

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Archdiocesan Ministry for Persons with Disability

<https://www.archgh.org/mpd>

The Ministry for Persons with Disability (MPD) serves individuals, families and parish communities seeking to better accompany and empower individuals experiencing disability of any kind. MPD is a division of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and is led by Melissa Alvarez, malvarez@archgh.org

National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC)

www.ncbcenter.org
215-877-2660

The NCBC employs professional Catholic bioethicists who are available to provide individual consultations on ethical treatment plans and medical decision-making. Visit: www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form to request a consultation with a Catholic medical ethicist.

American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists

<https://aaplog.org/pro-life-directory/>

AAPLOG provides information for families seeking a pro-life ob/gyn or other medical provider in their area.

The Office of Pro-Life Activities can also provide information about pro-life physicians in the Houston area.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13



Office of Pro-Life Activities
713.741.8728

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Jerome's Hope®



A support ministry for families after prenatal diagnosis

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

We're here to help.

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SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY

Receiving a prenatal diagnosis is usually a traumatic experience for parents. Not only is it frightening to learn your child may have a health concern, but many parents also feel unsupported by their medical team. Friends and family are often unsure how to help, which can be isolating for parents. You may question why God has placed your family in this situation, and feel angry, resentful or hopeless. The Jerome's Hope team is here to help you navigate this confusing time. Our Parent Care Coordinators (PCCs), medical professionals, clergy and peer ministers will



act as resources to accompany your family so you can ask needed questions, find appropriate resources and make informed decisions for your child and family.

OUR MINISTRY'S PATRON

French physician Venerable Jerome Lejeune (1926-1994) worked as a clinician and researcher in the fields of pediatrics and genetics. Through his research, he discovered the causes of several genetic conditions, including Down syndrome. Lejeune also became a dedicated advocate for his young patients, strongly opposing any use of his research to devalue the lives of children with genetic or other medical conditions.

Lejeune's advocacy on behalf of the unborn and persons with disabilities led to his naming as the first President of the Pontifical Academy for Life by Pope St. John Paul II. The cause for Lejeune's canonization was opened in 2007.



GETTING STARTED

If you have received a prenatal diagnosis, we'd love to connect with you.

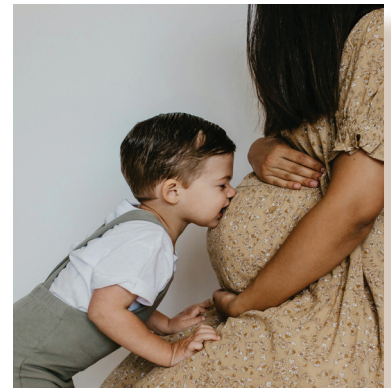
Contact Julie Dumalet in the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713.741.8728 or jdumalet@archgh.org to get started.

Our team will set up an initial meeting with you and your family to listen and to learn how we can best help going forward.

Following our initial meeting, your family will be assigned one of our trained Parent Care Coordinators (PCCs) to accompany you as you prepare for your child's arrival. Your PCC will work with you to find answers to medical questions, to help you plan for your child's birth, to provide spiritual and emotional support, and to help with practical questions such as communicating with your baby's older siblings and answering their questions.

In addition to our PCCs, we have a range of other team members ready to support you including clergy, counselors, medical professionals like neonatologists and pediatricians, and other parents who've walked a similar journey.

Our team also includes members of the Archdiocesan Ministry for Persons with Disabilities to help you plan for your child's needs at birth and beyond.



*"I am worn out, O Lord; have pity on me!
Give me strength; I am completely exhausted and my whole being is deeply troubled. How long, O Lord, will you wait to help me?"*

Psalm 6:2, 3

