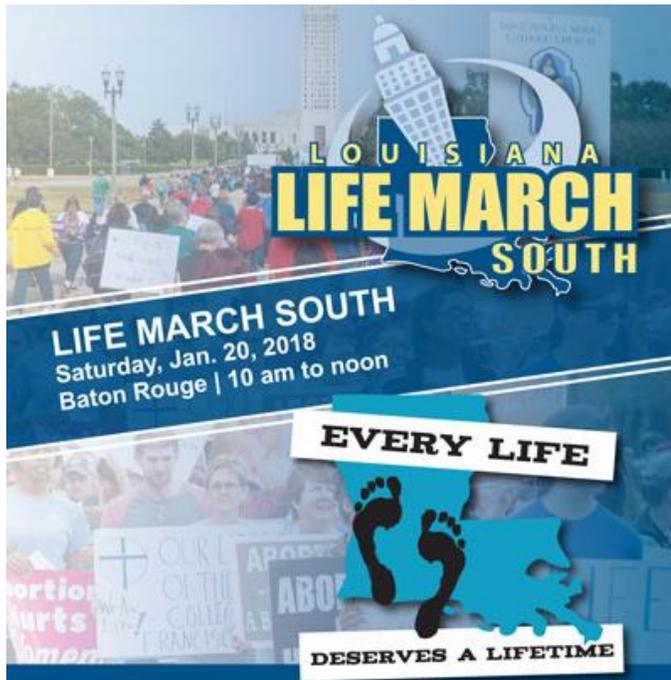
UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 LOUISIANA LIFE MARCHES

**Louisiana Life March South 2018
Saturday January 20, 2018**

State Capitol to Downtown Riverfront Levee Green
10 AM - Noon

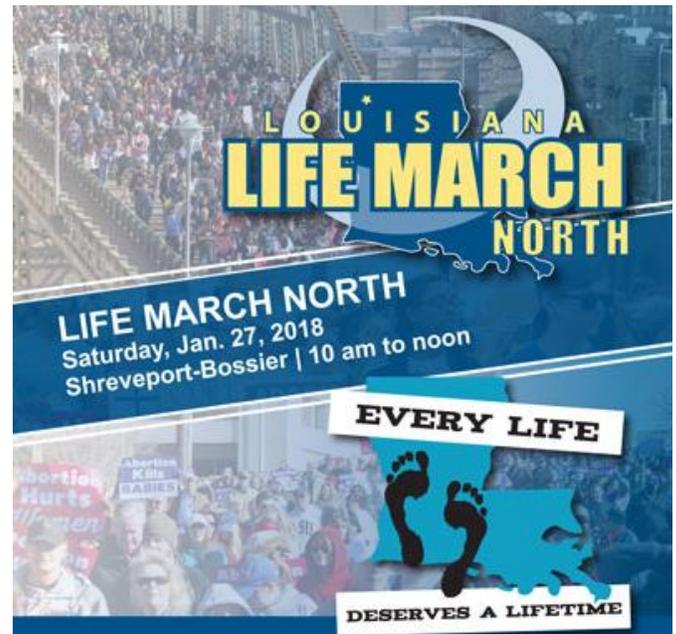
Due to construction in the area the route will be reversed. The march will begin in the grassy area outside the State Capitol near Spanish Town Road and N. 4th Street. The march will begin at 10 a.m., proceed south on N. 4th Street, west on North Boulevard, and south on River Road to the Levee Green near the U.S.S. Kidd. A formal program will be held at the Levee Stage, beginning at 11 a.m.



