

**Culture of Life  
Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2024**

Attendance: Alex, Sandy, Deirdre, Carol. Mary, Jocelyn, & Gerry.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Gerry

Discussion:

- COLF's Tea: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11.30am – 2.30pm. \$50 per person. St. Therese of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, SD CA 92130.

**ACTION:** If interested in attending, members to book an individual ticket.

- Prison Ministry Follow up. Discussion of how we could support non-profits that have a Prisoner Reentry Program:
  - RiseUp Industries ([reiseumindustries.org](https://reiseumindustries.org)) – member of the Global Homeboy Industries Network (Started by Fr Boyle author of “Tattoos on the Heart”). Based in El Cajon, their reentry program prepares members for careers as machine operators. Tours available plus a shop that sells coffee, mugs, key chains, books written by members and RiseUp Industries clothing.
  - Timmy's Place (<https://www.timmysplacesd.org/>). A San Diego Pizzeria that is helping teens and young adults overcome homelessness. Based in downtown San Diego the Pizza Shop is on the ground floor of an Urban Street Angels youth homeless shelter. Teens and young adults staying there get the chance to work at the pizza restaurant or the printing shop making t-shirts and mugs. Program funded by the Luck Duck Foundation.
  - Kitchens for Good ([kitchensforgood.org](https://kitchensforgood.org)). Based in Linda Vista, with a shop in PB. Mission: Barriers to employment can take many forms: justice system involvement, a history of foster care, mental health or substance use challenges, or unsheltered living. At Kitchens for Good, we believe all people have the potential to succeed in a rewarding career. Our programs have equipped 700+ individuals with culinary, baking, and hospitality training, as well as the skills and support they need to secure meaningful employment. Their successful careers build a better future for themselves and their families, creating a more equitable and just society for all.

**ACTION:** Individual members to check out the Kitchens for Good Shop in PB at 980 Hornblend Street, 92109. Store hours 10am-6pm. Also check out their cooking classes held at the shop. Report back at next month's meeting.

Research into having a “Declutter your Kitchen” event in May 2024 (They accept donations of unused and pre-loved kitchenware and home décor to help support their programs). Gerry to discuss with office. Sandy to discuss with School.

- SD Diocese for Life, Peace and Justice. Discussion of how our Ministry can better connect with the Diocese and use their resources.

**ACTION:** Mary to contact the Diocese and give feedback on how we can better connect with the Diocese, in addition to attending the Annual SD Walk for Life.

All members to become familiar with our own St Mary Magdalene COL website.

- Birthline Blanket Drive. Sandy explained the blanket drive (blankets made by Sackcloth and Ashes).

**ACTION:** Blanket drive will be part of the COL table at all Masses this weekend. Deidre to return blankets to Birthline on Monday with the regular products received. Deidre to become the “expert” on Birthline for our Ministry and will collect an updated Newsletter monthly to display at the table.

- Human Trafficking:

- Carol shared a video by Fr Chris Alar on Human Trafficking.
- Jocelyn is on the board of St Germaine Children’s Charity (stgermainechildren’scharity.org) and shared an event on Weds, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 where a panel of experts (SD Deputy District Attorney, Safety Net Program Manager and Task Force Commander, Internet Crimes Against Children) will discuss what is being done about this issue and how we the public can be more proactive to protect our children.
- Diane shared a video series from the San Francisco Arch Diocese on Human Trafficking. The speaker, Susan Patterson is a national leader in the fight against human trafficking and author of the book “How You Can Fight Human Trafficking, Over 100 Ways to Make a Difference.”

**ACTION:** All members to watch Fr. Chris Alar’s video and the video series from the San Francisco Arch Diocese, for future discussion on Human Trafficking and how we can best educate the Parish.

If interested in attending the St Germaine’s Children’s Charity event, members to book an individual ticket.

- Ultrasound Mobile Vans. Jocelyn shared an email from the group “Silent Voices” where we can attend their meetings and also request an Ultrasound Van to come to the Parish.

**ACTION:** Jocelyn to ask “Silent Voices” where we can go and see the Ultrasound Van at a Parish to observe what happens/purpose.

Gerry to talk to Stephen and find out the purpose of Ultrasound Mobile vans visits to Parishes. A fund Raiser and/or educational?

- Good Friday Walk: Gerry shared the details of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Good Friday Walk with the Suffering Living Stations of the Cross.  
Date: Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Time: 8.30am – 11.30am  
Place: San Diego Rescue Mission 120 Elm St. 92101  
Includes reflections on social justice issues such as poverty, immigration, and human trafficking by Aux Bishop Felipe Pulido and other leaders.

**ACTION:** Diane shared via text that she had participated in this in the past and strongly encourages us to attend!

- First Saturday Rosary Procession

**ACTION:** April 6th 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.

- NOT DISCUSSED. Follow up next meeting.  
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 them together. Finalize at next meeting.
- The next COL meeting will be on April 20th, at 9.30am in the conference room. Sandy (if able to attend) to lead. Alex to take Minutes.

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