

**Culture of Life
Meeting Minutes
Oct 19th, 2024**

Attendance: Stephen, Mary, Sandy, Deidre, Carol, Gerry.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Gerry

Open Discussion.

- 7 Pillars of Catholic Faith – Deposit of our Faith

Catholic Social Teaching Research Guide: The 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person.
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation.
- Rights and Responsibilities.
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.
- Solidarity.
- Care for God's Creation.

The Deposit of Faith is a Catholic Church concept that refers to the collection of revealed truths about God that are passed down through generations. It's made up of two parts:

- Sacred Scripture

The written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and contained in the Canon, which is a collection of 73 books

- Sacred Tradition

The word of God as taught and passed down by the Church's teaching authority

The Deposit of Faith is a structural element of the Catholic Church that the Church believes cannot be changed. The Church's Magisterium draws on the Deposit of Faith to determine what teachings are divinely revealed and should be believed.

- The end of Down Syndrome in Iceland

- Iceland has seen a near-eradication of people with Down syndrome due to a high rate of abortions after positive prenatal screening results.
- Jérôme Lejeune (1926-1994) was a French doctor and geneticist who discovered the genetic cause of Down syndrome:

Discovery

In 1958, Lejeune discovered that Down syndrome is caused by an extra chromosome on the 21st pair of chromosomes, a condition called Trisomy 21.

Advocacy

Lejeune was a strong opponent of abortion after prenatal diagnosis, and he often met with Pope John Paul II to discuss the issue.

Legacy

Lejeune's discovery revolutionized society's view of Down syndrome and families, and he is considered the father of modern genetics and bioethics.

Canonization

The Catholic Church has declared Lejeune "venerable", which is the first step towards possible sainthood.

- Proposition O in San Francisco
- Will force Pregnancy centers to put up a poster “We do not do Abortions”
- Planned Parenthood should put up posters that state “We do not do Prenatal Care”
- List of Pregnancy Centers in San Diego: <https://sdcatholic.org/chooselife/>

2024/2025 Planning

- COL meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month 9.30 – 10.30am. Discussed the upcoming year (calendar attached) and everyone asked to take a month to lead so each meeting is covered. **ACTION**: Gerry to confirm use of conference room with the office for the coming year.
- Birthline Table manned 3rd Sat of the month. **ACTION** Sandy coordinates. Deidre takes items to Birthline. Deidre will also take the volunteer sign up sheet each week and pick up blank sheets for the table.
- 40-Days for Life: Fall 2004: Sept 25th – Nov 3rd **ACTION** Attend Nov 2nd First Saturday Procession to Planned Parenthood from Our Lady of the Rosary organized by the ‘Helpers of God's Precious Infants San Diego’
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, SD 92101.
- Walk for Life SD: January 18th, 2025 **ACTION** Gerry to ask if she can announce at Mass.
- Shroud of Turin Portable Presentation (Lent 2025?) Stephen to meet with local speaker – Nora Creach in a couple of weeks. Hopes to involve the Parish and School. **ACTION** Stephen to follow up with Fr Ed.
- Kitchens for Good (kitchensforgood.org) Donation of unused or pre-loved kitchen items, not only are they saved from the landfill, but Kitchens for Good uses the proceeds from every sale to support 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. Their tuition-free apprenticeship training programs provide hands-on training and expert instruction from experienced chefs. 2. Kitchens for Good Food Business Accelerator (FBA) helps create a more inclusive and robust food system in San Diego by supporting individuals from diverse backgrounds as they build and grow small businesses. Kitchens for Good's FBA connects low-to-moderate-income San Diego residents to the critical support they need to succeed. **ACTION** Sandy to Follow up with SOM.

- Natural Death: Hospice and Resources. Presentation to Parish and School on end of life issues specifically concerning Hospice. **ACTION** Deidre to follow up with Fr Kizito. He is very passionate about life issues and has some interesting insight into Hospice Care. Gerry to talk to her neighbor, Laura Baker, who runs an end of life ministry at the Immaculata.
- Movie – Unthinkable: Oct 24th La Jolla AMC. **ACTION** Everyone encouraged to attend. Display flyer at Birthline table.
- Books for Christmas: “The Three Ordinary Voices of God” by Matthew Kelly was chosen as the book giveaway for Christmas at St Mary Magdalene. **ACTION** Stephen to research feasibility and follow up with Fr Ed.
- Parish Education (past/ongoing): Need to get the word out about our Ministry and Message! Quarterly Bulletin Inserts: **ACTION 1.** Sandy to develop a flyer that highlights individual questions from the Trent Horn Booklet “Why We’re Pro Life.” **2.** Mary to coordinate flyers from the SD Diocese for Life, Peace, and Justice on their resources etc. Weekly on-line newsletter: **ACTION** Involve Parish Office.
- Parish Liaison (past/ongoing): Coordinating efforts with other Parishes **ACTION** Gerry to talk to other Parishes.

The next COL “Coffee” meeting will be on Nov 16th at 9.30am in the conference room.

NO meeting Dec 21st

NO meeting Jan 18th in order to attend the Walk for Life SD

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