



Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office

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Dates at a Glance:

June 5-
Cross the Bridge for Life

June 12-
*One Heart Two Souls
First Annual Benefit
Dinner-Receptions in
Erlanger*

June 14-
*Regional Pro-Life
Mass, St. Barbara*

June 19-*Father's
Day*

Looking ahead:

September 10-
*Care Net 2nd Annual
5K Run/Walk for Life*

September 17-
*"Wash for Life"-
Car wash that will
benefit area
pregnancy service
centers on. More
info in upcoming
issues.*

Cross the Bridge for Life-Join us on June 5 for the sixth annual Cross the Bridge for Life. The event begins at 2:00pm at the World Peach Bell in Newport. Free t-shirts are available, as well as face painting, balloons, and a cookout after the event courtesy of JTM Food Services. Please visit the website for updates www.crossthebridgeforlife.com or contact the Pro-Life Coordinator at your parish. Get a group together and walk with us to celebrate the Sanctity of Life. Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success. This is a great way for students to get service hours too! Contact Peggy Piccola at 859-392-1546 or ppiccola@covingtodiocese.org.

One Heart Two Souls

First Annual Benefit Dinner-"For you are wonderfully Made". Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 6:15pm, Receptions Banquet Center, Erlanger. Keynote Speaker Dr. Ray Guaredi. For more information, please visit the website www.1h2s.com and pray for the success of their work.

Upcoming classes at Ruah Woods-

Visit www.ruahwoods.org for complete class descriptions and registration.

God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage

Who should attend: Engaged Couples
June 3-4, August 5-6, October 7-8 or December 2-3
Fridays 7:00 - 10:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm
This would make a wonderful Bridal Shower Gift!
\$50 per couple

Introduction to the Theology of the body: Discovering God's Plan for Your Life

Who should attend: Adults
June 16 - August 11, 2011
7:00 - 9:00pm (Thursdays)
\$25 per person

Theology of the Body for Teens Week (Space is limited)

(TOB for Teens curriculum delivered in a one week format)

Who should attend: High School Teens 9th - 12th Grade
June 20 -24
9:00am - 3:00pm daily
\$50 per person, includes daily lunches

Kenosis Training Week: Sharing and Evangelizing TOB

(Open to teens who have completed the TOB for Teens Curriculum)

Who should attend: High School Teens 9th – 12th Grade

July 18 – 22

9:00am – 3:00pm daily

\$50 per person (includes lunch daily)

TOB for Teachers Workshop – 1.3 CEU

Who should attend: Teachers

July 26 & 28 or August 2 & 3

9:00am – 4:30pm daily

\$50 per person (includes lunch daily)

****If you attended our previous TOB for teachers this one is new****

Teenagers are constantly searching for answers to the deepest desires of their heart: Who am I? Why am I here? Why does the church have so many "rules"? What's the purpose of sex? In this two day workshop, teachers will be given the necessary tools to engage their students with a fresh approach based on John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Pro-Life at the parish level-What are you doing at your parish? Baby showers, rosaries, Spiritual Adoption programs? Share you activities with us ppiccola@covingtondiocese.org.

The Pro-Life Office is looking to build a speakers list of individuals who would be willing and available to speak on various pro-life issues throughout the Diocese of Covington (at parishes, elementary & high schools, youth groups, etc.).

We are looking for people to talk using the teachings of the Catholic Church on the following subjects. All speakers must be Virtus trained and up to date on their bulletins:

End of Life
Chastity
Abortion / Project Rachel
Napro / IVF
Living Wills - Medical / Legal
Power of Attorney
Social Justice

Please contact Faye Roch, Director of the Pro-Life Office at froch@covingtondiocese.org or (859) 392-1545 if you are interested in this opportunity.

Pastoral Visits to Parish Pro-Life Coordinators and team members. The Pro-Life Office and members of the Advisory Board are scheduling meetings with all diocesan parish pro-life representatives to discuss pro-life activities within their parishes. If you have not had the opportunity and would like to schedule a meeting with our office, please contact Faye Roch at froch@covingtondiocese.org or (859) 392-1545. To accommodate everyone's schedules, we can visit a parish for a day meeting or an evening meeting.

