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Pro-Life News

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UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

June 7- Cross the Bridge for Life, NEW LOCATION, see pg. 2

June 16-Regional Pro-Life Mass, St. John the Evangelist, Carrollton, KY 7:00pm

September 9-Parish Coordinators Evening of Reflection, 6:30pm-9:00pm Howard Hall, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington, KY (in the Curia building across from the Cathedral)

October 13-Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, Cathedral, 7:00pm

Fortnight for Freedom 2015 to be Observed June

"Keeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person." - Archbishop William E. Lori, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, on the "Freedom to Bear Witness". .

The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2015, a time

when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel.

For materials and more information on the Fortnight and related issues can be found online at www.fortnight4freedom.org and www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/



Mary Immaculate Patroness of Our Country *Pray for Us*

O GOD OUR CREATOR,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Life Issues Forum: Establishing The Culture Of Life

By Anne McGuire

In the midst of the many attacks on human life these days, we are called to help establish a "culture of life" that has at its heart the understanding that each of us is deeply loved by God, created to be with him, and offered redemption through Christ's death and Resurrection. We can vote in a way consistent with respect for life, take part in Respect Life Month observances each October, and participate in events like the March for Life each January. But is there anything else we can do?

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10th Anniversary Celebration!



Cross The Bridge For Life
A Celebration of the Gift of Human Life

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

Festivities begin at 1:00, Walk starts at 2 p.m.
 Festival Park, Newport, Kentucky

FREE
 Picnic following walk provided by J.T.M. Food Group as well as face-painting, balloon artists, jugglers, & music!

New Location!

Cross the Bridge for Life festivities will be held at Festival Park, Riverboat Row, Newport Riverfront - the area on Newport's riverfront between the Purple People Bridge (to the left of the bridge) and the Taylor Southgate Bridge. Parking at Newport Levee for fee.

CrosstheBridgeforLife.org

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McHale's EVENTS AND CATERING

Participating Cross the Bridge Coalition Members

A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center	Healthy Beginnings	Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati
Adoption Professionals	Healthy Moms & Babies	Pregnancy Center East
Birthing of Greater Cincinnati	Life Issues Institute	Pregnancy Center West
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington	Living Hope Transitional Homes	Pregnancy Center of Northern Kentucky
Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation, Inc.	Madonna House of Northern Kentucky	ReachOut Pregnancy Center
Elisabeth's New Life Center	New Hope Center	Rush Woods
Franciscan Daughters of Mary	Our St. Mary's Pregnancy Center	

Please Note: for fee parking at Newport On The Levee

Note the New Location: Festival Grounds along the river, behind Newport on the Levee!

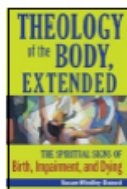
Festivities begin at 1:00pm, Walk at 2:00pm

Join us for more fun after the Walk.

Bulletin Board



Book Discussions



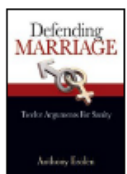
TOB Extended: The Spiritual Signs of Birth, Impairment and Dying
by Susan Windley-Daoust (\$35.)

May 7—June 25, 2015
Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:30 am



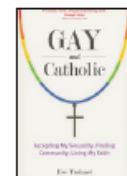
St. John Paul the Great: His Five Loves
by Jason Evert (\$25.)

September 3—October 22, 2015
Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:30 am



Defending Marriage: Twelve Arguments for Sanity
by Anthony Esolen (\$25.)

September 14—October 19, 2015
Mondays, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
(A Young Adult 18-35 Book Discussion Group)



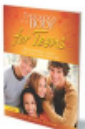
Gay and Catholic: Accepting my Sexuality, Finding Community, Living my Faith
by Eve Tushnet (\$25.)

November 5—December 17, 2015
Thursdays, 9:30 am—11:30 am

Retreats and Special Events



TOB for Teens Retreat: "Cloudy with a Chance of Salvation" (\$50.)
for 6-7-8th Graders
April 25, 2015 10:00 am—5:00 pm
At Ruah Woods



"Made for More" Retreat (\$130.)
for High School Students
April 10—12, 2015
Jesuit Retreat Center at Milford
5361 S. Milford Rd.
Milford, OH 45150



TOB for Teachers Programs
Intro to TOB Workshop:
July 28—30 (75.)
9:00 am—4:00 pm daily

Special Topics in TOB: Technology and the Dignity of the Human Person
Aug 5—6 (\$50.)
9:00 am—4:30 pm daily



"There's a Banquet Goin' On"
September 17, 6:00—9:00 pm
At Xavier University Schiff Family Center



World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage
September 22—27, 2015

Join the staff and friends of Ruah Woods for a pilgrimage to see Pope Francis!

