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Pontiff Wants Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy Calls Disarmament an Urgent Task



CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, JULY 29, 2007 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI urged nuclear disarmament, suggesting that resources thus saved could be used to help the poor.

His address recalled the 50th anniversary of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Recalling the second article of the agency's statutes, the Holy Father observed that among its objectives, this U.N. agency seeks "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health, and prosperity throughout the world."

"The Holy See, fully approving of the IAEA's goal, has been a member from the organization's foundation and continues to support its activity," the Pontiff explained. . .

Benedict XVI continued, "The epochal changes of the last 50 years are evidence of how, in the difficult crossroads at which humanity finds itself, the commitment to encourage the nonproliferation of nuclear arms, to promote a progressive and agreed-upon nuclear disarmament, and to favor the peaceful and safe use of nuclear technology for authentic development—respectful of the environment and always attentive to the most disadvantaged populations—is always relevant and urgent."

The Bishop of Rome desired "the success of the efforts of those who work to pursue the three objectives with determination and the intention to make things such that the resources which would be saved could then be employed in projects of development capable of benefiting all their people, especially the poor."

Citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he re-emphasized how in the place of "the arms race there must be substituted a common effort to mobilize resources toward objectives of moral, cultural and economic development, redefining the priorities and hierarchies of values."

The Pope asked that "scientific and technological knowledge be used with a sense of responsibility and for the common good, in complete respect for international law."

"When the state in our names and with our taxes ends a human life despite having non-lethal alternatives, it suggests that society can overcome violence with violence. The use of the death penalty ought to be abandoned not only for what it does to those who are executed, but for what it does to all of society."
—2005 USCCB

The Disabled Jesus

A parent looks at the logic behind prenatal testing and stem cell research

—by Elizabeth R. Schiltz, an excerpt from *Family Resource Center News*, August/September 2007

A mother's thoughts:

... When pregnant again five years later, I underwent the preliminary prenatal testing up through the level two ultrasound, but did not opt for amniocentesis. That time, the benefit of knowledge, I judged, did not outweigh the risk. By then, I had learned from my son that having a child with a disability was not an unmitigated tragedy. Hope no longer exerted so powerful a pull.



... But since the possibilities of prenatal therapy are today still limited, it not infrequently happens that these techniques are used with a eugenic intention which accepts selective abortion in order to prevent the birth of children affected by various types of anomalies. Such an attitude is shameful and utterly reprehensible, since it presumes to measure the value of a human life only within the parameters of "normality" and physical well-being, thus opening the way to legitimizing infanticide and euthanasia as well.

... It is hard to remember why that was, now that I have lived through 11 years of a richer, sweeter life that my son has given our entire family, but I recall being utterly devastated at the time I am glad I was able to get through those dark days while my son was still safe in my womb, rather than right after his birth when he was in the neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital.

... Most prenatal testing in the United States is offered, accepted and undergone with a eugenic intention—that is, to see if the test finds anything abnormal.

... It is supportive and comforting that the church does not condemn the desire of a family to know the probabilities, while it cautions against the temptation to destroy life that such "knowing" might present.

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From the Director

In the ministry of Pro Life, there are times when the challenges are so great that we despair. I feel it myself and I hear it so many times from individuals who express anger or apathy or resignation in their communication with me. Yet, the ministry can be both a corporal and a spiritual work of ministry, which reminds us that it is both a struggle and a joy. James Allen, a turn of the 20th Century self help writer once said,

"[One] who cherishes a beautiful vision, a lofty ideal in [their] heart, will one day realize it."

I find this quote to hold together both our convictions and our desires for the beautiful gift of life given to each person. Because of its eloquent description of what lies before each and every person dedicated to upholding life, I thought each of its three phrases would be a good reflection for myself and others.

"[One] who cherishes a beautiful vision" can be the vision that respects all God's people. What a beautiful vision we hold that all life from conception to natural death will one day be celebrated and cherished by each and every person. Every person will be valued and love will be given and received by all. No lives will be "chosen" to end. No person's life would be ended at the wish or want of another person. Because we are human we will have disputes, but peaceful means will be used to settle each dispute.

