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PRO LIFE NEWS

A MONTHLY UPDATE OF MATER ECCLESIAE MISSION



“The heart whose beating is stilled in every abortion — is it a human heart?

The tiny limbs torn by the abortionist’s scalpel — are they human limbs?

The blood that flows from the fetus’s veins — is it human blood?

If the stopped heart is a human heart, if the torn limbs are human limbs, if the spilled blood is human blood, can there be any denying that what is killed in an abortion is a human being?”

Sherif Girgis, Dover, Del.
Senior Philosophy major
Princeton University
2008 Rhodes Scholar

Good Counsel Homes rep to Speak at Mater Ecclesiae

Mark your calendar for April 13

Mary Anne Rooney, on the Board of Trustees for Good Counsel Homes, will address parishioners on Breakfast Sunday, April 13 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM.

Mrs. Rooney will talk about Good Counsel’s mission and its plans to open a home for pregnant homeless moms here in South Jersey.

Good Counsel Homes was founded in New York by Father Benedict Groschel and Chris Bell.

Please consider signing up for Good Counsel’s second annual walk-a-thon scheduled for **May 17** this year. Sign up forms will be available after Mrs. Rooney’s presentation.

Pretzel Sale Begins After Saturday Masses



Beginning in April, soft pretzels will be available for purchase twice a month after the 5 PM Saturday Masses. Proceeds will benefit activities of the Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Apostolate.

Cost: \$1/pretzel or 3 for \$2.50

Upcoming Events

April 11

NJ Right to Life
Annual Banquet
(see pg 2 for details)

April 13

Presentation by
Good Counsel Homes
9:45 AM—10:45 AM

April 19, 20, 26, 27

Pro-Life T shirt
pick up and sale

April 29

National ProLife
T Shirt Day
Wear it proudly!

A Children's Pro-Life Primer

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6


Parents sometimes struggle to find ways to instill a belief in the sanctity of life within their young children while protecting their innocence.

The following are simple messages that you can use even with very young children that will enable them to reject pro-abortion messages that they will be exposed to as they grow older:

- ◆ Each baby is a unique creation and a gift from God.
- ◆ The unborn baby has a beating heart (starts at 18-25 days).
- ◆ The unborn baby has fingerprints and toe prints.
- ◆ The unborn baby sucks his/her thumb and breathes fluid.
- ◆ The unborn baby can learn, develop habits, and dreams.
- ◆ The unborn baby listens to voices and music with preferences.
- ◆ Unborn babies are just as human as we are and can feel pain.

Two complete Respect Life programs are available **at no cost** at www.KnightsForLife.org:

- The Huntsville Respect Life Curriculum (Pre-K through 12th Grade)
- A Catholic Respect Life Curriculum (High School, College & Adult Study)



Pick up your pre-ordered T shirts on the weekends of April 19-20 or 26-27. Limited additional sales will be available for \$9/shirt on those days.

Wear your T-shirts on Tuesday, April 29, National ProLife T-Shirt Day to school, work, the gym, the mall, anywhere your quiet yet powerful message can be seen!

NJ Right to Life Annual Banquet April 11 Iselin, NJ

Featured speakers:

- **Andrew Napolitano (NJ Superior Ct Judge; Fox News judicial analyst)**
- **Alveda King (Pastoral Assoc; Priests for Life)**
- **Phill Kline (former Kansas Attny General)**

Call Tracye at 856-770-8488 for more details or for car pool info by April 1.



(left to right) Artist Susan Sherbine and quilter Joanne Kramer work on lay-out for the Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Quilt. Once assembled, children (grades 5 and older) will be invited to sew corner ties on the squares, thus adding the final touches to this project. Mrs. Sherbine and Mrs. Kramer have dedicated many, many hours to creating a beautiful testimony of our children's belief in the sanctity of life.

Please pray for the needs and intentions of these two generous ladies.