

**Culture of Life
Meeting Minutes
Nov 11th, 2023**

Attendance: Alex, Gerry, Sandy.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Gerry

- 40-Day for Life Fall Campaign ended 11/5/2023 – COL members: Carol, Alex, Sandy, Mary, and Gerry prayed the Rosary outside Planned Parenthood downtown on 11/4/2023. Thank you to Mary for driving the carpool.
- Discussion on the recent vote in Ohio that approved a constitutional amendment that ensures access to abortion and other forms of reproductive health care. Because it has become too politicized, we confirmed more education is needed at an earlier age and within the family, so the education of parents is also needed! By the time they reach Middle/High School their opinions have been influenced by social media and societal norms. **ACTION:** Watch Father Spitzer!
- Discussion on the recent San Diego County Board of Supervisors Bill (Item #30) that Aims to Shut Down Pregnancy Resource Centers with claims that the centers are fake and fraudulent. The recent vote on Item #30 failed to pass with a 2-2 vote. 62 who were present and the meeting, along with the callers, plus 975 registered their opposition online. A message from COLFS (Culture of Life Family Services): “Please be prepared for this item to be addressed again on December 5th. We may not know if this will be reintroduced until Dec. 4th. Save the Date: Tuesday, December 5 Next County Supervisor Board Meeting. County Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway.”
ACTION: Sandy to keep abreast of the situation and write up information with registration link to be distributed by Gerry (working with the office) on FLOCK note to the Parish and to the COL email list.
- Discussion about joining the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants on the 1st Saturday of the month. They attend mass and walk to Planned Parenthood (take the trolley?) and 2. Join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants on-line Rosary all other Saturday mornings.
ACTION Alex to research and report back.
- San Diego Walk for Life. **ACTION** Save the Date Jan 13th, 2024. County Building, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway.
- Sandy will coordinate the Birthline Table for next weekend’s Masses Nov 18/19th.

- Discussion on our Ministry name and how it is perceived and does it reflect our Mission *“to provide educational opportunities and resources to inform our parish community on the inherent sacredness, value, and dignity of every human being and tirelessly defend and respect every human life as a gift from God.”* We confirmed our Mission is not just about pro-life/abortion in the womb but also end of life issues and the practices of restorative justice that reflect the most basic tenets of Catholic Social Teaching:
 - Human life and dignity are sacred.
 - Our participation in community is a responsibility and right.
 - We are called to strengthen and nurture the family.
 - We respect human rights.
 - The needs of the poor and vulnerable come first.
 - We pursue peace and justice.
 - We care for all of God’s creation.

ACTION: Gerry to ask Larry Fulton what our Ministry can do to help/partner with the Prison Ministry.

- The Website COL Calendar needs to be updated.
ACTION: Gerry to follow up with Diane.
- Next COL Meeting Dec 9th at 9.30am.