

Culture of Life Minutes January 17th, 2026

Attendance: Sandy, Gerry, Stephen, Deirdre, Jocelyn, Ily, David, Madelyn, Carol

Opening Prayer

Prayer for a Culture of Life

Heavenly Father, Giver of all life, we thank You for the precious gift of life, from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Grant that our hearts may be formed in love and reverence for every human person, especially the unborn, the elderly, the sick, the poor, and the forgotten.

Open our eyes to see Your image in every brother and sister.

Give us courage to defend life where it is threatened,

wisdom to speak truth with charity, and compassion to serve those in need.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Living, and St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, may our families, communities, and nation become places where life is welcomed, protected, and cherished.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome to new attendees and introductions.

Updated Calendar

Oct 18th, 2025. 9.30-10.30am

Jan 17th, 2026. 9.30-10.30am

Jan 24th – Walk For Life (San Diego)

March 7th – 40 Days for Life vigil at Planned Parenthood

April 18th, 2026. 9.30-10.30am

July 18th, 2026. 9.30-10.30am

(Planning Meeting)

Oct 17th, 2026. 9.30-10.30am

COL Slide Presentation

<https://d.docs.live.net/2dca746712ea0d63/Documents/Gerry/1.SMM/COL/Culture%20of%20Life%20Presentation.pdf>

Sandy shared with us the Slide Presentation she did at the last meeting.

Culture of Life Corner

Diane is doing an amazing job at writing the articles for the Bulletins. **ACTION:** Stephen to ask if article(s) can be added to the meeting reminder Flock notes.

Culture of Life Table: We will continue manning our renamed table on the 3rd Sunday of the month and collecting donations for Birthline. A new tablecloth “dressing” was provided by Sandy which communicates better the full range of our Parish Culture of Life focus.

San Diego Walk for Life 2026. **ACTION** Walk will be held Jan 24th, 2026. 8.30am-12pm (walk usually around 11am) Venue: Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101. Hand out Flyers at Culture of Life Table this weekend. Look for the St Mary Magdalene Banner.

Speaker Series. **ACTION** Gerry will coordinate with other ministries in the Parish to encourage a speaker series for the Parish to include a Culture of Life speaker.

School outreach initiatives. The school posts school fundraising activities in the bulletin so the Parish can now be involved.

Kitchens for Good (kitchensforgood.org) Donation of unused or pre-loved kitchen items, proceeds from every sale supports their nonprofit programs: 1. Offer California State Certified apprenticeship training in Culinary Arts, Baking, and Customer Service designed to help individuals facing barriers to employment gain the skills needed to create sustainable careers. **ACTION** Alex and Jocelyn to look into doing a Parish donation drive of pre-loved kitchen items. No info at this time.

40-Days for Life Spring 2026 Campaign: February 18th – March 29th, 2026

ACTION: March 7th, 2026 – Next First Saturday procession to Planned Parenthood.

Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 7.30am (Optional)

Start Walking to Planned Parenthood at 8.30am

Planned Parenthood: 8.45am*

Rosary (1 hour)

Walk back to Our Lady of the Rosary at 9.45am

Our Lady of the Rosary: 10.00am

Little Italy Street Market! (Bonus)

*You can also drive directly to Planned Parenthood – 2017 First Ave.

Parish Liaison (past/ongoing) Advertise our monthly meetings with other Parishes to encourage them to join us. **ACTION** Gerry to share the email distribution list so personal invitations can be made.

Light and Life Organization <https://www.kofcbringlight.org/>

Stephen shared that one of the organizations that he works with "Light and Life" accepts auto donations. All money raised through their organization goes to Pregnancy Centers and Culture of Life Services. Stephen will make flyers for Culture of Life Table.

Culture of Life Services: <https://friendsofcolfs.org/about-us/>

Dr. George Delgado developed the Abortion Reversal Pill

ACTION: Stephen offered to arrange a Friday tour of their facility.

Other Items:

Carol shared the book "33-days to the Holy Family" and the youtube video by Fr. Chris Adler on Maria Esperanza, who was gifted with many extraordinary mystical graces, and was the ambassador and spokeswoman of the message of reconciliation given to us by Our Lady in Betania in Venezuela.

Final Prayer and adjournment at 10:45am