

**Culture of Life
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 20, 2023**

Attendance: Alex, Gerry, Sandy, Deirdre, Carol.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Gerry – Respect for Life Novena – Day 5 (Adoption)

Discussion:

- Discussion of last week's San Diego Walk for Life. Key speaker Patricia Sandoval was very inspirational. Read about how she survived 3 abortions, and escaped from drugs, homelessness, and the Back Doors of Planned Parenthood in her book "Transfigured."

ACTION: Walk for Life 2025 – research attending the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. Get Kristine's input from Cathedral Catholic's previous attendance.

- 40-days for Life Spring 2024 Campaign: Feb 14th – March 24th.

ACTION: March 2nd members are encouraged to join the 'Helpers of God's Precious Infants San Diego' for their First Saturday Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood.

Agenda:

7.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

8.30am Procession to Planned Parenthood – Divine Mercy

8.45am Arrive at Planned Parenthood

(1 hour) Rosary – Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries

9.45am Procession back to Our Lady of the Rosary – Luminous Mystery

10.00am Arrive at Our Lady of the Rosary

The procession is optional. Instead, members can meet to say the rosary between 8.45am-9.45am at Planned Parenthood 2017 First Ave, San Diego 92101.

- Gerry and Carol recommended Fr Chris Alar's YouTube videos – Explaining the Faith
 - First Friday and First Saturday Devotions
 - Martin Luther vs. St. Therese: Debunking the Myths of Reformation vs. Revolt
 - Islam: What We Need to Know

- Culture of Life Ministry to sponsor a talk by Parishioner Larry Fulton on his Prison Ministry. Date: **Feb 10th 9.30am-10.30am.**

ACTION: Announcements in the Bulletin and by FlockNote (Gerry), plus word of mouth (all members).

- EDUCATION is the Key to ending Abortions. As the "Birthline Table" is also a "Culture of Life Table", Sandy suggested handing out flyers that highlight individual questions from the Trent Horn booklet "Why We're Pro Life."

ACTION: All members to review the first question in the book "What's wrong with abortion" and decide on a sentence/paragraph that they think should be on the flyer. Send your thoughts to Sandy to put together. Finalize at next meeting.

- Discussed the article Diane sent on a Knights of Columbus poll that showed two-thirds of Americans support some abortion restrictions. EDUCATION is the key!
- Discussed upcoming Pro-Life cases in front of the Supreme Court this year:

One involves the federal government's move to expand access to the chemical abortion drug Mifepristone, a case that could have enormous implications, since roughly half of abortions today use this method rather than surgical means. (Side-discussion on a woman who was accidentally given abortion medication by a CVS pharmacy instead of IVF hormones: Her baby was killed).

At issue in the other case are medical exceptions to state abortion bans and whether the federal government can force doctors in hospitals that accept federal funding to provide abortions. Meanwhile, there are more cases working their way up through the lower courts.

- Discussed The Pregnant Student's Rights Act (H.R. 6914) Jan. 18th, 2024, which will require colleges and universities to inform pregnant students of their rights and of the resources available on campus to ensure no woman feels forced to choose between motherhood and pursuing her education while enrolled at the institution and as a condition of Title IV funding.
- On adoption, Gerry suggested reading St John Paul II's 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life") that sheds light on the fact that the Catholic Church not only approves but encourages adoption.
- Christian Movie Recommendations from Carol: "I'm Not Here"; "Instant Family."
- Carol mentioned that starting Feb 15th, the 33 days consecration to St Joseph will end on his Feast Day.
- The next COL meeting will be on Feb 17th, at 9.30am in the conference room.

Closing Prayer led by Sandy. The meeting ended at 11 AM.