**Louisiana Life March North
Saturday, January 27, 2018**

Bossier City's Louisiana Boardwalk to
Shreveport's Festival Plaza, 10 AM to Noon

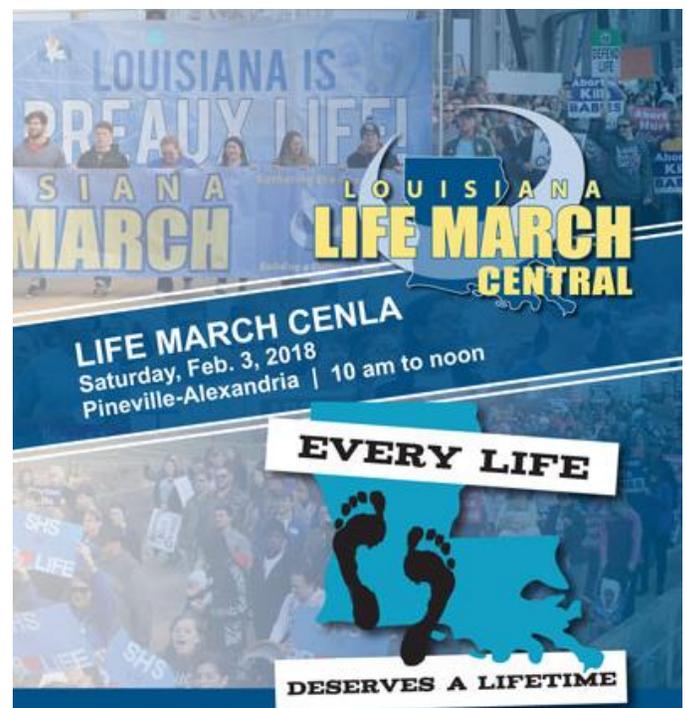
The march from the Boardwalk to Festival Plaza is 1.2 miles. For those that cannot make the march, please gather at Festival Plaza. Limited transportation will be available to return people from Festival Plaza to the north lot of the Boardwalk.



**Louisiana Life March Central
Saturday, February 3, 2018**

Pineville to Alexandria, 10 AM to Noon

The event will begin on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville. The 1.6-mile march will go down Main Street toward the Jackson Street Bridge, cross the bridge and conclude at the amphitheater on the Alexandria side of the Red River, where speakers and musicians will lead the audience in prayer for life.



LOUISIANA PULSE IMMERSIONS

High School and College students, be educated, trained, and inspired to become a Pro-Life Leader at a PULSE Immersion Weekend!

PULSE will be an exciting weekend to immerse yourself in the pro-life cause. With engaging speakers and testimonies, you will be educated on the pro-life issues and inspired to make a difference. With hands-on activism, games, our famous PULSE Coffee House, and a number of field trips and onsite activities, you will have a blast!

Dates: Baton Rouge: February 23-25, 2018
 Covington: March 23-25, 2018

You can find out all of the details at their [web site](#).



PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

The Lafayette Diocesan Pro-Life Oratory Contest for high school juniors and seniors will be held February 22, 2018 at Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA) from 6:00 PM until 9 PM.

This is a great opportunity for students to research important pro-life issues. Please contact Trista Littell at (337) 261-5607 for more information and to register. Entry forms are to be submitted prior to the deadline of February 9, 2018.

Pro-Life Oratory Contest

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on **January 19, 2018**. Consider joining a group from your dioceses. If you are interested in planning ahead, please use the trip planner available at the official [website](#).

Due to National Park Service regulations, the rally and march starting point will be in a new location.

Here are the details on the rally:

Friday, January 19, 2018
 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 National Mall – 12th St.
 Washington, D.C.

The rally stage will be at 12th St on the National Mall, between Jefferson Drive and Madison Drive (near the Smithsonian American History Museum). Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1:00 PM.



THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

Join us on January 19, 2018 at St. Pius X Church in Lafayette for 7:00 PM Mass. Bishop Deshotel will be the celebrant. This is a ticketed event. Individuals can request them through the Office of Marriage and Family Life by calling at 337.261.5653.





RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat for those who have suffered the wounds of abortion. It 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!

The next retreat in Lafayette will be held April 6-8, 2018. Pre-registration is required. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. Contacts: Karol or Trista @ 337.261.5607 for more information.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLASSES
“INTO THE HEART” LEVEL II

TOB classes are offered to adults 18 yrs and older. There is NO charge for this class!

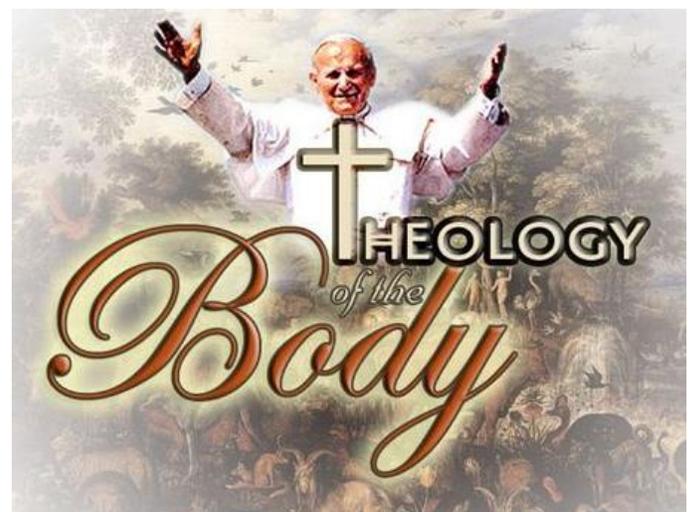
WHAT IS “THEOLOGY OF THE BODY”?
AND TIDOTE TO THE CULTURE OF DEATH.

