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## Children Through Resource Mothers: Amy's Journey

—from "Healthy Living," a publication of Community Health Partners (Used with permission)



Amy's story is one of personal strengths and struggles, as well as trust in services that made a difference in her life and her sons' lives. Although her sons continue to be her greatest personal support, people and agencies came together to help her along the way.

Following the devastating loss of a second child at birth, Amy became depressed. Then she learned of new challenges that she would be facing: bipolar and thyroid conditions. With no job and no home to call her own, her oldest son remained with his father. Amy returned to her parents' home.

Amy became pregnant with another child. At the time, her parents were preparing to leave the area and she did not want to add more stress to their lives by telling them about her pregnancy. She wasn't sure what she was going to do. The first agency she turned to was Cornerstone, where she found support and understanding. They directed her to Job and Family Services. Amy wanted to work, but emotionally and physically it was necessary to apply for assistance in order to have a healthy pregnancy.

Amy sought medical care at Lorain County Health and Dentistry (formerly the Family Care Center of Lorain) where she met a very compassionate physician and caring staff. She considers Dr. Aranez her lifesaver. Amy was then referred to the Family Outreach Center of Community Health Partners where she met her new Resource Mother.

Tacie Hampton made home visits wherever Amy happened to be staying. It was Tacie's numerous connections in the community that led Amy to Faith House. This would be a turning point in Amy's life. Faith House, also established by the sisters of the Humility of Mary, is a goal-oriented residential program that builds on residents' potential to become self-sufficient after two years. Amy started out at the bottom of a long waiting list at Faith House, but feels "by the Grace of God" she was accepted into the program in less than 6 months. Her mother feels that it was prayer that helped her get there.

Amy is now in school, in a demanding program that would test anybody's determination. But she is doing it and doing it well. Her older son now has a place to visit...a home which provides stability, love and privacy.

Although Amy credits Community Health Partners, her Resource Mother, other agencies, and individuals who have

been there for her on her journey (including her parents who have stuck by her), Amy's determination to improve her life and be the best mother and role model for her sons is largely to her credit. The Resource Mothers Program and other community resources served as the guiding light along the way. In the end, however, Amy can say that she did it herself.

For more information about this program, please call 440-233-1047 or check out the Pro Life website at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife)

## Soldiers Live

—an excerpt from "America," August 28-September 4, 2006

Japan's Catholic bishops strongly oppose efforts under way to change their nation's constitutional renunciation of warfare, the president of the bishops' Japan Catholic Council for Justice and Peace said during a visit to Washington. [Bishop Michael Goro Matsuura of Osaka] said, referring to the anti-war provision in the Japanese constitution, "the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat of the use of force as a means of settling international disputes... The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized." Bishop Matsuura said the closer collaboration of U.S. armed forces in Japan with the Japanese Self-Defense Force and other measures established by a U.S.-Japanese agreement last October threaten to draw the Self-Defense Force out of its traditional limited posture—in which not a single Japanese soldier has killed or been killed in combat for more than 60 years.

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## From the Director

While reading a recent interview by German media, I was validated and inspired in many ways by the words of our pope, Benedict XVI. He was describing the moral teachings of the Catholic tradition as "a positive option". He encouraged us, who minister in the area of moral teaching, to do so in a positive way; not to see our theology as a "collection of prohibitions" but rather to see the teaching as an upbeat, encouraging way to live life".

The theme for the Respect Life program this year is "*Created, Loved, Redeemed by God*". It seems the USCCB Pro Life Office has the same plan for all of us this year. What is good about life? How do we celebrate and hold up life giving decisions as just that, life giving? In our society, so many decisions take life instead of upholding it.

In the ministry of pro life, we are about preventing these affronts to life, but how can we do this with a positive message? It seems a simple thing to do. Our basic teaching is the dignity of the human person. That is positive. Yet, I look over our prepared pages for this issue of For Life and I see both positive and some really negative reports on life issues in our world. In my goal of teaching with a positive

approach, I am reminded that there are real lives at stake. I must be diligent at addressing the threats to life in our world. I must also balance my ministry with a tremendous celebration of the joy of life given to us from our Creator. Pope Benedict says, in referring to things that we oppose, "say it first in a positive way".

So we are challenged to confront issues while upholding the wonder of each and every human person *Created, Loved and Redeemed by God*. "The real problem of our historical moment lies in the imbalance between the incredibly fast growth of our technical power and that of our moral capacity which has not grown in proportion. . . The formation of the human person is the true recipe, the key to it all, I would say", Benedict XVI.

