Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law.


Calendar At-A-Glance

December
1 - U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments for Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case
3 - World Day for Persons with Disabilities
5 - God’s Special Children Mass 2pm St. Francis Xavier
7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
8 - Solenity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10 - SymptoPro®–Method Natural Family Planning Classes
12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Unborn
12 - St. Josephine Bakhita Intercessory Rosary Against Human Trafficking 9am St. Edward the Confessor
16 - Rosary for Life 6pm St. Francis Xavier
25 - Solenity of the Nativity of our Lord
26 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents

January
1 - Solenity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
1 - World Day of Peace
2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
2 - God’s Special Children Mass 2pm St. Francis Xavier
9 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
9 - St. Josephine Bakhita Intercessory Rosary Against Human Trafficking 9am St. Edward the Confessor
15 - New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Gala
20 - Rosary for Life 6pm St. Francis Xavier
21 - Memorial of St. Agnes, Patron Saint of Girls, Chastity, and Rape Victims
21 - 49th Annual March For Life
22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
22 - Louisiana Life March South in Baton Rouge
23 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
23 - Rachel’s Rosary for aborted victims after 8:30am Mass St. Edward the Confessor, 4921 W. Met. Ave., Met.
24 - Memorial for the Unborn 12pm St. Patrick Cemetery
26-27 - “Total Vision” Theology of the Body seminar
28 - “Total Vision” Teacher Certification Program

February
1 - St. Vincent Infant and Maternity Guild Bingo
2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
5 - Human Trafficking Rosary, Mass, & Prayer Service
6 - God’s Special Children Mass
7-14 - National Marriage Week
8 - Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita Patron Saint of Human Trafficking
8 - International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
9-17 - Novena to End Human Trafficking
13 - St. Josephine Bakhita Intercessory Rosary Against Human Trafficking 9am St. Edward the Confessor
14 - World Marriage Day
17 - Rosary for Life 6pm St. Francis Xavier
17 - April 1 - 40 Days of Life in Lent

To learn more about these events contact the Respect Life office or the ministry directly.

Parish/School Spotlight

With the Footprints for Life program’s October theme of “Life of the Unborn Child – Pray and Protect,” the students of the St. Dominic Pro-Life Club created an image with their handprints. The students discussed the value of all life in the womb and learned about the importance of praying for and protecting these lives no matter how little in size they are. Pictured here is 6th grader Michael Frey with his artwork “A person’s a person no matter how small”. The club is led by Melissa Wender and Becky Frey.

Monthly Focus Topics

December—Violence/Peace on Earth
January—Abortion
February—Human Trafficking

Action Alerts

U.S. Supreme Court — Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization — On December 1, Supreme Court Justices heard oral arguments in a case that could change our nation’s future. The case is on the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that prohibits most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, with few exceptions. It is one of the most significant challenges to Roe v. Wade and marks the first time the Supreme Court has heard a case banning abortion before fetal viability. While most pro-life supporters feel positive about the oral arguments and are hopeful of the potential of full or partial overturning of Roe, please continue to pray for justice for the pre-born until the decision is announced next summer.

If you did not have the opportunity to hear the case, you can still listen to it by clicking below: https://www.c-span.org/video/?516168-1/dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization-oral-argument and https://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/audio/2021/19-1392

To read submitted briefs find a listing and links here: https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization/

Published statements by pro-life organizations:


Louisiana Right To Life — prolifeneworleans.org/scotus
March for Life — marchforlife.org/march-for-life-statement-on-scotus-hearing-dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization/
The Pre-Born Continued

Jan 22 — LA Life March South “Together for Life”
Join LRTL10am-12noon LA State Capitol 900 N. 3rd St. BR. Speaker: former abortion clinic worker Shelley Guil- lory. prolifelouisiana.org/marchsouth

Jan 23 — Rachel’s Rosary - St. Edward the Confessor
Pray for millions of aborted victims. Following 8:30am Mass, St. Edward the Confessor, 4921 W. Met. Ave., Met.

Jan 24 — Memorial for the Unborn
12pm St. Patrick No 1 Cemetery at Tomb of the Innocents. Bring your group. Respect Life office 504-885-1509

Jan 26-27 — “Total Vision” Theology of the Body
Dumb Ox Ministries seminar on being human. Cost $110 includes Thursday lunch, refreshments, materials. CYO Ministry gym 2241 Mendez St., New Orleans 985-951-2215 www.dumboxministries.com/totalvision.html

Jan 28 — “Total Vision” Certification Program
Theology of the Body for Teens training for middle/high school teachers. 985-951-2215 dumboxministries.com

Feb 1 — St. Vincent Infant and Maternity Guild Bingo
Doors open 10:30am/Bingo 11am St. Matthew the Apostle Center. Become a member of St. Vincent Guild, contact president Cindy Wooderson cindywooderson@gmail.com

Multiple — PULSE Pro-Life Immersion
LRTL retreat training high school and college students to be pro-life leaders 866-463-5433 prolifepulsela.com
March 25-27 — Baton Rouge/Greenwell Springs
April 22-24 — New Orleans & Northshore/Covington