2015 Ruah Woods Classes & Events



Ruah Woods helps men and women live their vocation to love, according to God's plan, as informed by the Theology of the Body.

www.ruahwoods.org

Ruah Woods 6675 Wesseman Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45248 513-407-8672

Catholic Charities Group Education and Support To register for any program contact Client Care at 859.581.8974 Monday–Friday 9am–5pm. Visit www.CovingtonCharities.org for a complete listing.

NeighborWorks Realizing the American Dream Homebuyer Education Class- One Day Class from 9am to 5pm Can Help!

Saturday, June 6
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, August 1
Saturday, September 12

Learn how to buy a home! Certified housing counselors will walk you through the process, answer questions, and give you the information you need to realize the dream of homeownership. Registration required, but class is free! Class meets from 9am to 5pm. Lunch is provided.

Family Wellness Classes -A lively, interactive curriculum that teaches parents the skills they need to raise their children successfully and builds on existing strengths. Each session teaches skills that can be used right away. This program is offered through Stronger Together, a partnership of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission and the Women's Crisis Center. No charge. Parenting classes are ongoing starting every four weeks. Contact Client Care for the next available class

Substance Abuse Treatment Services -Are you concerned about your teen's drug or alcohol use? Do you feel that you are fighting a losing battle? Catholic Charities provides counseling services for teenagers. We can assess for drug or alcohol problems, make recommendations, and work with your teen to make positive changes. We work with parents and teenagers who are struggling with the same issues that you are currently facing; you are not alone.

**7th Annual
Northern Kentucky
Knights of Columbus**



Golf Classic
To Benefit

Catholic Charities

Lifeline Fund (Pregnancy Counseling Program)

Saturday August 29, 2015

Twin Oaks Golf and Plantation Club

450 East 43rd Street
Covington, KY

4 man Scramble Format

Limited to the First 144 Golfers

Shotgun Start – 8:00 A.M. Cost - \$90.00 per Golfer, \$360 per Foursome
(Includes: 18 holes of Golf w/Cart, Coffee and Doughnuts in the Morning, Lunch, Dinner, Beer, Soft Drinks, and a Gift Bag)

For Golf Classic Information call:

Chairman, Dennis Elix @ 859-442-0296 or 859-491-4500)

Or

Carl Biery @ 859-781-5054

Dinner and Awards Immediately Following

8th Grade Essay Winners

1st Place

Annie Gronotte

St. Pius X

2nd Place

Mackenzie Kingerski

Blessed Sacrament

3rd Place

Maria Tobergte

Immaculate Heart of Mary

The topic for 2014-2015 was:

Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation.

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's Creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting. How can we show reverence and respect for human life from conception to natural death?

Certificate of Achievement Winners

Katie Schuh, Blessed Sacrament

Georgia Laird, Blessed Sacrament

Nyah Hollman, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Morgan Weltzer, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Jacey Blust, Mary, Queen of Heaven

Ben Hail, St. Agnes

Alex Clark, St. Cecilia

Libby Bihl, St. Henry

Emma Nienaber, St. Henry

Sam Adams, St. Joseph School, Cold Spring

Mariah Frommeyer, St. Joseph School, Cold Spring

Carena Bhola, St. Joseph School, Cold Spring

Rachael Lukey, St. Joseph, Crescent Springs

Jacob Shriver, St. Joseph, Crescent Springs

Tony Bilott, St. Joseph, Crescent Springs

Delaney Lewis, St. Joseph, Crescent Springs

Alexa Beetem, St. Paul

Joe Curtsinger, Sts. Peter & Paul

**Congratulations to all the students who participated
in the Essay Contest.**

The Franciscan Daughters of Mary and friends
of the Rose Garden Home Mission

Invite you to the

Fourth Annual

Partners in Hope

For the Poor Dinner

Thursday, June 11, 2105

6:00pm Social Hour

7:00pm Dinner

Receptions

1379 Donaldson Road, Erlanger

For reservations contact

friendsrghm@gmail.com

Or 859-491-7673

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Establishing a culture involves more than occasional prayers, practices, or participation in events and cannot be reduced to isolated actions or private beliefs. Our understanding of each person as created in the image and likeness of God must inform our day-to-day lives. Building up a culture of life requires sacrificial, life-affirming acts every day.

