"Rachel mourns for her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord, "Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future". Jeremiah 31:15-17.

Liturgies and Prayers

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Parish/School Spotlight

"I hope you get better soon. You are special and God wants you to know it" wrote a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton student to a patient at Chateau Living Center. Another 6th grader stated "You are beautiful and God is always with you" in her letter to a CLC resident as part of a Corporal Work of Mercy that over 40 students at SEAS participated in last month to bring the love of Christ to patients and residents and brighten their day. Major kudos to them!!

And major kudos to all involved with the Divine Mercy St. Anthony Ministry who collected non-perishable snacks and toiletries to create 75 goodie bags for homeless persons at the Harry Thompson Center. Thanks to Divine Mercy parishioners who donated items for this Corporal Work of Mercy.

Let us know what your ministry doing for life!

Upcoming Events

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July 12-16 — PULSE Leadership Institute at Timothy Retreat Center in Baker

November 5-7 — PULSE Immersion Weekend for Acadiana at Camp Stillwater
Alex Seghers 866-463-5433 or ProLifePulseLa.com

July 25-31 — National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week — For resource materials nfp@usccb.org or https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week

Nov 5-7 — Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat — See Healing from Abortion section.

Fall/TBD — Aging Out of Foster Care Shower — St. Joseph the Worker’s Respect for Life Ministry Brenda Williams 504-931-6990

Fall/TBD — ACCESS Jazz Brunch Celebrating 50th Anniversary — Michelle Black 504-885-1141

Resources

The 2020-2021 Respect Life program theme is “Live the Gospel of Life”. We are “to imitate Christ and follow in His footsteps” For resources visit www.respectlife.org.

Choose the Child — Footprints for Life K-12 program covers RL topics age-appropriately with discussions, activities, and Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Monthly Focus Activity Sheets ChoosetheChild.com/monthlyfocus Natasia Kissinger, exec dir., ntakissinger@gmail.com 504-339-5384

Policy & Legislative Updates —

USCCB Pro Life Action Alerts https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns

National Right To Life www.nrlc.org/takeaction/

La. Right To Life prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#


Congressional Actions Alerts https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/

How to Contact Your Legislators www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/
**Fertility/Infertility Issues**

Respect Life webpage on Fertility and Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies — https://nolacatholic.org/reproductive-technology

Archdiocese Office of Marriage and Family Life — Natural Family Planning nolacatholic.org/nfp

National Family Planning Series — May 1, 15, 29, & June 26 — 9:00am-12noon zoom video course on Symptro Method. Cost is $105 includes all needed materials. Can audit efresher class at no cost. For info email NolaNFP101@gmail.com or call 504-861-6243

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**Healing continued**

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"Now and At the Hour of Our Death" Catholic End of Life — Offers Catholics moral clarity and guidance on Church’s teachings on end of life decision making. Includes links to trustworthy resources and support materials https://www.catholicendoflife.org/

Center for Medical Ethics Louisiana Right To Life — Serves as LRTL’s arm in protecting elderly and those with disabilities and illnesses from direct killing and denial of lifesaving medical treatment. https://prolifelouisiana.org/medicalethics


Other End of Life Issues —

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Guide To Recognizing Elder Abuse And Knowing Your Rights — Aging In Place info on elder abuse. aginginplace.org/guide-to-recognizing-elder-abuse/

Angels’ Place — Ministry provides ongoing respite care and support services to children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Volunteers and various items are always needed. To donate: mfirmin@angelsplacenola.org 4323 Division St. Ste. 206 Met. 70002 504-455-2620 angelsplacenola.org

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Holy Innocents Prayer Garden — N.O. Catholic Cemeteries offers families who lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion to memorialize their babies by name with a bronze plaque in Holy Innocents Prayer Garden. Costs $100.00. 504-596-3050 nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques

**End of Life Issues**

National Infertility Awareness Week — April 18-24 week to raise voices, talk about issues, and support this community. https://infertilityawareness.org/

Women’s New Life Center — Offers counseling for those struggling with infertility and teaches fertility awareness. https://womansnewlife.com/womens-health/family-planning-fertility-awareness-methods/fertilityNOLA@womansnewlife.com or client line 504-831-3117 admin line 504-496-0214

Sarah’s Laughter — Infertility and Loss Support Groups. Christian ministry for couples and those suffering with infertility or loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or adoption. Open to all faiths/ no faith. Facilitated group meetings for individuals/ couples online 3rd Wednesday each month (May 19, June 16 ) 6:30pm. Allison Waldron allison@sarahs-laughter.com. Men’s Group meets 2nd Tuesday each month (May 11, June 8 ) 7:00pm. Brian McCollister mens@sarahs-laughter.com or Philip Dunbar Philip@sarahs-laughter.com.