As we plan and prepare our Respect Life ministries in our Church and in our society, how can we do so by respecting the task of formation with positive means to bring the moral foundation of the world up to speed with the technical progress? I pray for my own ministry and all of yours, so that we can be positive instruments of God's love in the formation of individuals' moral code.

—Peggy Gerovac

## Holy See Asks for Moratorium on Cluster Bombs

—GENEVA, SEPT. 7, 2006 (Zenit.org)

The Holy See appealed for a moratorium on the use of cluster munitions and for international treaties to restrict them, lamenting the thousands of deaths caused by the indiscriminate weapons.

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Holy See's permanent observer to the U.N. office in Geneva, made this point during a meeting of a group of governmental experts on the Convention on Conventional Weapons. The meeting began Aug. 28 and ended Wednesday.

Cluster munitions are weapons that include cargo containers and so-called submunitions.

The cargo containers are fired, launched and dropped by aircraft or land-based artillery. The containers open over a target area and disperse large numbers of the submunitions that are designed to explode when they hit the target.

Submunitions are classified as either bomblets, grenades or mines, and can be powerful enough to destroy armored vehicles. . .

Cluster bombs contain a device that, when opened, release a large number of bomblets. These submunitions can perforate armored vehicles with their explosive cargo, wound or kill people with their shrapnel, and cause fires.

"The victims of past conflicts and the potential victims of future conflicts cannot wait for years of negotiations and discussions" on the use of these weapons, said Archbishop Tomasi. Thus a moratorium is imperative on their use, he added. . .

## Special Baby Shower Day



On July 26, 2006, baby showers commemorated the feast of St. Ann throughout the diocese. The Sisters of Charity Foundation gave showers to ten organizations who assist families and children. The showers were complete with balloons, bus passes and \$5,000 each. The ten recipients were: Alternatern, Beachbrook, Blessing House, Family Transitional Housing, Genesis House, Laura's Home, Providence House, West Side Catholic Center, Womankind and Velma George Family Center. This generous outpouring to the nonprofit agencies was a continuation of the wonderful ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine which began with a maternity hospital more than 100 years ago.

—by Peggy Gerovac

## Prayer Corner

LEAD ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE,  
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.  
LEAD ME FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,  
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.  
LEAD ME FROM HATE TO LOVE,  
FROM WAR TO PEACE.  
LET PEACE FILL MY HEART,  
MY WORLD, MY UNIVERSE.  
AMEN.



*Universal Peace Prayer*

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## New Study Provides No "Ethical" Road to Stem Cell Research

—News Release from USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, Aug. 24, 2006

WASHINGTON—Reacting to a new report in the journal *Nature*, claiming to show an "ethical" way to obtain stem cells from human embryos, an official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says this study has been misrepresented in early news reports. "This experiment left no embryos alive, and solves no ethical problem," says Richard M. Doerflinger, Deputy Director of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Mr. Doerflinger's statement follows:

Initial news reports have misrepresented a study published August 23 in the online version of the journal *Nature*. The study, conducted by researchers at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Massachusetts, has been described as showing that a single cell can be obtained from an 8- to 10-celled embryo, and used to create an embryonic stem cell line without harming the original embryo. Some even speak of each child receiving his or her own "repair kits" of stem cells upon birth.

The reality is very different. Researchers did not safely remove single cells from early embryos, but destroyed 16 embryos in a desperate effort to obtain an average of six cells from each one. This experiment left no embryos alive, and solves no ethical problem. From the resulting 91 cells, they still only managed to make two cell lines. Their study shows

nothing about the safety of removing only one cell, which in fact is something they never did—partly because their own earlier experiment in mice indicated that "co-culturing" several cells together might be needed to develop a cell line.

Even if the authors *had* shown that single cells obtained by "embryo biopsy" could produce a cell line, serious ethical problems would remain. When this procedure is used to do genetic testing of embryos in fertility clinics, some embryos apparently do not survive the procedure, and the long-term risks for children later born alive are unknown.

Moreover, any embryo found to have a genetic defect is thrown away—the test is done precisely to determine which embryos do not deserve a chance to live. The promise of a "repair kit" later in life rings hollow if the very children who most benefit from a stem cell treatment will be thrown away.