What is the "lofty ideal in [their] heart?" I have heard time and again that the world view I hold in my heart is unattainable or impossible, and we should compromise for something less. The lofty ideals might include an end to war, no persons living in poverty, no abortion legal or illegal, every person living their lives fully until their natural death, no misuse of the environment causing death, poverty and health problems, and no scientific resolutions to problems that require the death of one person to save another such as the use of embryonic stem cells. My list of ideals is lofty and lengthy, but there is even more in my heart. In my heart is the ideal of the Kingdom of God where God's love and God's principals exist to the betterment of all. So in my heart is hope; the hope and trust in the Spirit of God. With God all things are possible; and by living in the guiding Truth, truly open to Spirit of God, we are called to this ministry of life.

Finally, Mr. Allen says that "one day we will realize it." We will realize our visions and our ideals. One day the Kingdom will be fulfilled. Right now, we are called to assist in the creation of this Kingdom. If we have this kind of vision, we are inspired to continue to bring God's message of love and mercy for all created in the image and likeness of God. We are all pieces of the Body of Christ, cherishing a beautiful vision and holding a lofty ideal in our hearts knowing that one day we will realize it. Remember, we are all part of this one body (Jesus, the early Christians, the victims of every life issue and those

ministering for life) and we have a common goal. We have different challenges, but we have the same ending in full communion with each other and God.

On our way we can focus on a few things:

- Keep looking for signs, motivations and hope to keep looking at the prize
- Realize our ministry is by committee, human and Divine
- Always return to the heart to continue to cherish and live out of our ideals
- Seek help along the way, even Jesus got help Praise God for all that is good

Many blessing on your ministry and may all our lofty ideals and beautiful visions come together to bring about a better world, the Kingdom of God.

—Peggy Gerovac

Prayer Corner

A Prayer for Global Restoration



Good and Gracious God,
Source of all life,
all creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite your Spark within us,
that we may know ourselves
as truly human and holy, irrevocably part of the Web of life.

All creation
-each star and every flower,
-each drop of water and every person,
-each and every atom, down to its very electrons,
explodes with the revelation of your Sacred Mystery.

Our minds alone cannot fathom such splendor.
Our hearts can only respond in awe, praise and gratitude.
Forgive us, we pray, our ignorance
and insecurities which

-blind us to your Thumbprint writ large,
-deafen us to the sacred space between two heartbeats,
-prompt us in arrogance to demand and dominate,
-numb us to the destruction we've caused,
-hold us hostage to "either-or" thinking and living.

May we always walk gently upon this earth,
in right relationship,
-nurtured by your Love,
-talking only what we need,
-giving back to the earth in gratitude,
-sharing what we have,
-honoring all with reverence,
-reconciling and healing,
-mindful of those who will come after,
-recognizing our proper place as part of,
not apart from, your creation.

Grant us the strength and courage, we pray,
For such radical transformation into your Kin-dom.

Then we, too, with the very stones, will shout, "HOSANNA"

—Michelle Balek, OSF
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IVF Turns Families Topsy-Turvy

Troubling Consequences of Artificial Reproduction

—by Father John Flynn, L.C.

ROME, JULY 23, 2007 (Zenit.org).- As demand for in vitro fertilization continues to rise, so too are concerns over the clinics and consequences for families. . .

The Church has long warned of the problems associated with IVF. In 1987 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published the "Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation," ("Donum Vitae").

Since 1987, the technologies involved in IVF have changed greatly, but many of the underlying ethical problems are the same. Science and technology are valuable resources, the instruction readily acknowledged. Nevertheless, it is a mistake to consider that scientific research and its applications are morally neutral.

Moreover, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith explained, they must be put at the service of the human person and should follow the criteria of the moral law. It is a mistake to consider the human body as merely made up of biological elements, the instruction argued. The human person has both a bodily and a spiritual nature.



As well, when it comes to the question of transmitting human life, it is not permissible to ignore the special nature of the human person. From the moment of conception, the instruction insisted, the life of every human person must be respected. In addition, the gift of human life should be carried out in the context of acts by a husband and wife.

The congregation admitted that the desire for children and the love between spouses who wish to overcome problems of sterility "constitute understandable motivations," behind the use of IVF methods. Nevertheless, the instruction continued, the existence of good intentions needs to be placed alongside the nature of marriage and the need to respect the rights of the child.

The document also commented on how only too often IVF techniques involve the destruction of human embryos. By acting in this manner we place ourselves in the position of imposing "death by decree," the text warned.

The regular practice of such acts carries with it the risk of creating a mentality that leads us to a domination over the life and death of fellow human beings, the congregation adverted. A domination that with the passing of time is creating a seemingly unstoppable slide into practices that bring about serious moral and social dilemmas.