It consists of eight 60 minute videos based on the teaching of St. John Paul II on Marriage and Family Life. An optional workbook can be purchased for \$20. If you have questions or, information and to registration, then call: 337-289-9366 or 337-335-4652 or email: maguillot27@gmail.com or desormeauxfoundation1@gmail.com.

Facilitator: Adele Guillot

Location: Henriette DeLille Room, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA

Dates: January 29, February 5, 19 March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 9 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm each day.



LAFAYETTE PRO-LIFE RALLY

The Lafayette Diocesan Centennial Pro-Life Rally and Walk for Life will take place on January 20, 2018 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Quad.

March: start at 11:30am from UL Quad to St. John Cathedral. There will be a Prayer Service and Benediction at 12:30 pm at St. John Cathedral.

This is a free event. All are welcome to attend. (In the event of inclement weather, there would be a change in location)

Pro-Life T-shirts are available to order. Group orders should come through your church parish. Contact your church office for more details. Individual orders can be placed online by finding the event link on our diocesan calendar: www.diolaf.org/calendar. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life for any questions, 337-261-5653.

Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart in Broussard and St. Mary Mother of the Church in Lafayette will be hosting a Baby Shower at the Pro-Life Rally. The donations will be dispersed among area pregnancy centers. We are asking for individuals to bring the following items to donate: Diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, 1, 4 and 5), newborn clothes (boy), Baby Wipes, Bibs, Baby Powder, Newborn socks, Baby Lotion, Toddler socks, Baby Wash, Onsies, Baby Shampoo, Hats, Baby Bottles (Capped and Packaged), Infant Car Seats, Diaper Rash Cream, Bassinet, Receiving Blankets, Pack N Play, Diaper Bags, Rock N Play, Pacifiers (Packaged), Boppy Pillows, Baby Cereal, Baby hygiene items, Formula, and feminine hygiene products.



Use this [link](#) to get more information.

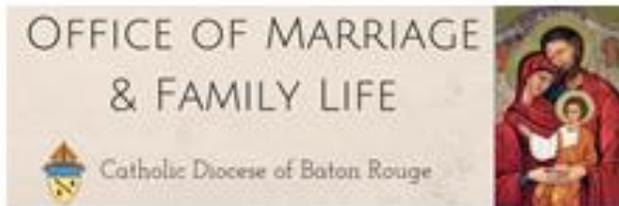
ENTERING CANAAN: DAY OF PRAYER AND
HEALING FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY
ABORTION

Come begin your healing journey and experience God's love and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing.

A Day of Prayer and Healing will be held on **Saturday, February 17, 2018** for women and men who have been touched by abortion. This one-day retreat marks the beginning, in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, of [Entering Canaan Ministry](#) - a multi-faceted program that offers days of prayer, monthly gatherings and more. Entering Canaan Ministry was developed by the Sisters of Life and Theresa Bonapartis and is supported by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For more information, confidential inquiries or to register, please contact Tara at 225-938-3858 or EnteringCanaanBR@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge- Office of Marriage & Family Life.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Van Haute 225-242-0164 or dvanhaute@diobr.org.



CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET 2018

This banquet is presented by THE DESORMEAUX FOUNDATION, INC. (a pro-life, pro-family, non-profit organization) It will take place on Friday, February 16, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Petroleum Club (111 Heymann Blvd., Lafayette, LA).

The event will feature a live auction, silent auction, entertainment, camaraderie, and raising funds for saving lives.

Their special guest speaker is Jennifer O'Neill, internationally acclaimed model, actress, film and television star, producer, author, keynote speaker, proud mother of three, and grand-mother of four, Jennifer O'Neill has been noted as "one of a kind." She recently updated her auto-biography "Surviving Myself" and filming her post-abortive healing documentary.

