

PARISH PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Re-scheduled Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting info below



**NO TAXPAYER
ABORTION**

STOP TAX-PAYER FUNDED ABORTION

USCCB Campaign

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, billions of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be cheaper, easier, and funded with our taxpayer dollars.

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the incredibly high stakes Congress needs to hear from a massive number of people. Please help all in your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the first week of June. The primary goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

The USCCB has created easy, ready-to-use tools that can be found at respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion. These include a sample announcement, graphics, flyer, and infographic. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back. Additionally, the USCCB is hosting a webinar Wednesday, May 12 at 1:00 PM (CDT) that will give more information on the push for tax dollars to pay for abortion and what Catholics can do to stop it. Anyone interested can register at notaxpayerabortion.com/webinar.

IN THIS ISSUE...

- 1 Stop Tax-Payer Funded Abortion
- 2 Value Them Both
- 3 New Pastoral Letter
- 4 Upcoming Pro-Life Events



VALUE THEM BOTH

VALUE THEM BOTH

Plans & Resources

The campaign to pass the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment for life is coming to life. This amendment is necessary after a KS Supreme Court ruling found and declared a state constitutional right to abortion in Kansas, placing in grave danger nearly every Kansas prolife law. Without the amendment, an unlimited and unregulated abortion industry, with taxpayer-funded abortion, late-term abortion and other hurtful practices, will almost certainly become a reality. It will be voted on in August of 2022, but there is much to do before then.

Every Catholic parish in Kansas is being called to engage this campaign as we seek to protect limits on the abortion industry in Kansas. We will be working with the Kansas Catholic Conference and our Knights of Columbus. The KCC has already met with KofC leaders to roll out a plan over the next few months. Please see the attached timeline and set up a time to meet with your parish Knights leaders to build a plan to work together

The key messaging of the campaign is:

- We Value Both Women and Babies.
- Unlimited abortion hurts Women and Babies.
- Value Them Both Amendment protects limits on the abortion industry.

We hope every parish will consider hosting at least one informational night about the Value Them Both amendment. There will be an array of other materials coming soon from the KCC, including a "church packet" with prayers, volunteer cards, flyers, bulletin announcements and inserts, bumper stickers and an order form for posters, yard signs and large display signs. There will also be a voter registration drive, an advance ballot drive and other events and activities. To learn more about the amendment, go to: www.ValueThemBoth.com. Attached are additional VTB resources. We will discuss other ideas at our meeting on May 18.

"BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU"

NEW PASTORAL LETTER

by Archbishop Cordileone

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco has written a new Pastoral Letter titled "Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You". It is a Pastoral Letter on the "Human Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life." If you have not already read it, it is an important read for all of us and for every Catholic as there is much confusion about abortion and about protecting the integrity of the Eucharist. Archbishop Cordileone writes very clearly and with a pastoral heart. This letter educates us on how to respond to disinformation from our culture as well. You can access the document, supporting Q&A, and recording of Archbishop's Cordileone's homily and more at: <https://sfarch.org/inthewomb>. We will also have it on the ProLife website. Please help to share this letter widely.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting:

Tuesday, May 18 6:30 pm

IN-PERSON at Holy Trinity, Lenexa
(2nd floor of the Quigley Center- East of the church)
and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/94399258970?](https://zoom.us/j/94399258970?pwd=bG5HTDNEbE1MSVFqUW1zTHpiQ0VzUT09)

[pwd=bG5HTDNEbE1MSVFqUW1zTHpiQ0VzUT09](https://zoom.us/j/94399258970?pwd=bG5HTDNEbE1MSVFqUW1zTHpiQ0VzUT09)

Meeting ID: 943 9925 8970

Passcode: 519857

Advice & Aid Walk for Life: Sat June 5

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/weBSITE/home/?e=21072>

Youth Summit Conference: June 14-16

<https://www.kcksummit.org/>

Ascension Parish

Religious Freedom Week: June 22 - 29, 2021

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>. More information to come about hosting a possible educational event.



Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled
to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thine intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.



PRO LIFE OFFICE
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

Debra Niesen, Lead Consultant
Pro-Life Ministries