Message for World Water Day

"A Common Good...an Inalienable Right"

—Vatican City, April 22, 2007 (Zenit.org) — Message sent by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone on behalf of Benedict XVI



. . . Water, a common good of the human family, constitutes an essential element for life; the management of this precious resource must enable all to have access to it, especially those who live in conditions of poverty, and must guarantee the livability of the planet for both the present and future generations.

Access to water is in fact one of the inalienable rights of every human being, because it is a prerequisite for the realization of the majority of the other human rights, such as the rights to life, to food and to health.

For this reason, water "cannot be treated as just another commodity among many, and it must be used rationally and in solidarity with others. . . The right to water . . . finds its basis in human dignity and not in any kind of merely quantitative assessment that considers water as a merely economic good. Without water, life is threatened. Therefore, the right to safe drinking water is a universal and inalienable right" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, n. 485).

World Water Day is a precious opportunity to encourage the international community to identify effective ways to permit this basic human right to be promoted, protected and enjoyed.

In this regard, the sustainable management of water becomes a social, economic, environmental and ethical challenge that involves not only institutions but the whole of society.

It should be faced in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, that is, through the adoption of a participatory approach that involves both the private sector and above all the local communities; the principle of solidarity, a fundamental pillar of international cooperation, which requires a preferential attention to the poor; the principle of responsibility to the present generation and those to come, from which derives the consequent need to re-examine the models of consumption and production, often unsustainable with regard to the use of water resources.

99 Balloons Video

Sometimes a good video really inspires us and teaches us something new. **99 Balloons** is the wonderful story told by the grateful parents of Elliot who had Trisomy 18. Check it out at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife.



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Upcoming Events . . .

Human Trafficking Presentations: All who are interested in learning more about Human Trafficking, modern day slavery, are invited to participate in informal presentations, discussions, and learn more about available resource materials.

Where:

HM Ministry Center, 20015 Detroit Rd. Rocky River 44116
Phone: 440-356-5707

Remaining 2007 Dates:

October 18, November 15

Tentative Topics: (depending on availability of speaker)

- Domestic Trafficking
- Global Realities
- Health Issues & Services
- Legal Issues—US Law & Pending Ohio Laws



Wish List . . .

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services (7800 Detroit Ave., Cleveland 44102) will be welcoming over 100 Burmese refugees before the end of this year. Some have been in refugee camps for 20 years. The office is requesting the following household items to help in resettling these refugee families in the Cleveland area. Please contact 216-939-3745 or 939-3735 if you are able to help.

- Tall kitchen waste baskets and garbage bags
- Shower curtains and rings
- Can openers; alarm clocks (very basic electric)
- Dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent
- Mops, brooms, buckets
- Cleaning supplies (Spic 'n Span, Comet, etc.)
- Cutting knives; frying pans
- Infant/toddler diapers

L'Arche Cleveland is an organization dedicated to helping those with developmental disabilities. If you are able to help with any of the donations listed below, please contact the office 216-721-2614 or by email: office@larchecleveland.org. For more info about L'Arche, visit their website at: www.larche.org.

- Backyard storage shed
- Dish towels/bath towels
- Oil change certificates
- Movie passes
- Plastic food storage containers
- New non-stick pots/pans
- Gift cards
- Large, dishwasher safe plastic glasses

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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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Cleveland, OH 44102 • (216) 334-2965
www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/prolife

Recent Human Trafficking Headlines (Modern Day Slavery)

Pair imprisoned for running teen-prostitution ring

—Garfield Hts., July 9, 2007, *The Plain Dealer*

Ohio man Arrested, Charged with Attempting to Purchase Two Children for Sexual Torture

—July 25, 2007, News Release
—Office of the Attorney General of Florida

Slavery in Ohio: Coalition to combat human trafficking

When a woman was jailed after a recent fight, authorities uncovered allegations of a more horrific crime. The young woman said she had been lured from her homeland for what she thought was a visit—only to be forced into servitude...

—July 31, 2007, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Thirteen men in Pennsylvania, USA have been accused of trafficking girls

as young as 12 years old into forced prostitution. It became clear that they were being controlled by a child sex gang and forced to work truck stops in the Toledo area. Many of the girls were from north Ohio.

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PREGNANT?

Adoption is an Option



at Catholic Charities

Why should I consider adoption?

There are many reasons why men and women consider adoption. Sometimes a girl or woman gets pregnant before she is ready to parent: she is too young, or she wants to finish school, or maybe her other children are still babies themselves. Sometimes the money isn't there to support another child. In other situations, birth families feel strongly that the child would be better off being raised by two parents who are more mature and financially stable.