Tickets \$75 Individual; Table for eight \$550
Sponsorship (Patron's) Packages are available.

All proceeds remain local to help support women in unplanned pregnancies and to support our maternity home for homeless pregnant mothers. Call 337-289-9366 or visit www.desormeauxfoundation.org to purchase tickets.



The DesOrmeaux Foundation



NOLA BUSES GOING TO THE
LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH SOUTH

St. Edward the Confessor, Metairie is chartering a bus to Baton Rouge on January 20 with cost of \$15 that covers the roundtrip Hotard bus ride, bus driver tip, and 2 bottles of water. We are asking everyone to bring their own bag lunch. We will eat lunch on the bus on the way back home. We will leave St. Edward's parking lot at 7:45am and return by 3pm. To register, please contact Yvette Fouchi at yfouchi@yahoo.com or call 504-874-9225.

The Knights of Columbus at St. Jane de Chantal in Abita Springs are providing bus transportation to Baton Rouge on January 20 at the cost of \$10 per person. Everyone needs bring extra \$\$ for lunch at Picadilly. We will meet first at St. Joseph Hall next to the church with the bus leaving promptly at 8am. We will return for approximately 3pm. To reserve a seat, contact Neal or Loretta Naquin at 985-867-8987 or rettan@att.net.

To add your group's bus, email respectlife@arch-no.org.

EDUCATION CORNERHUMAN 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>.

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.

Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops

PRO-LIFE PERSUASION

**We Can Bring Our
Pro-Life Persuasion Crash Course to You!**

Louisiana Right to Life can bring our Pro-Life Persuasion Crash Course to your church or area upon request! Contact us for information at info@prolifelouisiana.org or call (866) 463-5433.



2017-2018 USCCB RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM
THEME: BE NOT AFRAID!

This program provides a set of tools help build a Culture of Life. The materials are meant to supplement existing methods of sharing the Faith and to help integrate the joyful message of our God-given dignity across the breath of Catholic life, work, and ministry. Go to the [website](#) for more.

The new brochures developed for the years' program include:

- What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
- How to Build a Culture of Life
- Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide
- Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing
- Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A
- Understanding Conscience



HOW DO I ORDER MATERIALS?

If you are only ordering 2017-2018 Respect Life Program materials...

1. Fill out the enclosed postcard order form.
2. Fax the completed postcard order form to 301-779-8596, or put it in the mail. (It's already addressed and postage-paid.)

OR Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.

If you are ordering additional materials from the catalog...

1. Fill out the order form from the back of the catalog.
2. Send the completed order form by fax or mail to the number or address listed on the form.

OR Call toll-free 866-582-0943 to place your order by phone.

INTERNET ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[Netherlands Set to Euthanize a Record 7,000 Patients This Year](#)

[The Rise of Egg-Freezing Parties](#)

[How I got help with endometriosis without the Pill](#)

[Crusaders share their 'Respect for Life'](#)

[Abortions in the United States Hit an All-Time Low, More Babies Saved From Abortion Than Ever](#)

[Spanish Planned Parenthood subsidiary stripped of government benefits](#)

[Blue States Target Little Sisters of the Poor](#)

[UK's Pro-Life Movement Turns 50](#)

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“The fundamental moral principle at stake is that evil may not be done that good may come from it. Although a utilitarian would assert that anything is permitted in seeking the greater good. Christian thought is very clear that some acts (such as intentionally killing an innocent human being) may never be chosen licitly.”

“Women do not have the right to choose an abortion, but they do have the right to make choices about their lives. Nonetheless, if a woman’s right to make free choices about her life comes into conflict with the right to life of the child in her womb, then the right to life should prevail as the more basic and fundamental right. Those who are not alive cannot exercise any freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of bodily movement or any other kind of freedom of the human person.”

Taken from **Life Issues, Medical Choices (Questions and Answers for Catholic)** by Janet E. Smith and Christopher Kaczor, Servant Books, 2007.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

This short video ([link](#)) with Fr. Michael Champagne breaks down what marriage enrichment should be all about based on his work with couples and his study of the Early Church. Enjoy!



This video was provided by Witness to Love.org.

CULTURE OF LIFE RESOURCESWHAT 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.

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/>

Please contact us if you have questions or need more information.

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.



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.

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) 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>

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

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

PRAYER OF THE MONTH**Prayer to End Abortion**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are

protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Rev. Frank Pavone
Gospel of Life Ministries