As our fellow human beings, embryonic humans should not be manipulated, harmed or used solely for possible benefit to others, even if this would not always kill them. In any event, further efforts to find a "safe" way to take cells from these embryos would surely require more experiments like this one that are clearly destructive and unethical.

A better path already endorsed by President Bush and an impressive bipartisan majority of Congress, is to fund avenues for discovering or creating cells with the abilities of embryonic stem cells without exploiting human embryos at all. The Catholic bishops' conference has supported this effort and looks forward to advances that are both scientifically and ethically sound.

## Bioethics and the Search for Happiness

—September 3, 2006 (ZENIT.org)

Edmund Pellegrino, retired professor of medicine at Georgetown University and chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics, noted that "happiness is our destiny," because, as St. Thomas Aquinas said, "all the sciences and art are directed in an ordered way to happiness," though "our happiness will be full only after death, when we will be face to face with God."

In regard to the search for happiness and the use of new medical techniques, Pellegrino said that not everything is defensible from an ethical point of view.

"There are things in medicine that we should never do, such as for example, the use of embryonic stem cells," he said.

The bioethicist warned against making medicine a way of "arriving at a new creation of the human race, hoping to improve on what God has made," and he criticized undertakings such as diagnosis in the uterus to afterward "do away with the child who does not correspond to the idea of a perfect child."

According to Pellegrino, "Technology offers many doors to the search for human happiness, but it is a question of seeing which of these doors should never be opened and which should be closed right away."

"The desire to know, is the desire to know God," he continued. "But we must know how to use knowledge of good and

evil, so that we do not all end up as Adam and Eve. ... False hopes such as that of immortality should not be fed."

At the end of his address Aug. 22, the American professor addressed the question of the position of Christians in the face of new medical techniques.

In this connection, the speaker quoted Pope John Paul II, who wrote that "the pre-eminence must be affirmed of ethics over technology, and of the person over things."

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**For Life** is a quarterly publication of the Pro Life Office, Catholic Charities Parish and Community Ministries, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, as an educational service for the people of this diocese.

The mission of the Pro Life Office is to proclaim the sanctity and value of human life as a gift from God and the foundation of human dignity, and work to ensure the quality of life at all stages of existence. This office encourages a Consistent Ethic of Life approach in promoting reverence for life, which is rooted in the Gospel and teachings of the Church.

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## West Side Catholic Center Crib Program Turns 25

For 25 years, Joe, the "Crib Man," has provided the city's disadvantaged babies with a place to sleep. In February of 1981, Joe was at a meeting for Birthright, a non-profit crisis-pregnancy center. One of the topics discussed was the center's inability to provide enough cribs for the mothers that they assisted. In an effort to help, Joe placed a classified ad in the local newspaper entitled, "Be a Good Person." Crib donations came in as fast as Joe could collect them. Joe continues to collect and repair cribs in his workshop. If you'd like to donate repairable cribs, parts, and mattresses, please contact the West Side Catholic Center at 216-631-4741 or call the Crib Man directly at 216-513-0639 or 440-845-9111.



## Wish List . . .

**Blessing House** is a faith-based temporary care facility for the children of Lorain County (located at 5440 Grove Ave., Lorain) and is currently in need of the following items:

- Diapers (size 1 or 2)
- Toilet paper (preferably Scott); paper towels, plates, cups
- Pine Sol, Lysol spray & wipes, Oust air sanitizer
- Glass cleaner; laundry soap, fabric softener sheets
- Dishwasher detergent, jet dry, hand sanitizer
- 60 wt. light bulbs, 100 wt. Halogen outdoor flood lights
- Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, canned soups, applesauce
- Ketchup, mustard, spaghetti sauce, cereals, pancake mix
- Flour, sugar, coffee, creamer, after school snacks
- Gift cards for Tops, Apples, GFS, Sam's Club

For more info, contact Sr. Mary Berigan, SND at 440-240-1851 or log on to their website at: [www.blessinghouse.org](http://www.blessinghouse.org)

The gracious gift of likeness to God was not given to a mere section of humanity ... it is a perfection that finds its way in equal measure to every member of the human race.

—St. Gregory of Nyssa

### WEBSITES

**Hands of Hope Network**  
[www.handsofhopeohio.org](http://www.handsofhopeohio.org)

**Media Violence**  
[www.usccb.org/comm/awareness.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/comm/awareness.shtml)



### SAVE THE WATER!

- Members of the United Nations estimate that if the world took half of what it currently spends on bottled water (\$100 billion annually) and invested it in water infrastructure and treatment, everyone in the world could have access to clean drinking water.
- One year's worth of bottled water sales in the US could finance 60% of the cost of upgrading drinking water systems nationwide. (American Water Works, Assoc.)
- Over 95% of cost is of bottled water is the bottle, label, lid and transportation.
- 1.5 million barrels of oil are consumed each year to produce the plastic for water bottles, enough to fuel 100,000 cars.