Are there families who want to adopt my baby?

Yes, at all times Catholic Charities has between 20-30 families waiting to adopt infants and toddlers.

Do I have to be Catholic to work through Catholic Charities?

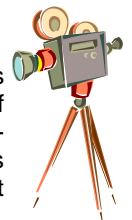
No. We serve families from all faiths and religions.

For more information, please call:

Catholic Charities
1-877-566-1106 (toll free)

Bella (in theaters this fall)

The USCCB Communications and Pro Life Offices have just given their overwhelming support of **Bella**, a family movie with a hopeful pro life message. The film won the Toronto Film Festival's People's Choice Award. Find out more at www.bellathemovie.com.



Hands of Hope is offering a free screening on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Reservations are required and a free will offering is appreciated. For details go to www.handsofhopeohio.org.

The national release is scheduled for Oct. 26 in 20 major cities. **Bella** will open in every town where a successful pre-release screening yields 2,000 advance ticket sales for each of the first two opening weekends.



Doing the Right Thing: Guidelines for developing a moral perspective on our world

—by Father Kenneth R. Himes, OFM, an excerpt from *The Catholic Universe Bulletin*, February 9, 2007

Every day we face moral issues and make decisions. There are the large and obvious ones that appear as headlines in newspapers—war, stem cell research, refugees, homelessness. There are also the less dramatic but still significant choices we make about raising our children, being loyal to friends, doing good work, speaking truthfully and similar sorts of daily decisions involving moral values.

We act the way we do more because of character than due to some set of abstract principles to be applied to a situation. By character I mean the kind of person one is, the inner life of motives, attitudes, virtues and vices. When we “size one another up” or “take the measure of a person.” when we say we want to see “what someone is made of.”

If character is so important, we must be concerned with how we acquire it. Like faith, character is caught as much as it is taught. Character develops over time and is the gradual formation of habitual ways of seeing, thinking, valuing and acting.

Without question, the most powerful influence on character is example. We become people of good character by being in the presence of people with good character. We have all met folks who inspire us in some way; we look at them and think, “I’d like to be like that.” We find ourselves using such people as models; we try to act as we think they would.

We live our lives over the long haul, and we struggle to do the right thing in many little moments and the occasional major event. There are opportunities in life, every day actually, in which one chooses to become this kind of person and not that kind. Each day is an exercise in shaping our character through personal choice.

That leads to the second kind of decision making, choosing what to do as well as who to be. This is the realm of moral decision making that we call discernment. It is the ability to see rightly, understand what is at stake and know which choice best reflects our commitments and values.

I suggest there are four elements that should play a part in a good discernment process.

- **Assess the situation honestly:** We must always ask, What is going on?... What are the values at stake in this decision? Who is affected by it? Why am I going to do what I do, what are my motives?

Given my decision, what are the likely consequences? Are there alternatives to the choice I am considering? Why do I prefer this option to others?...

- **Check the sources of wisdom:** Consult with people we trust. Do not restrict ourselves to those who usually agree with us. Search out the person who will ask hard questions and not simply tell us what we want to hear. See if there is clear teaching available from our religious community.

- **Bring our decision to prayer:** Can we stand before God and be at peace with our choice? Have we asked God for strength to do the right thing? Have we prayed that we may love only the good and not allow ourselves to develop a passion for some lesser value?

- **Seek confirmation of our decision:** More often than not, others are affected by what we do. Switch roles with one of those people, imagining yourself in their position and they in yours. Would you want them to make the same decision you are about to make? Would you be willing to allow another to do what you are about to do?

A World Living With AIDS

—by Archbishop Wilton Gregory, an excerpt from *Origins*, December 14, 2006, Vol. 36, No. 27



... Because we are today’s disciples, we, too, must be alert to the signs of the times in which we live.

One of those signs that like the visions of John that we just listened to are simultaneously both beguiling and alarming is the global reaction to the persisting spread of the pandemic of HIV-AIDS. We have lived with this reality for 25 years now in the USA, and our responses to the disease and to the sorrow that it has left in its wake have been both inspiring and horrifying.

Thanks be to God, we can now speak about HIV-AIDS as an illness that is indiscriminate in its reach and impact. It has touched the lives of infants within the womb, patients infected through blood transfusions in hospitals, men and women, people of every class, age, race and ethnic community.

