

**Culture of Life
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2022**

Attendance: Alex, Kristine, Gerry, Carol, Diedre, Jocelyn, Diane

❖ **Welcome and Opening Prayer - Gerry**

❖ **Brainstorming Items: Prioritize**

- Diane asked each member to rank the brainstorming items from June meeting. Rank what you believe to be the best to educate/inform not only the committee members but the parish. Group was asked to turn the handout in or email their top 5 to Diane.
 - **ACTION:** Next pages contains the brainstorming items for those committee members not in attendance. Please forward your top 5 items to Culture of Life email.

❖ **Youth Ministry: Baby Shower**

- Diane shared that the Youth Ministry will be holding a Baby Shower in February. Diane asked for volunteers who would like to partner with Kia and the Youth Ministry.
 - **ACTION:** Margie, Diedre, and Alex volunteered to represent the Culture of Life Ministry.

❖ **October Speaker:** Maria de Lourdes Valencia, Associate Director of Culture of Life for the Diocese

- During the meeting, Diane mentioned the upcoming speaker, Maria de Lourdes Valencia, who will speak to our parish regarding the Proposition 1. Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment. The committee discussed what date and time would work best. The group agreed Saturday, October 8 after the 5:30 PM Mass would be the best.
- Unfortunately, October 8 was a conflict for Maria, and it appears other Saturdays in October are not available. Diane, Stephen, and Maria are to meet to discuss. More to follow....

❖ **Summer Reading: Persuasive Pro-Life A Trent Horn**

- Gerry led the discussion on our summer reading.
 - Key takeaways:
 - What are the unborn? Always start and return to this question.
 - Ask questions to establish the framework of where the other person is coming from.
 - Use the book as a reference – unsure of an answer continue to return back to the book
- **ACTION:** Alex will set up periodic coffee morning opportunities to continue discussing the book.

❖ **Closing Prayer – Gerry**

Brainstorming of Ideas

Rank	Prolife/Abortion/Post Abortive Healing	Rank	Culture of Life Education	Rank	Death Penalty/ Restorative Justice
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers (once per quarter): 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocese Culture of Life Speaker 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers (once per quarter):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Political/Legal Speaker on California Legislature 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Friendly Movie night that sends a message 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Larry Fulton
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COLFS 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PureFlex – October Baby 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rise up Industries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel’s Hope (San Diego) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juno 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diocesan Restorative Justice Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ San Diego Adoption Center 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abby Johnson 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International Speaker (Stephen) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other Movies: Gosnell 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agnes Dei group 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish stories of Saints who demonstrate dignity of life. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Ultrasound Van display 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide video sound bites (i.e., Fulton Sheen, Living with Passion) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Ministry Baby Shower (provide help) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Life Speaker/Hospice nurse 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s Tea with Speaker 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include videos/sound bites of speakers on the website (or include a zoom link for parish talks) 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trip to Birthline 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October – Respect for Life – possible include resources as a bulletin insert or sent out as a flock note 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 40 Days for Life ○ San Diego March for Life ○ Prayer Vigil ○ Monthly Birthline Mass Table 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategize by demographics – older vs. younger parishioners 		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use digital art apps to reach young adults/teens – Jocelyn 		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly bulletin 		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Culture of Life craft contest or create a blanket for Birthline 		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place table at other walk events in San Diego to spread the message. 		