Local group “Soaps Up” Cleveland to bring an end to Human Trafficking

While Cleveland was gearing up for the Republican National Convention, a local group was gathering people together to stop human trafficking during the event and bring awareness to this problem in our area. On July 9th, the SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Cleveland chapter organized over 300 volunteer to prepare bars of soap with labels bearing hotline numbers, in addition to Missing Children posters to drop off at 300 hotels around the area in anticipation of the influx of visitors. Trafficking tends to increase when there are large events. In 2015, SOAP Cleveland did the same in advance of the Pro Football Hall of Fame game and the Bridgestone Golf Tournament. Nearly half of these 300 volunteers were new to SOAP, which means that even more people are becoming aware. As a result of their efforts, 2 hotels recognized 3 of the girls on the poster. The police were alerted about two of these girls.

Donna Angelotti, Director of Social Concerns at Holy Angels Parish in Bainbridge, heads up the SOAP Cleveland chapter, which was begun about two and a half years ago in response to concern for our young people who are at risk. The SOAP project was started nationally by Theresa Flores, who is a trafficking survivor herself. Led by a Core Team of volunteers whose main goal is to bring awareness and stop this horrible crime, they are part of Greater Cleveland’s Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking, working to educate their volunteers about the issue, which is a huge step towards saving lives of those enslaved in trafficking. In addition to the one time outreach efforts as in July, SOAP’s main activity throughout the year is to deliver these bars of soap to local hotels, which include not only the national hotline number, but a local number for Bellafaire JCB, which works to protect minors from sexual trafficking.

Ongoing work will be done to create greater awareness that trafficking is happening in our area. The latest research ranked Ohio 4th in the number of those being trafficked, and Toledo as the 4th city. Local teams go out to hotels every 6-8 weeks, dropping off more soap and taking the new Missing Children posters. Working together with local churches and civic groups, SOAP Cleveland partners with the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and the Attorney General’s office to educate people and they are working to get even more professionals involved and aware.

If you are interested in getting more involved, you can contact Donna at 440.708.000, ext. 210, or check out their Facebook Page – SOAP Cleveland. Together, we can bring more awareness to this issue & save lives.
Catholic Charities was named the 2016 Red Wagon Award recipient by the Christ Child Society of Cleveland.

For 100 years, the Christ Child Society of Cleveland has worked to meet the growing needs of children in the Greater Cleveland community. Christ Child serves thousands of children annually by working directly with 80+ social service agencies, healthcare facilities, and schools to identify under-resourced, in crisis, and at-risk children who would benefit from their services.

Catholic Charities was recognized for their ongoing partnership which includes the space that we provide Christ Child with for operating and material storage.
## Local Respect Life Month Events

### MASS & ROSARY FOR LIFE
- **St. Andrew's Abbey**
  - 2900 Martin Luther King Dr.
  - **Saturday, October 1**
    - 8:30am Confession
    - 9:15am Mass for the Unborn
    - All other Saturdays we will assemble in front of Preterm at 9:30am

### ROSARY FOR LIFE—OCTOBER
- Rocky River Planned Parenthood
  - 20800 Center Ridge Rd.
  - Saturdays at 10:00am and Tuesdays at 6:30pm

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISABILITY SERVICES 39th ANNUAL WALK OF HOPE
- **Saturday, October 1st**
  - 8:30am Registration
  - 9am Walk through Tremont
  - 10:30am Raffle Drawing with Local Celebrities
  - 11am Special Walk around Lincoln Park
  - Info, call 216-334-2963

### EAST SIDE WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING TO END ABORTION
- Mass will be offered at a different parish each day.
  - **Monday, October 10th @ 7pm**
    - Our Lady of Mount Carmel-East
  - **Tuesday, October 11th @ 8am**
    - St. John Vianney, Mentor
  - **Wednesday, October 7th 11:30am Rosary, Noon Mass**
    - Ss. Robert & William, Euclid
  - **Thursday, October 8th @ 7pm**
    - St. Justin Martyr, Eastlake
  - **Friday, October 9th**
    - **8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass**
      - Immaculate Conception, Willoughby

### “RESPECT LIFE” MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
- **St. Mary’s Church,**
  - 250 Kraft Street, Berea
  - Pray with us at any time during the night!
  - **Friday, October 21, 7pm Mass**
    - Hourly devotions, led by volunteers all night.
    - Light refreshments in vestibule.
    - Closing Benediction:
      - **8am, Saturday October 22**
      - Call Vicky: 440-823-5141

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE UNTIED RALLY
- **Preterm—12000 Shaker Blvd**
  - **Friday, October 7th @ 6pm**
  - 40 Days National Team will be here to join with us as we pray to end abortion in our city!

