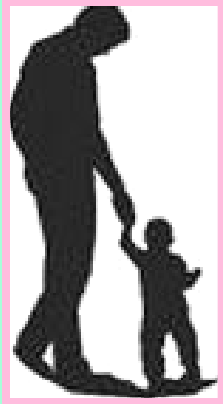


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Pro-Life News

A MONTHLY UPDATE OF MATER ECCLESIAE MISSION



**“One
father is
more than
a hundred
school-
masters.”**

George Herbert

*Happy
Father's
Day*

Teens, Young Adults Invited to Express Their Pro-Life Thoughts

The Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Apostolate invites high school and college age youth to submit artwork, poetry, or short essays that address a pro-life topic—abortion, adoption, euthanasia, stem cell research, chastity, etc.

Submissions will be considered for publication in the monthly *Pro-Life News*.

Put your creativity to work in doing God's work for *LIFE!*

Mater Ecclesiae Responds Generously

Those who attended the recent Good Counsel Homes presentation in DiMarzio Hall donated \$675 toward the efforts to open a home in South Jersey for pregnant and parenting women who are homeless. May God richly bless you for your kindness and generosity!

Pro-life supporters prepared to “hit the tracks” for the Good Counsel walk-a-thon in May. To date, this fundraiser has brought in over \$28,000.

Upcoming Events

June 7

Choices of the Heart
Walk for Life
9 AM—12 Noon
(info in St Martha Rm)

June 24

M.E. Pro-Life Mtg
7:30 PM—9:00 PM
(856-770-8488)



PRO-LIFE ANSWERS TO PRO-ABORTION ARGUMENTS

We have all heard the arguments. At first, some of them may seem challenging to refute. But they are not! As Catholics, we are all called upon to defend life. Here are some ideas the next time you hear a family member, colleague or friend argue in favor of abortion.

A woman has a right to do what she wants with her own body.

Pro-Life Response. Is a fetus just a part of its mother's body, like an arm or a heart? Science tells us NO! From the moment of conception, the unborn child has a unique, complete set of DNA, a genetic code completely different from his mother or father. There is a difference between being *inside* a person and being **a part** of a person.

A fetus is only a potential human being.

Pro-Life Response. If the fetus is not yet a human, what is it—a rock? A plant? A cow? Just like you can't be "a little bit" pregnant, or "potentially pregnant" -- you are or you're not -- so too an unborn baby is not a potential human being, he is a ***human being with potential.***

Don't push your religious views on me!

Pro-Life Response. It is true Catholics believe that the Holy Spirit breathes a soul into the baby at fertilization. But even an atheist can be pro-life! Pure science tells us that from the moment of conception a new individual human being is formed with its own genetic code. This is not a "religious belief". Thus, if you believe in the secular principles of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", then ***life is a basic human right.***

Abortion should be allowed in cases of rape or incest.

Pro-Life Response. Less than 1% of abortions involve cases of rape or incest. Most abortions are performed for convenience. Mother Teresa once said, "No child should have to die so that you can live as you wish." Even in the very few cases of rape or incest, should an innocent child die because of the crimes of another? A child is a child regardless of the circumstances of his conception. **No adverse circumstances for one human being changes the nature or worth of another human being.**