July 11-15 — PULSE Leadership Institute
Immersion week in B.R. 866-463-5433 prolifepulsela.com

Support These Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Services “ACCESS” —
Host a baby bottle fundraiser campaign, baby shower or diaper drive to help with free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, case management for abortion-vulnerable clients. 921 Airis Ave. Ste. B, Met. 504-832-1503 clients / 504-885-1141 admin Michelle Black mblack@ccano.org accesspregnan- cy.com ccano.org/access-pregnancy-services/

Women’s New Life Clinic — Raise awareness of this center that provides pregnancy testing, support, abortion pill reversal, and women’s healthcare. Promote their annual spring 5K run and fall gala. 4612 S. Claiborne Ave., N.O. 504-831-3117 clients/504-496-0212 admin womensnewlife.com

Community Center for Life — Donate new unwrapped toys for their Christmas program. Hold a toy drive in your parish. Volunteers are needed at the center for confidential counseling, sorting baby clothes, office work, etc. 539 Lafayette St., Gretna 504-227-9090 ccflife@bellsouth.net pregnancytestingwestbank.com/

Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center — Educate your parish community and support this center in counseling women on the truthful details of procedures, health threats and risks of abortion. 814 W 21st Ave. Covington 985-893-4281 northlakecp@bellsouth.net knowmyoptions.net

Daughters of Charity Health Centers — Find out how your parish ministry can help at one of their several locations across the archdiocese. delceno.org

The Pre-Born / Abortion

Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 — Rosary for Life
Rosary with St. Francis Xavier Sharing program every 3rd Thursday of month 6pm Memorial Garden for the Unborn 444 Met. Rd. Carol eprichard@stfrancisxavier.com

Jan 15 — New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Gala

Jan 18-23 — Archdiocesan Youth March For Life Washington DC Trip
Hold a watch party; livestream online at www.facebook.com/archdioceseyouth/. For info contact CYO office 504-836-0551 cyo-no.org/

Jan 21 — 49th Annual March For Life “Equality Begins in the Womb”
Rally 11am National Mall, March 12Noon Capitol Hill. Attend in person or watch live on youtube.com/channel/UCsmbHKLtaqjOlABdoPUBWvg. For info on how your parish can support the March go to marchforlife.org/
Pregnancy Help Sidell—SpeakHope — Support this center with financial donations and new or gently used maternity and baby items. Find multiple resources for giving women help and hope. SpeakHope.net provides transformative care for women at risk. LHope.net offers healing and confidential help for abortion related trauma. 550 Gause Blvd., Sidell 985-643-4357 info@crisispregnancyhelp.org 24-hour Helpline for appointments and emergencies, call or text 504-233-2832 https://crisispregnancyhelp.org/

Helpful Resources for Your Parish and Programs that Need Your Parish’s Help

Respect Life webpage on the Unborn / Abortion — Find resources, weblinks, videos, handouts and more at https://nolacatholic.org/protecting-the-unborn

Louisiana and New Orleans Right To Life — RTL can provide speakers, educational materials/displays, online on policy issues; hosts programs/events such as PULSE Immersion program, LA Life Marches, other activities; and a resource website adifichoice.com Alex Seghers, director of education, Sarah Zagoski, NORTL director 200 Robert E. Lee Blvd. N.O. info@prolifelouisiana.org 866-463-5433 or 504-835-6529 prolifelouisiana.org

Louisiana Black Advocates for Life — Initiative to increase meaningful participation of the Black community in prolific advocacy and decrease rate of abortion among Black women. Kathy Allen, Ph.D., state director kathy@lablackadvocates.com

Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies — Your ministry can help defray burial costs for babies who were aborted, abandoned, or whose families are unable to cover the expenses. cbibine.com/ home.html or gotfundme.com/Y/cbbabies-org

New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries — Program for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion providing an opportunity for families to memorialize their lost babies by name with a bronze plaque. https://nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques

Americans United for Life — Louisiana ranks #2 on AUL’s 2021 Life List! Learn about LA Jaws supporting life at https://aul.org/spotlight/louisiana/

Your Presence and Prayers Matter! Join These Sidewalk Presence Ministries

Respect Life webpage on Sidewalk Ministries — Find resources, a brochure for your parish, a video on how to be a prayerful presence at abortion facilities, and more. Visit nolacatholic.org/sidewalk-presence-ministry

Sidewalk Presence Workshop Video Yvette Fouchi, veteran sidewalk counselor & St. Edward the Confessor RL Coordinator, presents how to sidewalk witness To receive the slides from the video, email the RL Office respectlife@ccano.org

Wilson Breaux’s Pro-Life Lay Apostolate - From Wilson: The General Pershing abortion mill is open M-F about 8:00am and once in a while on Saturday. Our apostolate will go to Women’s Health Center, 2701 General Pershing on Tuesdays/Thursdays 8:00am-11:00am and Wednesdays 8:00am-9:00am weather permitting. If it is closed, we will go to Planned Parenthood.