First and foremost, we can turn to God in prayer. We may be tempted to brush past this, thinking, "I know I can pray, but what can I do to effect change?" But as St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical on building the culture of life, "Jesus himself has shown us by his own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil (cf. Mt 4:1-11)" (Evangelium Vitae, no. 100). The U.S. Catholic bishops invite us to pray for the protection of life throughout the year.

For example, we are invited to annually participate in "9 Days for Life," a special time of prayer during the days surrounding the anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January. Throughout the year, a monthly devotional email is also sent to those who have subscribed to receive the novena (www.9daysforlife.com). Additionally, we can join thousands in the bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty prayer campaign. Visit www.usccb.org/pray to watch the promo video at the bottom of the page and sign up for a weekly prayer intention by email or text message.

Second, we can become informed about what is happening on life issues at the national and local levels and respond accordingly. On the national level, the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a monthly e-newsletter with news on pro-life issues, people, events, resources, prayers, and ongoing efforts to build respect for human life. Consider subscribing pro-life resources from the USCCB at www.usccb.org/prolifesubscriptions.

Third, we can follow the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "[T]he Gospel of life is to be celebrated above all in daily living, which should be filled with self-giving love for others.

...there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life" (EV, no. 86). This can mean saying a little prayer for a homeless man receiving care from an EMT on the side of the road. It can mean responding with compassion and gentleness to loved ones facing an unexpected pregnancy or struggling to support a sick or dying loved one. It can even mean simply giving up a cup of coffee and donating that money to a food bank.

We are each called to help establish a culture of life in our own unique way; we only need to discover how. With God's help, our eyes can be opened to the countless ways in which we can build this culture in our daily lives.

Anne McGuire is Assistant Director of Education and Outreach for the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. To learn more about the bishops' pro-life activities, please visit to www.usccb.org/prolife.

Join the Bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty!
www.usccb.org/pray

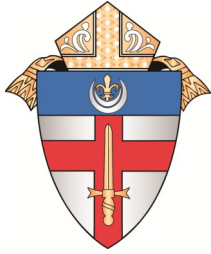
What are some things you can do to encourage a Culture of Life here in our diocese?

- Volunteer at a food pantry or collect donations of items that the pantry may need, such as peanut butter, paper products, baby items.
- Work at a soup kitchen such as Parish Kitchen in Covington or Mary Rose Mission in Florence.
- Attend Regional Pro-Life Masses as well as the Diocese Pro-Life Mass in October.
- Send cards or notes to people in your parish who may be home bound or in a nursing home.

- Volunteer at Catholic Charities, Care-Net Pregnancy Center, Rose Garden Home Mission or New Hope Center.
- Offer a helping hand to an elderly neighbor with yard work, shopping or just a visit.
- Donate gently used coats and clothing to a shelter.
- Get your family involved. Teach your children the meaning of service and the joy of giving.



Choose Life plates are now available at all county clerk offices in Kentucky. Go ahead, get one for your car and drive with the CHOOSE LIFE encouragement all over town! You'll be making a stand for life and for compassionate life-serving intervention because pregnancy care centers receive 100% of the money that you donate above the actual cost of your license plate!



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Parish Coordinator's Corner

Regional Pro-Life Mass-Please join us at St. John the Evangelist in Carrollton, Ky. Mass is at 7:00pm Please join the Carrollton Community in this wonderful celebration of LIFE!

Evening of Reflection-Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 9 for our annual Evening of Reflection for Parish Pro-Life Coordinators and their committees. This event will be held from 6:30-9:00 at Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Pike, Covington. More information to come.

What's going on in your Pro-Life community? Send an email to the Pro-Life Office, ppiccola@covdio.org

Visit our new website:
www.covdio.org/pro-life

He'll never forgive me for this



Come back to God, WHO is love and MERCY



Help After Abortion-Confidential

Call 859-392-1547 or email projectrachel@covdio.org

Healing Mass for Women: St. Anthony, Taylor Mill will host a Healing Mass for Women on June 24 and July 22 at 7:00pm. All who wish to find peace, comfort and healing are encouraged to attend. Confessions are available after Mass.