

Happy New Year to All!!!

May we approach this year with a lively faith and great hope and trust in the Lord, as we seek to do His will.

The schedule for the early new year is filled with pro-life related activities. Please consider participating in some of these to extend your understanding of what our church teaches and why it teaches us to build a 'Culture of Life' in the midst of sometimes dark, worldly events.

January Respect Life Events

A '9 Days for Life' novena is sponsored by the US Catholic Bishops from January 16-24. You can enroll in English or Spanish at www.9daysforlife.com.

The Ave Maria Respect Life committee is sponsoring the third annual March for Life at the University Football Stadium on January 20, from 10AM to 1PM. Speakers include Bishop Frank Dewane and leaders of the local pregnancy centers who offer hopeful alternatives to local women and men. See attachment for details. If anyone is interested in carpooling to Ave Maria, please let me know with reply email or text (Bob (267) 733-2737 -text/voice).

February Respect Life Events

A favorite pro-life event of the OLOL community is the annual banquet and fundraiser at St Leo Catholic Church in support of the Immokalee Pregnancy Center. This year's event will occur on February 15, starting at 6:30 PM. Remember there is no charge for the dinner and speaker but a donation will be solicited for the work of the center.

Please contact Bob (267-733-2737 -text/voice or rgicons1@gmail.com) for early seat reservations or to join an OLOL table. I have attached information about the dinner and speaker and a reply form to complete and return if you wish to build your own neighborhood table(s).

Also, save the date of February 22, from 11AM to 1PM at St John XXIII for a free luncheon and presentation entitled "Saving Women and their Babies". More on this later.....

Two paid events in February include an opportunity to hear in person the foremost international advocate of the "Theology of the Body" Catholic perspective on human sexuality at St. John the Evangelist parish in North Naples on February 29, 7PM. Tickets can be purchased at \$25 at TOB Inst. Contact Natalie with any questions.

Another paid event provides insights into the moral and ethical dilemmas our Catholic medical professionals face in the US today. "Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society" is available in person or online at St. Leo Catholic Church in Bonita on February 17 from 9:15AM to 6:45PM. Contact Ellen Santoro or call 832-779-1070 for more information.

Pro-Abortion Florida Constitutional Amendment Ballot Initiative - Florida Bishops Respond with "Decline to Sign" campaign

Latest signature numbers indicate there is a real possibility that this constitutional amendment will appear on the 2024 November ballot. Please continue to pray for the members of the Florida Supreme Court, which is embroiled in this ballot initiative and faces critical decisions regarding

the legality of recently passed Florida state legislation that limits the commission of abortion in our state. Please visit the FACT sheets published in OLOL parish bulletin to inform yourself and others of the details of this amendment and prepare to vote according to your conscience, informed by our Catholic faith.

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RSVP

2024 Annual Fundraising Banquet



- ☐ I would like to make reservations for _____ person(s) to attend.
(Please list the name and address for each confirmed guest on back.)
- ☐ I cannot attend but please accept my one-time gift of \$_____.
- ☐ I cannot attend but would like to make a monthly pledge of \$_____ for 12 months.
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RSVP by February 12. All gifts are tax deductible.

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IMMOKALEE PREGNANCY CENTER

invites you to join us for our
16th Annual Fundraising Banquet
Keynote Speaker: Myra Neyer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

St Leo Catholic Church - Parish Life Center

28388 Beaumont Road in Bonita Springs

Seating begins at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is promptly at 7:00 p.m.

An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended
Dinner is complimentary (Sunday attire) • A Reservation is needed to attend
RSVP before February 12th • Adults only please as seating is limited



GUEST SPEAKER MYRA NEYER

Myra Neyer worked for Planned Parenthood in Baltimore. She began working there with the intent to help women. As a single mother of 7 kids, she believed she could understand with sympathy the overwhelming pressures that could bring a woman to consider abortion.

After Myra witnessed an unforgettable abortion procedure that led to her quitting her job in the industry, she sought healing and help through "And Then There Where None". After participating in ATTWN's healing program and opportunities, she came to realize that she needed to speak out about abortion and Planned Parenthood. Myra also became determined to speak the Truth to her former coworkers. As a result, three other abortion workers from her affiliate quit their jobs as well.

Myra is eager to share her story and to speak out about how the Lord has been ever present in her life through the trials she faced soon after quitting. Myra is passionate about sharing the truth about what happens behind abortion clinic doors and desires to bring hope to communities through her powerful and uplifting testimony.

***Our banquet is the most important fundraiser of the year and a financial appeal will be made at the end of the evening.
Please prayerfully consider what gift you will give.***

Ave Maria Catholic Church **THIRD ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

Master of Ceremony: Pam Stenzel, Senior Regional Clinical
Director, Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc
Speakers: Bishop Frank Dewane, Diocese of Venice;
Scott Baier, CEO, Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc;
AMU and Donahue Academy Guest Speakers



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January 20th, 2024
10AM-1PM

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For More Information:

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