Visit "SAVE THE WATER" at: [www.wilpf.org](http://www.wilpf.org)

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## Catholic Doctors on a Disabilities Treaty “Fundamental Reproductive Right Is the Right to Be Born”

—August 20, 2006 (Zenit.org)

Here is a statement regarding the International Treaty on Disabilities given to the U.N. General Assembly by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations . . .

Mr. Chairman, we respectfully disagree that the treaty does not articulate new rights. With respect to Article 25a and reproductive rights it is not a question of new rights but new possibilities by new technologies. We have, for example, the ability to study the 3-day-old embryo for chromosomal translocations or polysomy, marking these for termination.

We agree with the Holy See delegation, while this is a convention on rights and disabilities, reproductive rights is a wide open term (and a contradiction). The law is not dispositive here, rather the defining reality is medical and biological, and reproductive rights will continue to expand as technology provides . . .

Particular concern is raised against any intra or extra utero screening be used to mark new human beings for termination. This is a heinous offense against humanity, the new life, and all of those disabled living heroically and joyfully, even in suffering, and those who with compassion and love care for them. All of these techniques and interventions are to be used on behalf of new life, not its frustration.

A society which seeks to reduce suffering by abortion or by euthanasia of a disabled newborn, or at any time thereafter, will devour itself. In truth the human condition ultimately finds each and every one of us disabled, physically, emotionally or psychologically.

We must first preserve and then serve the lives of "the least in ability" because neither life nor love, or usefulness and purpose are denied in disability.

## Catechesis of Creation for Protection of the Environment

—VATICAN CITY, JUL 20, 2006 (VIS)

Made public today was the text of a Message from Benedict XVI to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople for the 6th symposium on the environment. . . In that Message, the Pope thanks Bartholomew for "your support for the Brazilian episcopate's commitment in Amazonia and your activity in favor of the environment, the deterioration of which has grave and profound repercussions upon peoples."

"The task of highlighting an appropriate catechesis of creation - in order to recall the meaning and religious significance

## The Human Person: Heart of Peace

—VATICAN CITY, JULY 13, 2006 (VIS)

In a brief communique made public today the theme was announced of the 40th World Peace Day, due to be celebrated on Jan. 1, 2007: "The Human Person: Heart of Peace."



This theme for reflection, chosen by the Holy Father, "expresses the conviction that respect for the dignity of the human person is an essential condition for peace within the human family," says the communique. "Only through an awareness of the transcendent dignity of each man and woman can the human family follow the path that leads to peace and to communion with God."

The communique continues: "Today, perhaps more persuasively and with more effective means than in the past, human dignity is threatened by aberrant ideologies, assailed by the misguided use of science and technology, and contradicted by widespread incongruent lifestyles. Indeed, ideologies that find their inspiration in nihilism or fanaticism (material or religious) seek to deny or to impose supposed truths upon reality, upon man and upon God."

The note highlights the fact that "often science and technology (especially biomedicine), rather than serving the common good of humanity, are instrumental in serving an egotistical vision of progress and wellbeing. Moreover, propaganda and the growing acceptance of disordered lifestyles contrary to human dignity are weakening the hearts and minds of people to the point of extinguishing the desire for ordered and peaceful coexistence. All this represents a threat to humanity, because peace is in danger when human dignity is not respected and when social coexistence does not seek the common good . . .

The communique concludes by affirming that "any offence to the person is a threat to peace; any threat to peace is an offence to the truth of the person: 'The human person is the heart of peace'."

of its protection - is intimately connected to our duty as pastors," writes the Pope, "and could have an important impact on the perceived value of life itself and on the adequate solution of ... social problems . . ."

"In our common commitment," says Pope Benedict in his Message, "I see an example of that collaboration which Orthodox and Catholics must seek constantly in order to respond to the need for a shared testimony. This means that all Christians must cultivate that interior openness of soul which is dictated by charity and has its roots in the faith. In this way, they can together offer the world a credible witness of their sense of responsibility towards the defense of creation."