The Catholic Church both locally and universally has been able to present a face of compassion that while not yet perfect is a sign of hope and a source of pride for us. It would be best for all if HIV-AIDS were not a factor of life for any person, but in the world in which we live I am deeply thankful for the people of good will who provide a vision of hope, kindness and empathy for those who live with this disease and those who grieve the loss of a loved one from this illness.

Respect Life Program Packet for 2007-08 Now Available

WASHINGTON—The 2007-08 Respect Life Program is now available in preparation for Respect Life Sunday, October 7. This year's theme is taken from Luke's Gospel (1:44): "The Infant in My Womb Leaped for Joy."

This passage from the Visitation story reflects Elizabeth's joy and amazement on being greeted by her cousin Mary, when Elizabeth and her unborn child John recognized they were in the presence of the unborn Jesus. The biblical theme contrasts their sense of awe at the unborn child with contemporary society's view of the human embryo as a mere commodity that can be created, manipulated, or even destroyed for research purposes.

In his August 2007 address to the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Directors' gathering, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, Chairman of the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, noted the need for such awe and reverence at human life, particularly in bioethics. "Human dignity, not progress at any price, should be the fundamental guiding value in scientific research," he said. "When scientists do their job well, they serve humanity and the common good."

Begun in 1972, The Respect Life program brings Church teaching on the value and dignity of human life to the Catholic community and the wider public. The program combines education, prayer, service, and advocacy. Respect Life Sunday is observed in virtually all of the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States.

The eight pamphlets in this year's packet address a broad array of topics:

- Abortion and Catholic social teaching
- Assisted reproductive technology
- Caring for aging loved ones
- The failure of contraception to reduce abortions
- Discovering hope and love after an adverse prenatal diagnosis
- The abortion-breast cancer link
- The respect owed to persons who are mentally ill, and
- Project Rachel post-abortion ministry.

The first seven topics are also treated in full-length articles (with suggested programs and resources) and are available electronically on the accompanying CD.

In addition to pamphlets and a poster for Respect Life Sunday, this year's packet also includes a Liturgy Guide with intercessions for life; suggested preaching reflections for Respect Life Sunday and January 22, the anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* decision that legalized abortion; a novena for life ending on the Feast of the Visitation; and a rosary for life with meditations on the Joyful Mysteries.

Respect Life Packets may be ordered from the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities by calling toll-free (866) 582-0943, or by faxing orders to (301) 779-8596. Downloadable copies of Respect Life Materials from 1996 onward are posted in English and Spanish on the Secretariat's website at www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rlp.

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If you are interested in being notified of timely updates through our email alert system, please send a request to pmgerovac@clevelandcatholiccharities.org. This means you will be notified with updates not only for action alerts, but events, Catholic articles regarding life issues and new links for pro life websites.



Makes you go hmmm....

(A Column of Quotes)

"Quoting encyclical "Populorum Progressio," Benedict XVI said, "True humanism points the way toward God and acknowledges the task to which we are called, the task which offers us the real meaning of human life."

—Paul VI 1967
Populorum Progressio

"All our action—and now we are thinking specially of action—must be peaceful, gentle and strong. That suggests an immense depth and invulnerable steadiness as the soul's abiding temper; a depth and a steadiness which come from the fact that our small action is now part of the total action of God, whose Spirit, as another saint has said, 'Works always in tranquility'. Fuss and feverishness, anxiety, intensity, intolerance, instability, pessimism and wobble, and every kind of hurry and worry—these, even on the highest levels, are signs of the self-made and self-acting soul; the spiritual parvenu. The saints are never like that. They share the quiet and noble qualities of the great family to which they belong: the family of God."

—Evelyn Underhill
The Spiritual Life p.71

"What we are trying to do may be just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

—Mother Teresa

"In times of war, you often hear leaders—Christian, Jewish, and Muslim—saying, 'God is on our side.' But that isn't true. In war, God is on the side of refugees, widows and orphans."

—Greg Mortenson
Three Cups of Tea

The significant problems we have cannot be solved at the same level of thinking with which we created them.

—Albert Einstein

A hospital is a place which in a certain way we might call "holy," where one experiences not only the frailty of human nature but also the enormous potential and resources of human ingenuity and technology at the service of life. Human life? However often it is explored, this gift always remains a mystery.

—Benedict 4-22-07



Respect Life Events

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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY October 7, 2007

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



"Celebration of Life & Light" and Catholic Family Heritage Day Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 1-9 p.m.

