



# Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office

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## **Dates at a Glance:**

February 2, 9,  
16, & 23-  
Theology of the  
Body Course

March 27,  
7:00pm-  
Regional  
Pro-Life Mass,  
St. Augustine,  
Augusta, KY

**Save the Date:**  
Cross the Bridge  
for Life-June 3,  
2012

Life's a Ball-  
September 14,  
2012

*Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."*

*-Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

## **Bishop Foys decries mandatory contraceptive coverage in health insurance ruling.**

Click link below:

<http://www.covingtondiocese.org/>

## **US BISHOPS VOW TO FIGHT HHS EDICT**

(click on links to access USCCB information)

As you now know, on January 20, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reaffirmed the rule first issued last August that virtually all private health care plans must cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception. Non-profit religious employers that do not now provide such coverage, and are not exempt under the rule's extremely narrow definition of religious employer, are given one year to comply.

Responding to the announcement, Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated: "In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences." The Obama administration "has now drawn an unprecedented line in the sand." Cardinal-designate Dolan urged that the HHS mandate be overturned. See: [www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-012.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-012.cfm).

A first step is to continue to urge Members of Congress to co-sponsor the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). This measure will ensure that those who participate in the health care system "retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions."

NCHLA's Action Alert on this bill has been updated. Please see:

<http://nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=292>

For co-sponsors, please check H.R. 1179 and S. 1467 at: [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov).

For more information related to the HHS mandate, see:

[www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).

Thanks for all you do in support of life!

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>



### **March for Life - Washington, DC**

Over 1000 people from the Diocese of Covington made the journey for the 39<sup>th</sup> March for Life. More pictures are posted on The Many Faces of ProLife Facebook page. Parks and Recreations Commission estimated 400,000 were in attendance.

### **Theology of the Body Course**

The Department of Catechesis and Formation of the Diocese of Covington is hosting a course for adults on Blessed John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The four part course will be held February 2, 9, 16, & 23 from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. at Covington Latin School. Instructors Adam and Kate Iadipaolo are graduates of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family who currently find any way possible to integrate John Paul II's thought into their teaching for high school students, young adults, engaged couples, seminarians, and more! Come find out more about John Paul II's new approach to the most fundamental and primordial truths of the human person! The cost to attend the entire course is only \$15. To register, contact the Department of Catechesis and Formation at 859-392-1527 or [jschroeder@covingtondiocese.org](mailto:jschroeder@covingtondiocese.org). This course qualifies for maintenance hours for diocesan religion teachers and catechists who have received the Advanced Level of Certification.

### **Many Gifts, One Spirit: Catholics at The Capitol**

To help the Catholic community be "Faithful Citizens" the Conference of Kentucky is sponsoring Catholics at the Capital in Frankfort on **February 6 and 7, 2012**. The event takes place at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 405 Wilkerson Boulevard in downtown Frankfort. The fee for the two-day event is \$40. This fee includes materials, a banquet on Monday and a continental breakfast on Tuesday. On Monday evening Bishop Ronald Gainer of Lexington will celebrate Mass and Fr. Larry Snyder, Executive Director of Catholic Charities USA, will deliver a keynote address on poverty issues. On Tuesday, participants will head to the Capitol and meet with their State Senators and State Representatives. It would be a wonderful demonstration of faithful citizenship if each parish could send at least one member to this event. Early planning to encourage attendance and finding ways to help defray costs could lead to our most successful Catholics at the Capital Frankfort event. Last year more than 800 participants took part in

Catholics at the Capital at diocesan events statewide. This provides a great pool of interested persons from which to draw. Please call the Pro-Life Office for additional information, (859) 392-1545 or e-mail, [froch@covingtondiocese.org](mailto:froch@covingtondiocese.org).

## **Become a Volunteer**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington is currently seeking volunteers to donate four hours a week to answer phones and greet visitors at the Catholic Charities office at 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015.

Contact Joy Boothby for additional details (859-581-8974 ext 131). Or visit [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org).

## **Looking for a Pro-Life Doctor???**

*KY doctors for Life Foundation* started with 144 pro-life doctors in 1979 and has grown rapidly every year. At the end of 2010 the list was 1,325 strong, and growing.

<http://www.kydoctorsforlife.org/doctorsoutsidejeffersoncounty.htm>

## **Stay up to date with Kentucky Right to Life**

[www.krla.org/Legislation.html](http://www.krla.org/Legislation.html)

## **Area Pro-Life Events**

**March 27-Regional Pro-Life Mass at St. Augustine, Augusta** at 7:00. All members of the diocesan community are invited.

### **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil for Life**

February 4, 18 & 25, 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati;  
February 11, 8:30 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills  
(513/984-6742) Mass followed by Rosary Prayer walk to Planned Parenthood

### **First Saturday Sharonville Prayer Vigil**

February 4, 8:45 a.m. Rosary led by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Angela at 513/554-0783), joined by St. Susanna's at 9:15 a.m.; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip between driveway and LaRosa's (Sue at 513/336-9786)

### **First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass**

February 4, 9 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH; followed by coffee and speaker (513/522-7247)

### **St. Vincent Ferrer 2nd Wednesday Witness for Life Prayer Vigil**

February 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Planned Parenthood, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH

### **Second Saturday Sharonville Prayer Vigil**

February 11, 9:15 a.m. Rosary led by Sts. Peter and Paul; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip between driveway and LaRosa's (Jane at 513/733-5542)

**Mary's Mantle 2nd Saturday Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil**

February 11, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH  
513/258-7620

**Third Friday Pro-Life Mass**

February 17, noon at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

**Third Saturday Sharonville Prayer Vigil**

February 18, 9:15 a.m. Rosary led by St. Maximillian Kolbe; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip between driveway and LaRosa's (Dolores at 513/895-7008)

**Fourth Saturday Sharonville Prayer Vigil**

February 25, 9:15 a.m. Rosary led by St. Gertrude; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip between driveway and LaRosa's (Tom at 513/831-2386)

## **Intercessions for Life February**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For Nurses and caregivers to family members:  
that the Lord will increase their patience, gentleness, and strength to  
continue witnessing to the dignity of each person in their care;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 12<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For abused and neglected children:  
that their circumstances will be known, their safety assured, and their  
sense of self-worth restored;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 19<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For couples struggling with infertility:  
that the Lord will bless them with children, whether by natural means or  
adoption;  
We pray to the Lord:

**February 26<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

For Catholics in political life:  
That a right understanding of our faith will inform their policy decisions,  
especially decisions involving the lives of vulnerable human beings;  
We pray to the Lord:

### **Word of Life**

### **Bulletin Briefs, February**

God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything  
else meaningful. We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity;  
instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer Vigil with Young People at Cuatro Vientos  
Airport, August 20, 2011

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