## Consistent Ethic of Life Applied

AUG 28, 2006 (Zenit.org)

Jesús Ballesteros, author of the recently published "Rethinking Peace"

The professor of philosophy of law and political philosophy at the University of Valencia is an expert in human rights and intercultural dialogue.

He comments on how world peace can be possible:



The uprooting of the family with the consequent loss of emotional bonds is the best breeding ground for the development of violence in its different forms, in as much as it eliminates the moral conscience, the conviction of obligations of life vis-à-vis others, and facilitates the manipulation of different fanaticisms.



We must take into account that the causes that lead to wars are related above all to the desire to control natural resources, to the profit motive and to eagerness for power.



We must be aware that by increasing our arms alone we don't produce a more secure society, given that the determinant factor for peace is the exclusion of hatred and of indifference to suffering of our neighbor.

It is a question of understanding that the problem of peace goes far beyond the demands of military defense.

It requires above all exertion to extend worthy conditions of life for all, eradicating poverty and protecting the environment.



The spiral of violence can only be stopped with the universal recognition of rights, which excludes in all cases the death of non-belligerents.



Human rights must be considered as something that has validity beyond the different cultures. It in turn must not be confused with ethnocentrism.



Institutions that arose in the West, such as the state of law, the distinction between religion and politics and representative democracy are important elements in the defense of those rights, but that does not mean that there are not also aspects to be corrected in the West, such as the lack of respect for human beings in their initial and final stage, and the indifference to conditions of poverty of millions of human beings.

### Pray for Peace and Nonviolence

Violence is a lie, for it goes against the truth of our faith, the truth of our humanity. Violence destroys what it claims to defend: the dignity, the life, the freedom of human beings. Violence is a crime against humanity, for it destroys the very fabric of society. ...To all of you who are listening I say: Do not believe in violence; do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the Catholic Church. Believe in peace and forgiveness and love, for they are Christ.

—Pope John Paul II

**Protection of the Amazon region's ecological balance** is urgently needed, Pope Benedict XVI said in a message he sent to a Brazil meeting of scientists, environmentalists, policymakers and religious leaders on safeguarding the Amazon River. Released July 20, the message said that the beauty and grandeur of the Amazon basin's rivers and forests "speak of God and his magnificent work for the benefit of humanity" and represent "an open book whose pages reveal the mystery of life."

### Life Lessons



1. **What Catholic Teaching did you read that made you proud?**

## Makes you go hmmm....

(A Column of Quotes)

"The crisis toward which globalization is leading humanity can only be avoided by common efforts of all believers and all people of good will in the domain of ethical formation of the person and the creation of a just foundation for the coexistence of men."

—Cardinal Poupard Zenit July 2, 2006

"If everyone were holy and handsome it would be easy to see Christ in everyone. But it was not Christ's way for himself. Ask honestly what you would do when a beggar asked at your house for food. Would you give it on an old cracked plate thinking that was good enough? Do you think Martha and Mary thought that the old chipped dish was good enough for their guest? It is not our duty to help Christ—it is a privilege."

—Dorothy Day

"St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians says that those parts of the body that are the weakest and the least presentable are necessary to the body and should be honored. I never read an ecclesiology that says we need people with disabilities to be the church. But the church cannot be church if parts of the body are separate. And all the parts of the body are necessary; the body cannot exist without those parts."

—Jean Vanier, *U.S. Catholic*, August 2006

"As the bomb exploded, we saw the entire city disappear. I wrote in my log, 'My God, what have we done?'"

—Robert Lewis, commander of the Enola Gay,  
which dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima  
on Aug 6, 1945

The human soul is still the image of God, and no matter how far it travels away from Him into the regions of unreality, it never becomes so completely unreal that its original destiny can cease to torment it with a need to return to itself in God, and become, once again, real."

—Thomas Merton

"My dear sister, it is by God's grace that I am still alive."



# Respect Life Events

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## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—October 1, 2006

The first Sunday in October is “RESPECT LIFE” Sunday  
Respect for LIFE at all stages and ages!

### EAST SIDE

**WHAT:** Lake County’s 13th Annual Life Chain

**WHEN:** Sun., October 1—2:30-3:30 pm (*Rain or Shine*)

**WHERE:** In Mentor, at the intersection of Rt. 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Rt. 306

**HOW:** By standing IN SILENT WITNESS with hundreds of others for JUST ONE HOUR. Signs will be provided for free use stating the truths that “Adoption is a loving option,” “Abortion kills children,” and “Jesus heals and forgives.”