Some of the activities that our parishes are involved with that promote the sanctity of life.

Monthly Rosary for Life
Adoration
Book of innocents
Spiritual Adoption
Elderly & Homebound outreach
Outreach to new mothers
Project Rachel - parish prayer chain
Advocacy - Letter writing for life issues
Support of local Pregnancy Center

Please contact the Pro-Life Office if you would like more information.

Father's Day-Sunday, June 19
A Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Stay up to date with Kentucky Right to Life

www.krla.org/Legislation.html

People of Life E-Newsletter

An e-mail newsletter covering the latest pro-life issues, events, and the bishops' efforts to promote a culture of life. Subscribers receive new ideas to work and pray for increased respect for each and every human life. Subscribe today by e-mailing your name and diocese to prolife@usccb.org.

Intercessions for Life May & June 2011

May 15th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all who are tempted to sin against human life:
that they will heed the voice of the Divine Shepherd
and have the courage to follow him on the path of life;
We pray to the Lord:

May 22nd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For those who are homeless, poor, or at the margins of society:
that we will recognize in them the face of Christ
and generously provide for their needs;
We pray to the Lord:

May 29th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For those who are struggling with disabilities of mind or body:
that others never lose sight of their dignity and worth
as persons loved by God,
We pray to the Lord:

June 5th SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all young people:
May God give them the wisdom and courage
to stand up for human life wherever it is under attack;
We pray to the Lord:

June 12th PENTECOST SUNDAY

For all who have sinned against human life,
and especially for those involved in an abortion decision;
May they seek God's merciful forgiveness and healing
in the sacrament of reconciliation;
We pray to the Lord:

June 19th SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

For all fathers:
That God will bless them for their sacrifices
and help them to be living witnesses of God's love
to their spouse and children;
We pray to the Lord:

June 26th SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

For the sick and suffering:
May the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
worthily and lovingly received in Holy Communion
give them strength and consolation through all their trials;
We pray to the Lord:

Word of Life Bulletin Briefs June 2011

It is indisputable that Planned Parenthood Federation of America is by far the largest provider and promoter of abortions nationwide, performing about a third of all abortions (332,278 abortions in Fiscal Year 2008-9).

Abortions also account for over a third of Planned Parenthood's income. The organization has aborted over 5 million unborn children since 1970. ... Now the national organization insists that *all* affiliates provide abortions by 2013, a mandatory policy that has led at least one affiliate to leave the organization. ... Therefore the question at issue here is: When low-income women need ... legitimate health care services, should the federal government insist that they receive them from the local abortion provider?

~ Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Letter to Members of Congress, April 13, 2011

As Pope Benedict has said, no one of us is "some casual, meaningless product of evolution . . . each of us is the result of a thought of God. . . each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" (Benedict XVI, Inaugural Homily). This is the message of hope that we humbly offer to women considering an abortion, to those in need of healing in the aftermath of an abortion. And to those who find themselves deeply unhappy, because they have been deceived by a culture that relentlessly tells us that we are happy only when we live for ourselves and not for others, that we are free only when our autonomy is absolute. God made us, you and me, in this image and likeness. This means we are made to be with others and for others.

~Most Rev. William Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport, Homily, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Jan. 24, 2011 (should we add "member of USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities"?)

Sarah ... [11 and a half years old] betrayed no trace of nervousness as she told a roomful of genetic counselors and obstetricians about herself one recent afternoon.

She likes to read, she said. Math used to be hard, but it is getting easier. She plays clarinet in her school band. She is a junior girl scout and an aunt, and she likes to organize, so her room is very clean. Last year she won three medals in the Special Olympics.

"I am so lucky I get to do so many things," she concluded. "I just want you to know, even though I have Down syndrome, it is O.K."

~Amy Harmon, "Prenatal Test Puts Down Syndrome in Hard Focus," *The New York Times*, May 9, 2007

Do you want to make it look like more the other briefs?

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