### EUCHARISITIC ADORATION ST. LADISLAS CHURCH
- **2345 Bassett Road, Westlake**
  - **Sunday, October 9th**
    - Following 11am Sunday Mass
    - Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
    - Closing Benediction 1:30pm
    - Please join us in prayer to bring an end to abortion, an increased awareness to all life issues and your intentions.
**32nd Annual Journey to Bethlehem Mass**

OLA/St. Joseph Center in Tremont
(2346 West 14 th Street, Cleveland)

Celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries
Prayer, song, celebration and friendship for persons with developmental disabilities along with their families, friends, catechists, and advocates.

Liturgy followed by a light luncheon.

**Sponsored by Disability Services & Ministries**
For Info: 216.334.2963 / mjscott@ccdocle.org

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**Mark Your Calendar for the 2017 Mass for Life!**

Sunday, January 22nd at the 10am Mass

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
The Most Reverend Bishop Richard G. Lennon, Presiding

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**Attention Youth & Campus Ministers**

This coming year’s YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE will be on Friday, January 27, 2017. This is a gathering of youth prior to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Some of you have participated in the past. Some may want to try a new adventure this coming year.

This can be an inspiring and moving experience to come together in prayer and to rally with 28,000 young Catholics from all over the country. Your group is welcome and encouraged to participate. There will be top musicians and speakers as part of the Rally, similar to ones we enjoy at The Fest.

Ticket orders must be received by the Office for Human Life by October 3, 2016.

Questions? Contact the liaison for the Cleveland Diocese, Peggy Gerovac, at 216.334.2965 or pgerovac@ccdocle.org. She will make one order for the whole diocese.

Until then, you can check out youthrallyandmassforlife.org or facebook.com/youthrallyandmassforlife

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**What can You Do about the Death Penalty?**

Utilize the resources of Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) in your parish!

“Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) proclaims the Church’s unconditional pro-life teaching and its application to capital punishment and restorative justice. We are here to help you. At CMN, it is our mission to engage Catholics in this important pro-life issue, to end the use of the death penalty so that our Church can bring about repeal of the death penalty. We need your help, as well, in developing an efficient, effective effort. CMN hopes to develop a national network of state-based volunteers who will assist CMN in the United States.”

Check out their website at catholicsmobilizing.org.

Resources include a Prayer & Educational Resource Catalogue and ways to Educate, Advocate, Pray & Inspire to combat this issue that takes lives!
Fall Campaign 2016
September 28th—November 6th

**Kickoff Rally—Tuesday, September 27th, 7pm @ Immaculate Conception in Willoughby**

**Victory Rally—Wednesday, November 9th, 7pm @ Ss. Robert & William in Euclid**

Preterm, 12000 Shaker Blvd,
Cleveland, OH 44120
Contact: Peggy 216-382-9170
Parking: Street parking on Shaker Blvd, except from 4-6:30pm daily. During this time park at Perfect Peace Baptist Church or Our Lady of Peace Church.

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

Planned Parenthood, 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, OH 44146
Contact: John 216-641-6587
Parking: Cannon Road Beverage – NE corner of Rockside and Aurora Road – far east corner of parking lot by sidewalk.

www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights

Family Planning, 54 S. State Street,
Painesville, OH 44077
Contact: Renee 440-520-3493
Parking: Street or to the right of Bada Bing Pizza 36 S. State Street Park in the middle of the parking lot (2 hour parking)

www.40daysforlife.com/painesville

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THE INFERTILITY JOURNEY:
You Are Not Alone

A daylong Seminar discussing the Struggles of Infertility from a Catholic Perspective

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
St. Basil Catholic Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Ohio 44141
Cost: $25.00 per person $40.00 per couple.
Includes continental breakfast and lunch
There is no charge for Clergy and Seminarians

- “The Spiritual Journey of Infertility” with Carmen Santamaria and Angelique Rui-Lopez, authors of The Infertility Companion for Catholics.
- Creighton Model Fertility Care System: Faithful, Effective Fertility Management with Dr. Chris Stroud, MD, OB/GYN
- Theological and Pastoral Perspectives – Fr. Kevin Estabrook
- Coping with Grief and Loss with Jason Lewis, MA

For more information, contact:
The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry
Kathy Patton 216-334-2973 kapaton@ccdocle.org

Registration is also available online at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-infertility-journey-you-are-not-alone-tickets-27132014586
Political Activity Guidelines from the Diocesan Legal Office
(excerpts from August 23, 2016, Memo to Parishes)

The upcoming primary election is approaching and will probably be strongly contested in our state. If past elections are any indication, both individuals and groups may attempt to involve churches in their political campaigns. This memo is intended to provide you with some guidance in light of the upcoming election and to clarify what is and is not permissible under current tax law.

These and numerous other issues are addressed in greater detail in a memorandum from the Office of General Counsel of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This USCCB memorandum can be accessed on the Internet at: http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/political-activity-guidelines.cfm

It covers many scenarios and is an excellent reference. If you do not have access to the Internet, please let our office know we will send you a copy.