—Immaculate Conception Pro Life Commission  
Willoughby, Ohio

### WEST SIDE

**WHAT:** Westgate Life Chain

**WHEN:** Sun., October 1—2:30-3:30 pm (*Rain or Shine*)

**WHERE:** Planned Parenthood, 20800 Center Ridge Rd.  
(across from the Westgate Mall, now under construction)

This event is held as part of the “World Sanctity of Life Day” where towns and cities across the country and thousands of men, women and children pray to oppose abortion and pray for the sanctity of life

For more info, call Bob at 440-331-2602



## **Annual Eucharistic Procession With Solemn Vespers Sunday, October 1**

*The Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown  
Celebration of Respect Life Sunday at  
St. Dominic Catholic Church  
77 East Lucius Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio*

*Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin  
Celebrant & Homilist*

- 1:00 pm Opening Mass
- 2:00 pm Exposition/ Adoration/  
Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 3:00 pm Recitation of the Rosary
- 3:30 pm Outdoor Procession
- 4:30 pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction

**All are welcome!**

## **Weekend Retreat—October 13-15, 2006 Jesuit Retreat House**

**“I have called you by name...”**

Is a healing weekend retreat for women suffering after abortion. Located in a private, peaceful setting at the Jesuit Retreat House, this retreat offers reconciliation, hope and new life for the wounded heart. Come and experience the tender mercies of the Lord through the sacraments, Scripture and prayer. Sponsored by Bethesda-The House of Mercy and the Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy, the weekend begins with dinner on Fri., Oct. 13 and ends with Sunday morning liturgy on Oct. 15.

For retreat applications or more information,  
call 1-800-482-4100



## **LIFE WALK 2006—October 14 at 10 AM**

**“A Step in the Right Direction”**

**Welsh Woods Picnic Area  
Euclid Creek Reservation**

Call 216-371-4848 to register  
Please help us help others make choices for LIFE!

—Alternaterm Pregnancy Services



## **Spectacle of Light for Life Saturday, October 21 at 5:30 PM**

Sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus, Council 13984  
St. Peter the Apostle Church  
6455 Engle Road, Book Park, Ohio

Evening will include light dinner, speaker, and candle-lit procession, as we pray the Rosary on the grounds of St. Peter the Apostle Church. Free-will offering.  
Call Elaine at 216-433-1440, ext. 101



## **12th Annual Hearts and Hands Luncheon Sunday, October 22 at Noon**

Sponsored by  
Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center  
Intercontinental Hotel  
9801 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio  
Silent Auction begins at 12:00 noon  
Luncheon promptly at 1:00 pm  
Call 216-662-5700



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## **Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service and Candle Light Procession**

**Tuesday, October 24 at 7 PM**

St. Vincent de Paul Church  
41295 N. Ridge Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Prayer service and candle light procession to the Our Lady of Fatima outdoor shrine for the sanctity of life and world peace  
Call 440-324-4212



## **Gospel Nonviolent Love: Our Great Failure, Our Only Hope**

**Friday, December 8**

Registration 6-7 pm  
Presentation 7-9 pm

**Saturday, December 9**

Coffee/Pastry 8:30 am  
Conference/Retreat 9 am—5 pm

Speaker: Rev. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy  
Nobel Peace Prize Nominee  
The Jesuit Retreat House  
5629 State Road  
Parma, Ohio 44134  
For registration information, call 440-884-9300



## **Are you a woman or man suffering from the trauma of abortion?**

Project Rachel offers a context of faith and ritual of God's loving mercy and call to forgiveness. In the Catholic context, priests and lay persons who are specially trained journey with the person through the healing process by way of an innovative development of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, linking together counseling, reconciliation, and pastoral support in the process. Project Rachel is the Church's way of saying to people suffering from the aftermath of an abortion, "Welcome Home"!

Contact **Project Rachel** at  
216-334-2965  
or visit

[www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife/Project%20Rachel.htm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife/Project%20Rachel.htm)



## **"Environmental Responsibility of the Everyday Catholic"**

*A Faith-based environmental awareness presentation*

This is a one and one-half hour speaker's opportunity to present a conscious raising experience to remind all present of their responsibility as Catholic Christians to respect and preserve our home, planet Earth.

For more information and to schedule a presentation,  
Call 440-256-8284 or  
Email at [dwan@adelphia.net](mailto:dwan@adelphia.net)

## **2006 Respect Life Program**



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