Saint Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction — https://popepaulvi.com/

Natural Womanhood — https://naturalwomanhood.org/topic/infertility/

**Healing After Abortion**

Respect Life webpage on Healing After Abortion — https://nolacatholic.org/protecting-the-unborn

CCANO Project Rachel — U.S Catholic Church abortion healing ministry. Free individual professional counseling for women and men suffering with abortion. Danna Cousins dccousins@ccano.org or 504-885-1141. hopeafterabortion.com

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat — Fri Nov 5-Sun Nov 7. Retreat for those who are hurting and seeking healing from abortion. Open to all faiths. Cost is $230 per person; financial assistance available. Pam Richard 504-460-9360 rich504@bellsouth or Donna Sheuermann 504-258-9183 www.rachelsvineyard.org

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APRIL

Autism Awareness Month — npcd.org/resources_and_toolkits/prayers-faithful-autism-awareness-month
18-24 — National Infertility Awareness Week
19, 26 — Holy Rosary for America 6:30pm every Mon. St. Matthew the Apostle Stephanie at 504-737-9776
19-27 — Novena to St. Gianna Beretta Molla walkingwithmom.com/saint-gianna-novena
22 — National Infertility Awareness Virtual Event https://infertilityawareness.org/
27 — Virtual Coffee & Conversation with CCA NO President Sister Marjorie Hebert 2:00pm on Catholic Charities’ impact in community during this difficult time. RSVP to Heather Nelson hnelson@ccano.org or 504-227-3407. https://www.ccano.org/events/coffee-and-conversation-with-sr-marjorie-april-27/
27 — Pro-Life Oratory Contest 7:00pm Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius Hall 3rd Floor - New Orleans Rights To Life Contact Sarah Zagorski at sarah@prolifelouisiana.org
28 — Feast of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers, physicians, unborn children

MAY — MARY’S MONTH

Archdiocese month-long ode to our Blessed Mother nolacatholic.org/may-marys-month
1 — Reclaiming the Family Through Fathers - A Fatima/St. Joseph Conference for Men and Women 9:30am-1:30pm online conference. interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E201914&id=72
1, 15, 29 and June 26 — Natural Family Planning Series-SymptoPro Method 9:00am-12noon Zoom video conference. Email NolaNFP101@gmail.com or call 504-861-6243
2 — God’s Special Children Mass for children with disabilities, their families and friends on 1st Sundays each month 2:00pm St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd. (504) 834-0340 godsspecialchildrens.org
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13 — The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
14 — Sarah’s Laughter Infertility and Loss Support Group for couples and those struggling with infertility or loss of a child. Online 3rd Wednesday each month 6:30pm. Allison Waldron at allison@sarahs-laughter.com
20 — St. Francis Xavier Sharing Program Rosary for Life 6:00pm every 3rd Thursday each month, Memorial Garden for the Unborn at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Rd, Metairie. Contact Carol at cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com
25 — Pro-Life Woman of the Year Award — Women for Women is looking for nominations. Submissions due May 25. Winner announced May 31. prolifewomen.com/conferece/prolife-woman-of-the-year-award

JUNE

6 — God’s Special Children Mass
8 — Sarah’s Laughter Infertility and Loss Support Group Meeting for Men
12 — Entering Canaan Support Gathering for men and women needing next steps in healing from abortion 9:00am-12:00pm Baton Rouge Diocese - Danielle at EnteringCanaan@diobr.org or (225) 325-3459
15 — World Elder Abuse Awareness Day nceael.gov/WEAAD.aspx
16 — Sarah’s Laughter Infertility and Loss Support Group Meeting for couples and family members
16 — Notre Dame Seminary Eucharistic Lecture "The Eucharist and Human Suffering" 5:30pm Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm lecture and Q&A Archbishop Schulte Auditorium 2901 S. Carrollton Ave., NO nds.edu/els/
17 — St. Francis Xavier Sharing Program Rosary for Life
20 — Father’s Day Respect Life Action Guide for Father’s Day — coming soon respectlife.org/action-guides
25-27 — Pro-Life Women’s Conference “World Changing Women” Renasent Convention Center in Memphis, TN hosted by Women for Women prolifewomen.com

MULTI DATES / ONGOING — Sidewalk Ministries

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer Ministry — 20 decade Rosary March on sidewalk at Planned Parenthood 4636 S Claiborne Ave. in New Orleans for the second Saturday each month 9:00-10:30am (May 8, June 12). For safety, a detail policeman is there. Pam Richard (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net

Wilson’s Pro Life Apostolate — Mondays 8:00-10:00am (need more prayer warriors at this time), Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 (or a little later)-11:00am, Wednesdays: 8:00-9:00am and Saturdays 8:00am at the Women Health Care Center 2701 General Pershing St. in New Orleans. On Saturdays if center is closed then go to Planned Parenthood. Wilson Breaux email xr89k@yahoo.com or cell 504-247-7920 or home 504-888-7881