In conclusion, while there are certain prohibitions outlined above that must be followed, parishes should not be fearful of proclaiming moral truth. It is legal for parishes to address the moral and human dimensions of public issues, including church teaching on the right to life, the dignity of the human person, and issues of justice and peace, and to apply Catholic social teaching to legislation and public issues. It is also legal to discuss the primacy of certain issues, such as those involving intrinsically evil acts, over others. Parishes are encouraged to educate parishioners about the issues. In addition, distribution of unbiased voter guides, candidate questionnaires, or other similar materials are permitted so long as published by the Diocese, Ohio Catholic Conference, or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please check the Ohio Catholic Conference and USCCB websites for materials that may be distributed.

If you have questions in this area, please feel free to call Kevin Burke or Brian Heskamp at 216.696.6525. Our extensions are 4360 and 4370 respectfully.

Sincerely,
Kevin Burke
General Counsel

Christ Child Society’s 65th Annual Starlight Ball
Saturday, December 3, 2016
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Join them as they celebrate their Centennial - 100 years of serving children in the Cleveland area. They will be honoring the Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, OSB, as their “Person of the Year.”

For more information, go to their website www.christchildsocietycleveland.org or call 440.843.1632.

In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the US, the president of the USCCB invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. The prayer below is available as a prayer card on the USCCB homepage.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray . . .
O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required . . . “Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8)

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Cardinal Dolan & Archbishop Lori to Congress: Government’s Coercion on Abortion

Needs Immediate Remedy—July 7, 2016

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and Archbishop William E. Lori—as chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, respectively—called for immediate action by the U.S. House of Representatives to enact the Conscience Protection Act of 2016.

The bishops wrote that "disturbing new actions to force healthcare providers to participate in the destruction of human life cry out for an immediate federal remedy." Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori cited three recent examples of government coercion on abortion.

First is the June 21 ruling by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allowing, "contrary to the plain meaning of current federal law, that California's Department of Managed Health Care can continue forcing all health plans under its jurisdiction to cover elective abortions, including late-term abortions."

Second, the State of New York has followed California's lead and is mandating that all health insurers operating in New York require small group employers—including faith-based non-profits and Christian businesses—to cover all abortions with no exemption. "Even Churches and religious organizations could be required to cover some abortions in violation of their beliefs," they said.

Third, on June 21, a trial court in Washington State ruled that public hospitals in that state must do abortions if they also offer maternity services. According to the State's Attorney General, this requirement applies even if the public hospital is acquired by a Catholic healthcare provider.

The Conscience Protection Act, they wrote, would "ensure that those providing much-needed health care and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children."

In their call to enact the Conscience Protection Act, the bishops reference recent Fourth of July celebrations, urging Representatives to "uphold the rights to life and liberty which our Founding Fathers wisely asserted as most fundamental to our nation's existence."

For more on the bishops' promotion of conscience rights, including a video about a nurse who was coerced to take part in a late-term abortion, visit: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Choose Life! Banquet & Fundraiser

Friday, October 14, 2016

“Windows” Banquet Center, 2000 Sycamore Street

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for silent auction, $2,000 cash raffle, vacation condo, and themed raffle baskets

Guest speaker: Sue Ellen Browder, author of “Subverted: How I Helped the Sexual Revolution Hijack the Women’s Movement”

Learn how the women’s movement lost its pro-life focus, and the amazing grace that God has worked in Sue Ellen’s life.

Call 216.661.6616 for reservations: $60 if received by September 24; $65 thereafter

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Catholic Charities Reaches out to Moms via Diaper Drive!
This year, for their Staff Development Day on October 21, 2016, Catholic Charities is holding an internal diaper drive to supply moms being served by their programs with a very real need. This stems from their observance of the Year of Mercy. What a great way to show mercy to those mothers!

Ohio Fair Trade Teach-In & Expo
Saturday, October 1st, FREE
9:30am—3:30pm
John Carroll University
Hosted by the Ohio Fair Trade Network and John Carroll University, we will have workshops on basics of fair trade principles to fair trade certification. This year, we have a special presentation during the lunch break. Learn more and register at ohiofairtrade.com.

PLEASE CONTACT US TO POST YOUR VOLUNTEER NEEDS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.
ALL OF OUR ADS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH USE!

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta—Canonized Sept 4th!

“Project Rachel, the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and referrals to mental health professionals. Support groups and retreats may be offered in addition to individualized care.”

Please call 216-334-2966!
If you would like to include this in your bulletin, you can find the file at our website under Pastoral Care, Project Rachel.

If you would like to receive more periodic emails & the digital version of ‘For Life’...
Please send your e-mail address to: pmgerovac@ccdocle.org