

February 3rd, 2010

SJV Pro-Life Newsletter

Greetings in Christ!

We hope that everyone was able to stay safe and enjoy the snow. In taking our kids outside sledding, something that struck us both were how truly inspiring the brilliant white perfection was along with our awe in the "silence". Gone was the *noise* of everyday life -- the normal traffic; horns blowing; sounds of nearby construction; etc. Replacing were the echoes of children's (and adults'!) laughter; the crystal clear call of the birds; the crunch of boots in the snow. Looking back we could clearly trace where we'd been... a path filled with smudges; a bit wobbly at times and certainly not a perfect line. Before us however remained untarnished -- just waiting for that first step forward.

When writing this newsletter we were reminded of how that relates to many of our journeys to become involved in the pro-life movement. There may be those of us that looking back on our path may find it was not as straight and clear as we would have liked. Perhaps some may have found themselves on the abortion "rights" side in the past. Maybe you previously had or encouraged a pregnancy termination to be rid of an *unwanted* child. It could be that some of us were simply indifferent -- ignoring the "modern holocaust" of abortion by being too wrapped in our own lives to be moved to action for that of those most innocent... the unborn.

The good news? Each of us *were* moved to become involved. There are many opportunities for us to be united to make a positive difference -- through your prayers; your participation in activities and events taking place; showing support for God's Divine plan - protection of life from the point of conception through a natural death. To aid us all in this process we have decided that our newsletters will all include the following: Local Events/Activities; "Life" News you can use; and a prayer -- all included below. If you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions please feel free to send them our way anytime! Know you each remain in our thoughts and prayers and we remain grateful for your support.

In His Service through Mary, Vivat Jesus!

~Art & Melissa Jaramillo (read on for more)

Local Pro-life Events and Happenings

[Sidewalk Counselor Training](#)

Date: Saturday, February 6th

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm CST

Location: 4930 Nolensville Road

Nashville 37211

Family Life Center - Tusculum Hills Baptist Church

Special Notes: Click on the link for complete details. Sonja Corbitt will be going if anyone else needs help getting there. You may contact her at summit@nctc.com. Some may recognize the speaker, Maria Graham, from last April's pro-life conference at the Cathedral. Truly gifted and inspirational!

Prayer Warriors Needed! Many of you know Bill and Marilyn Cox. If not, you need to meet them. We count them among our blessings! These two have been true witnesses and servants of God in the pro-life movement and could use our help! Prayer warriors are absolutely vital to being *physically present* at the Women's Center at Welshwood in Nashville - especially on Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (also needed on Tuesdays; Thursdays; & Fridays.) If you have never participated in praying outside of an

abortion provider, please seriously consider doing so. It is an experience that *will* leave a positive impact as through your prayers you will be touching the lives of the women, their partners/family/friends, providing witness for strangers passing by, and especially making an offering for all those precious unborn souls. It is also guaranteed that you will be changed as well. If you haven't gone through training - it's ok. You'll receive guidance (or use those new skills learned in the session listed above.) Please - **can't you give even one hour?** If interested, please contact us. We will connect you with Bill and Marilyn's contact info asap.

[Love of My Life Valentine's Rose Sale](#) Order a beautiful arrangement of red roses for your Valentine and help support TN Right to Life! Deadline for orders to be placed is Monday, February 8th.

"Life" News You Can Use

- [Tell CBS to Show the Tebow Ad \(CatholicVote.org\)](#)
- [Group Exposes Media "Fraud" at March for Life \(LifeSiteNews.com\)](#)
- [Bishops Urge Congress to Resume Work on Health Care with Access for All, Protection of Life, Conscience Rights \(USCCB\)](#)

This Week's Prayer

Prayer for life by Pope John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

~~ Pope John Paul II

Encyclical Letter "The Gospel of Life"

Given in Rome, on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, in the year 1995.

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God bless! ~Melissa & Art