

Building a Culture of Life & Civilization of Love



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Mission of the Office

The Office of Pro-Life and Family Life recognizes that the family plays a special role throughout the life of each person. Sustained through prayer and worship, we seek to provide educational, pastoral, and advocacy programs that support the family and promote the dignity of each human person made in the image and likeness of God from the moment of conception to natural death in order to build a culture of life and civilization of love.

Participate in Building a Culture of Life & Civilization of Love!

Dear Friend of Life,

As we begin this blessed season of Advent, may we find peace and comfort in our quiet and prayerful anticipation of the coming of Christ.

*Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the
strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may
find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.*

Pope Francis to Attend World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis recently confirmed that he will be attending the World Meeting of Families next September during his address at the Colloquium on the Complementarity of Man and Woman at the Vatican.

"I wish to confirm according to the wishes of the Lord, that in September of 2015, I will go to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. Thank you for your prayers with which you accompany my service to the Church. Bless you from my heart."

~ Pope Francis

Let us pray with the whole Church the Official World Meeting of Family Prayer:

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May your grace and love help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.
May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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World Meeting of Families: Archdiocese Seeking Representatives to attend in 2015

The archdiocese is seeking families and individuals to become part of an archdiocesan representative group at the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.



The archdiocesan group will consist of about 50 people who will be part of a pilgrimage September 21-28, 2015, to the World Meeting of Families and Festival of Families with a visit from the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Families and individuals from across the archdiocese will be selected to represent the archdiocese by application or nomination process, which includes family demographics and an essay portion with three questions:

- What gifts and strengths do you bring that would be beneficial to the pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families?
- What do you hope to learn during the pilgrimage?
- How do you plan on bringing back what you learn to your family, parish, and community that would enhance and build up the Christian family in the Church and society within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis?

The application and nomination deadline is January 13, 2015 at 11:59 PM.

Visit <http://www.archindy.org/wmf2015/> for selection forms in English, Korean, Burmese, Vietnamese, and Spanish and for more information.

Preparing Our Hearts for the World Meeting of Families

The official World Meeting of Families website offers a variety of resources to prepare for the World Meeting of Families.

- [World Meeting of Family Prayer in 20 languages](#)
- Parish Preparation Packet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [Elementary School Lesson Plans](#)
- [High School Lesson Plans](#)
- [Learn about the 10 Themes by ordering the Preparatory Catechesis: "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."](#)
 - Created for Joy
 - The Mission of Love
 - The Meaning of Human Sexuality
 - Two Become One
 - Creating the Future
 - All Love Bears Fruit
 - Light in a Dark World
 - A Home for the Wounded Heart
 - Mother, Teacher, Family: The Nature and Role of the Church
 - Choosing Life
- [Watch the Humanae Series online.](#)

These videos are a product of The Complementarity of Man and Woman: An International Colloquium. The Colloquium, sponsored by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and co-sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and the Pontifical Counsel for the Promotion of Christian Unity, is a gathering of leaders and scholars from many religions across the globe, to examine and propose anew the beauty of the relationship between the man and the woman, in order to support and reinvigorate marriage and family life for the flourishing of human society.

Pro-Life and Family Life Events in December and January

Saturday, December 6, 2014 @ 7:30am

[Helpers of God's Precious Infants - Terre Haute](#)

Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00pm

[Survivors of Suicide Monthly Support Group](#)

Wednesday, December 17 @ 4:30pm

[Respect Life Mass](#)

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute

Saturday, December 20 @ 8:30am

[Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil - Indianapolis](#)

Saturday, January 3, 2015 @ 7:30am

[Helpers of God's Precious Infants - Terre Haute](#)

Thursday, January 8, 2015 @ 7:00pm

[Survivors of Suicide Monthly Support Group](#)

Monday, January 12 @ 10 am

[Pastoral Response to Prenatal Diagnosis Webinar](#)

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 @ 11:59pm

[World Meeting of Families - Applications Due!](#)

Saturday, January 17, 2015 @ 8:30am

[Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil - Indianapolis](#)

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Indianapolis

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 4:30pm

[Respect Life Mass](#)

St. Joseph University Parish, Terre Haute

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 7pm

[Disciples for Life Rally for Youth, Young Adults and Families](#)

St. John the Evangelist Church, Indianapolis

Thursday, January 22, 2015 @ 12pm

[Local Solemn Observance Mass and Prayerful Procession](#)

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis

Thursday, January 22, 2015 @ 12pm

[Terre Haute's 5th Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Observance](#)

Vigo County Court House

Ministry of the Month: Birthline

Birthline provides assistance to pregnant women and mothers of infants in need. Over 1,500 mothers are served annually and are provided material goods such as maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, baby shampoo and other necessary supplies.

During this Advent season, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have assisted in the ministry of Birthline this past year. We are grateful to each of the Birthline staff volunteers, the Helpline phone volunteers, the parishes, schools, and individuals who have donated diapers, maternity and baby clothes, baby equipment and toys, and monetary gifts. Thank you to all who have lovingly made beautiful quilts receiving blankets, bibs and burp-cloths, crocheted blankets and hats, and all those who have remembered the ministry of Birthline in your prayers.

During these past months, Birthline has assisted more families than ever before with more generous layettes. It is only through the generosity of so many people that the Birthline ministry is able to assist the families who seek help. May each of you be abundantly blessed for your kindness.

[Learn how you can assist in the ministry of Birthline!](#)

To find out more about each of the ministries of the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life visit www.archindy.org/plfl/

Thank you for all you do to build a culture of life and a civilization of love in your parishes and your communities.

In Christ, Our Life,



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