

**Culture of Life
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2022**

Attendance: Alex, Kristine, Diedre, Diane

❖ **Welcome and Opening Prayer - Kristine**

❖ **Culture of Life Survey - Kristine**

- Kristine reviewed the major categories of our recent Culture of Life Survey (please see attached report for the complete listing of results):
 - Pillar #1: Pro-life/Abortion/Post Abortive Healing
 - High scored areas included
 - ◆ Continue with 40 days for Life, SD March for Life, Monthly Birthline Mass Table (6 votes)
 - ◆ Once a Quarter Speaker and Youth Ministry Baby Shower (each received 5 votes)
 - ◆ Women's Tea and Free Ultrasound Van Display (each received 1 vote)
 - Pillar #2: Culture of Life Education
 - High scored areas included:
 - ◆ Involve the school (bulletin inserts, COL craft contest) (4 votes)
 - ◆ Diocese Culture of Life Speaker, Family Friendly Movie Night, and Strategize on how to reach people based on demographics (each received 3 votes)
 - Pillar #3: Death Penalty and Restorative Justice
 - Only one category in the survey: Speakers on this topic (4 votes)

❖ **Youth Ministry: Baby Shower - Kristine**

- Kristine shared that the Culture of Life Ministry will be supporting the Youth Ministry's Baby Shower for Birthline on February 11. Margie, Diedre, and Alex volunteered to represent the Culture of Life Ministry.
 - ACTION: Alex mentioned she will reach out with Kia to get an update.

❖ **Mother-Daughter Tea – Kristine**

- The group discussed the potential of having one large event for Culture of Life this year.
- Kristine discussed the Mother-Daughter Tea Event which has been tentatively scheduled for May 20th with the Church Hall being reserved.
- We discussed having a speaker.
 - ACTION: Kristine is reaching out to Simone Rizkallah, Director of Program Growth for Endow. Possible topics are related to women's feminine genius and the world we live in.
- The event would be in the afternoon where we would serve tea/coffee and cookies, etc.
- The group discussed finding out what other parishes near us are doing during the month of May as not to have a conflict.
 - ACTION: Alex will reach out to St. Catherine's. Diedre will reach out to St. Brigid's. Kristine will reach out to the Immaculata. All will provide feedback to Culture of Life email once they have talked with the individual parishes.
- The group discussed planning will begin at the December meeting. Those interested in being a part of the planning committee please attend the December meeting (Saturday, December 10)

❖ **Upcoming Year Meetings/ Events:**

- Kristine reviewed the calendar of events for this year:

- December 10: Culture of Life planning meeting
 - January: San Diego Walk for Life (Date TBD)
 - February 11: Youth Ministry's Baby Shower
 - March: 40 Days for Life (Date TBD)
 - April 8: Culture of Life planning meeting
 - May 20 – Tentative Mother- Daughter Tea
 - June – August: Summer Book Study
- **NOTE:** Birthline/Culture of Life tables are always set up for all Masses on the third Sunday of the month.

❖ **Why We are Pro-Life booklet - ALL**

- Diane mentioned that Ascension Press was offering free “Why We are Pro-Life” by Trent Horn booklets to Catholic organizations. Diane and Gerry were able to receive 150 booklets to be distributed at our monthly Culture of Life table.
- Kristine began a discussion of the booklet; key points of the discussion were:
 - Kristine strongly encouraged everyone to read the Introduction.
 - Working at the high school, Kristine has come to realize that moms/teenagers are very passionate of their pro-choice opinion and can be very angry.
 - Kristine stated that now she knows we all must start with a “note of compassion.” And also, to start by asking questions to understand where they are. Kristine shared that many are coming from a place of “how can you force me to have a baby.” Words matter and “forcing” is of course terrible. We must address their concerns with passion and see if they can see an alternative.
 - We discussed rape and how that word has changed meaning over time. Rape in the past may have meant an unknown unwelcomed attack. Now rape also includes date rape where there is drinking and unsureness of consent.
- **ACTION:** We discussed that we all read the booklet and at the December meeting, we will spend 10-15 minutes just recapping what we read.
- **NOTE:** 40 booklets are now stored with the Culture of Life materials for our table. Diane will replenish the supply each month. Please let her know if more than 40 booklets should be stored at the Church.
- Feel free to visit us at or sign up to man our Culture of Life Table the third weekend of the month and pick up a “Why We are Pro-Life” booklet.

❖ **Closing Prayer – Kristine**