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
6601 Ireland Rd., Windsor, Ohio
In honor of Respect Life weekend and
Feast of the Holy Rosary
For more information: www.guadalupeohio.com



The 30th Annual Walk of Hope Saturday, October 6, 2007

OLA/St. Joseph Center
2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland
Sponsored by Catholic Charities Disability Services
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
A Walk through Tremont begins at 9:00 a.m.
Call 216-334-2963 or
Email: mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org



The Sorrowful Mother Shrine

*Invites the public to join them in
celebrating the gift of life at the
11:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Confessions available 1/2 hour prior to Mass
Sunday Devotions at 2:30 p.m.

For more info, call 419-483-3435, ext. 102
Check website for more details and other
October events at www.sorrowfulmothershrine.com



Annual Hearts and Hands Luncheon Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Noon

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



Life Chain Events Sunday, October 7, 2007

*Just one hour, just once a year,
in towns and cities across the country,
thousands of men, women and children,
who still believe in the sanctity of life,
line sidewalks to hold signs in silent witness
to the terrible truth that abortion kills children.*

Please join us!

East: From 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Mentor at the inter-
section of Route 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Rt. 306.
Rain or Shine!

Gesu's Stand for Life—Meet at noon at Gesu
Rectory, Warrensville Rd. and walk to the side-
walk from Fairmont south on Warrensville Rd.

St. Gregory the Great, Stand for Life—Meet at
12:30 p.m. by St. Gregory the Great, north side
after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and walk to the
sidewalk at Green and Mayfield Roads.

West: From 2:30-3:30 p.m. at 20800 Center Ridge Rd.
across from the Westgate Mall in Rocky River.
Call Bob at 440-331-2602 for further information.

From 2-3 p.m. at Pearl Road and Rt. 82.

South: From 2-3 p.m. in West Salem at the intersection
of Rts 42 and 301 in West Salem. Call
St. Stephen Church at 419-853-4946 for more
information and directions.



Roe v Wade Debate Monday, October 15, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave., Cleveland
Presented by the Brooklyn Republican Club
Open to the public. For more info, call 216-749-7764



"Cutting Through the Spin" Sunday, October 21, 2007 2:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Church
44 Britton Street, West Salem, Ohio 44287
A DVD presentation about stem cells and cloning by
Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, followed by a discussion.
For more info, call 419-853-4946.



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Faith Based Bioethics Health, Faith and Life

A series of Three Lectures & Discussions
with **Professor Andrew Trew** of
St. Mary Seminary and John Carroll University
Sponsored by

St. Joan of Arc and The Church of the Holy Angels
"Celebrating the Gospel of Life"

October 7 at St. Joan of Arc from 7-8:30 p.m.

"This is My Body"

October 14 at St. Joan of Arc from 7-8:30 p.m.

"Living Life to the End"

October 21 at Holy Angels from 7-8:30 p.m.

Reservations: 440-724-1468



2007 Walk for Life

Saturday, October 13

Cleveland Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life

At the Worldwide Community Church
6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, Ohio
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. rain or shine.

For more information, 440-243-2520.



Healing Hidden Hurts

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Gesu Church, McAuley Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker, Debbie Miller of Healing Hidden Hurts
Ministry in Indianapolis will give a personal account
of the trauma of abortion.



Successful Aging Series—Fall 2007

(2 Series)

St. Francis de Sales

3434 George Ave., Parma, Ohio 44134

September 25, 2007—November 6, 2007

6:30—8:30 p.m.—\$10 per family

Session I:

September 25, October 2 & 9, 2007

*Living an Abundant Life and
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Session II:

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Celebrate Life to the New Moment

For more info, contact Parish office at 440-884-2319

Life Fest '07

A time to reflect, pray, hope and be renewed!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9080 Shepard Rd. Macedonia 44056

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**Thursday,
October 4**

**"Celebrating Life with a Consistent
Ethic of Life"** from 7-8 p.m.

(Castilian/Rose Room at OLG)

Speaker, Peggy Gerovac

Diocese of Cleveland, Pro Life Office

**Thursday,
October 11**

Prayer Vigil around the crosses

From 7:15-8:30 p.m.

(Meet at the Pro Life Memorial Stone)

**Thursday,
October 18**

**"Concert of Life with Eucharistic
Adoration"** from 7-8 p.m.

(Castilian/Rose Room at OLG)

with Jim Cowan, Catholic song writer

**Wednesday,
October 24**

Rosary for Life prayer service from
7-8 p.m. in the Church.



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