Wilson Breaux’s Apostolate Continued — There is a great need for an additional one-two prayer warriors committed to come Saturdays 8:00am-10:00am, or one person 8:00-9:00am & another 9:00-10:00am. Wilson - 504-880-7881 x89k@yahoo.com

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry — 20 decade Rosary March on sidewalk at Planned Parenthood second Saturday each month (Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12) 9:00-10:30am. For safety, a detail policeman is there. Contact Pam Richard 504- 460-9360 richy043@bellsouth.net

RL Sidewalk Ministries — PLEASE join one or more of these groups as witnesses praying for those considering abortion or lead your RL ministry on a day and time not covered by others.

Women’s Health Center 2701 General Pershing —
* Wilson Breaux’s Pro life Lay Apostolate Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8:00am-10:30am Saturdays either Women’s Center or Planned Parenthood * St. Edward the Confessor RL Wed. 8:30am-10:30am
* St. Angela Merci RL 2nd Thurs. 9:30am-10:30am
* St. Ann Church and Shrine Knights of Columbus Men’s group either GP or PP Saturdays 10:00am-10:30am
* Good Shepherd Parish Pro-Life Sat. 11:00am-11:30am
* St. Benilde Parish RL Saturdays 10:00am-11:00am

Planned Parenthood 4636 S Claiborne Ave. —
* Archdiocesan Sidewalk Ministry Sat. 9:00am-10:30am
* St. Patrick’s RL Committee Saturdays 9:00am
* Monday Night Disciples men’s group Sat. 9:15am Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross
* Immaculate Conception RL Committee 3rd Sat. each month 9:15am on neutral ground across street
* KCs of St. Ann Catholic Church Saturdays 10:00am
* Our Lady of Divine Providence RL Saturdays 10:15am-11:30am

Deanz Clinic 5437 Crowder Blvd. N.O. East —
* Resurrection of Our Lord, St. David, & St. Mary of Angels Wednesdays & Fridays 7:15am-8:15am joyce.carriere77@yahoo.com

REPORT / See the Signs

Human Trafficking


Signs of Trafficking — polarissproject.org/recognize-signs

Fight the New Drug — How to identify victims and next steps to take when they’re found is important for every person to know, because trafficking can happen anywhere. fighthenewdrug.org/how-to-identify-a-sex-trafficking-victim-and-stop-contributing-to-sexual-exploitation/
Human Trafficking Continued

St. Josephine Bakhita Intercessory Rosary Against Human Trafficking — Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 Join with St. Edward the Confessor Parish & RL Ministry in praying this Rosary on 2nd Sunday each month 9:00am in Church.

Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita — February 8 Patron Saint of Human Trafficking. Learn about this incredible saint who is a “shining ray of hope for human trafficking victims and an inspirational demonstration of how a victim can recover from their trauma and become whole again.” https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint id=5601

International Day Of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking — February 8

“On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about the phenomenon [of human trafficking]. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those who have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.” usccb.org/committees/administrative/February-8th-international-day-prayer-and-awareness-against-human-and-preghieracontrattattag/about

Novena to End Human Trafficking — Starting February 9. Sign up to receive emails 3pm daily with the specific devotions. https://nolacatholic.org/novenas

Respect Life Resources

Respect Life Program — www.respectlife.org

USCCB Word of Life — Monthly features, bulletin quotes, interpolations, and images. respectlife.org/word-of-life and usccb.org/profile/word-life

Catholic Charities CCANO — Service programs addressing RL issues ccano.org/program-directory/

Choose the Child — Footprints for Life — K-8 student program that covers USCCB Culture of Life topics age-appropriately, and incorporates Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. It can be easily integrated into an already existing curriculum, and focuses on one-two Respect Life topics per month during the school year. Each lesson is designed to create a discussion and conduct fun activities. Natalia Kissinger nkissinger@gmail.com 504-339-5384 Choozethechild.com choozethechild.com/footprintslife

Louisiana Right To Life — Their mission is to work through education, legislation, activism, and service to restore the right to life in Louisiana by opposing abortion, euthanasia, and life destroying actions. Keep informed about current policies, get involved with programs to educate youth, learn about the issues, and volunteer with a local chapter. 866-463-5433 prolifelouisiana.org

A Difficult Choice - Louisiana’s Pregnancy Help Resource — A project of Advertise for Life Louisiana Campaign within LRTL Educational Committee. AdvertiseForLife.org. The website provides a wealth of information on crisis pregnancy centers and adoption, stages of fetal development, and crisis-related resources throughout LA for food, clothing, shelter, baby and maternity items, financial / material support, legal services, health, counseling, and more. For immediate assistance, call any time at 1.855.449.4003 or visit ADifficultChoice.com

Pro-Life Persuasion — Team up with LRTL for a group training to build confidence and become more effective in speaking the message of life. https://prolifelouisiana.org/outreach/pro-life-persuasion/

Live Action 2,363 Campaign — 2,363 children are killed by abortion every day in America. This campaign is helping people discover the reality of abortion by sharing content that truthfully depicts the horrors of abortion and raises awareness of this grave injustice. And hearts and minds are changing because of it! Live Action equips you with tools needed to educate yourself, expose the truth, and motivate people to fight against abortion. 2363.org