



9 January 2016

Mary Our Queen Trinity Room

Note: fliers/minutes/meeting info available at Family.ArchOmaha.org

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Upcoming Parish and School Pro-Life Coordinator Meetings

- March 12, 2016
- May 14, 2016

1. Welcome, Prayer (Fr. Vogel), and Introductions

2. Local Events and Activities – Whitney Bradley

- January 19-24, 2016: March for Life
 - 7 buses & 371 people
 - Send-off Mass will be held January 19th at St. Peter's, 5:00 p.m.
- January 22-March 25, 2016: Pro-Life Essay Contest
 - Flier & directions are on the website
 - Please circulate within parishes
 - Information has already been sent to schools
- January 30, 2016: Walk for Life and Mass in Lincoln
 - No youth summit will be held this year.
 - Please post fliers.
 - A bus will be leaving from St. Columbkille.
 - \$15/adult
 - Leaves at 7:30 a.m. from the west parking lot
 - 402-339-1479 to make a reservation
 - Children & priests ride for free
 - 26 seats are available
 - Mass will be at St. Mary's @ 9 a.m., Bishop Conley (Celebrant); Fr. Jonathan Haschke (Homilist)
- February: 40 Days for Life: Info forthcoming
- March 13: Living Rosary



- i. Christ the King
 - ii. Date will be sent out soon
- f. Pro-Life Updates
 - i. Whitney has had the opportunity to meet with several rural PLCs.
 - ii. Updates will now include info from rural PLCs.

3. Bishops Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities – Tom Venzor

- a. Quarterly newsletter update sent via email.
- b. ANDA: Abortion Non-Discrimination Act
 - i. Part of Catholic Action Network
 - ii. Meant to close loopholes for health care professionals
 - iii. Private right of action for claims
 - iv. Did NOT pass.
- c. Legislature
 - i. LB 767 Dismemberment bill: Prohibition on this method (most commonly used in 2nd trimester).
 - 1. Introduced on Day 1
 - 2. Tough for us to support because it allow for killing of the child before dismemberment.
 - 3. Follow on nebraskalegislature.gov
 - ii. LB 768 Pro-Life License Plate Bill
 - 1. Introduced on Day 1
 - 2. Would create “Choose Life” license plate.
 - 3. Extra funds would be directed to pregnancy resource centers.
 - 4. Follow on nebraskalegislature.gov
 - iii. Down Syndrome Bill
 - 1. HHS would have to have info sheet for all health care providers that would be distributed any time a diagnosis or screening reveals high-likelihood of Down Syndrome.
 - iv. LB 294 on trafficking was passed last year.
- d. NSAA Transgender Athlete Policy
 - i. Individual high schools can have their own policies.
 - ii. Panel to oversee
 - iii. Bishops have been promoting policy of gender assigned at birth
 - iv. Sherri Rickert has been working hard on this.
 - v. Additional districts need to vote on this in order for a de facto policy to be in place.
 - vi. necatholic.org for additional information
 - vii. January 13 meeting at Boys Town for this district
- e. Catholics at the Capitol
 - i. Flier forthcoming with date and additional information.
 - ii. Basement of St. Mary’s Church
 - iii. Speaker from USCCB, Dr. Reyes



- f. Abortion Mill Prayer Project: each diocese
- g. Solemnity of the Annunciation – Date has been moved to April

4. Reports from Coordinators and Miscellaneous Announcements

- a. Metro Pro-Life Advocates
 - i. Liz Miller will be sending out information about training Saturday, Feb. 20 at St. Mark's Hall (St. Mary – Bellevue).
 - ii. Caroling around an empty manger was well-attended.
 - iii. Bellevue "Health" Clinic (a.k.a. Carhart abortuary) has a new sign.
- b. Nebraskan's United for Life Celebration of Life Dinner
 - i. Friday, January 15 @ 6 p.m. at the Scott Center (UNO Campus- 64th & Pine).
 - ii. George Dare, Entertainer
 - iii. Keynote Speaker, author of *Survived*.
- c. Sunday, January 17. *You're Teaching My Child What?*
 - i. Author Dr. Mariam Grossman to speak
 - ii. 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Victory Church (6330 N. 56th St.)
 - iii. savenebraskachildren.com
- d. Vote on sex ed changes for OPS scheduled for Wednesday, January 20.

5. Closing Prayer – Fr. Vogel

- a. Fr. Vogel read from documents that he put together on Pope Francis' words on Respect Life and Ideological Colonization. These can be found on the Center for Family Life Formation website.