

## St Joe's Respect Life Community Communiqué, July 12

### New Respect Life Coordinators Commissioned by Bishop Pohlmeier



On June 29 Bishop Erik Pohlmeier celebrated mass at St Matthews Catholic Church and commissioned the new Diocese of St Augustine Respect Life Coordinators and Co-coordinators to carry out the Human Life & Dignity ministry at their parishes. Paul Munnell will continue to serve as Coordinator and Savannah O'Brien will serve as Co-coordinator for our parish for the next 2 years.



## Adoption and Foster Care



On May 22 Kevin and Melissa Klipp lovingly grew their beautiful family, adopting precious Ava to patiently sister her 5 new brothers, Thomas, Brock, Adam, Jacob, and Joshua. The whole family was present at the Wednesday St Joseph Catholic School Children's Mass and Fr Michael gave the family a special blessing to welcome Ava into the Klipp Clan. Congratulations to Ava and her new family.



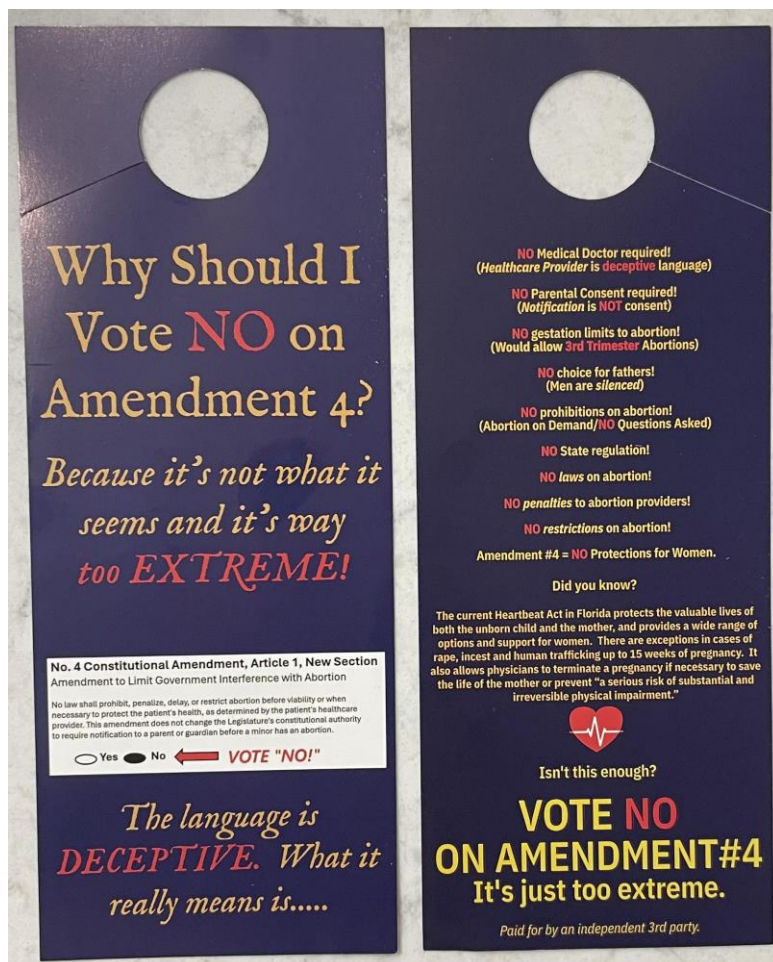
On March 17 foster parents Kala Carlson and Cailin Smith gave inspirational pulpit talks. Cailin is the Recruitment and Support Specialist at the Duval and Nassau Counties' Family Support Services. She, along with Kelly Patchen, Foster Parent Growth & Retention Coordinator, National Youth Advocate Program also tabled at the March 22 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry as our ministry joined with the Knights and the Columbiettes to sponsor a Foster Care Drive. Kelly and Cailin are flanked by Knight Paul Munnell, Respect Life Coordinator, and Michelle Ernst, Columbiette President. Heartfelt thanks to St Joseph Parishioners who donated diapers, various baby items, and money for supporting LIFE after birth.



## National Day of Remembrance for Unborn

The 12<sup>th</sup> National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2024. On this day, pro-life Americans honor the gravesites of unborn victims of abortion and other memorial sites dedicated to them. It's an opportunity to humanize our aborted brothers and sisters and deepen our commitment to ending the injustice of abortion. Following the Saturday 8:00am mass at our Historic Church we will gather at our Monument to the Unborn at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 4124 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223 to honor the memory of the precious millions of innocent human lives lost to the grave evil of abortion.

## Let's Defeat EXTREME Abortion Amendment 4!



We're looking for volunteers to canvas Mandarin/Jacksonville and distribute door hangers informing Floridians why they should Vote NO on Amendment 4. These door hangers have been approved by the diocese and contain the relevant information voters need to make an informed choice, unlike the deceptive language on the ballot. We are NOT asking volunteers to knock on doors or engage in discussions or arguments with residents, just hang these on the doorknobs. If confronted, we simply respond kindly, recommending folks learn about the issue. We'll work in teams of at least 2 people in familiar neighborhoods. Please email [paulmunnell@gmail.com](mailto:paulmunnell@gmail.com) for more information if you are interested.

For more information from the Florida Council of Catholic Bishops, go to [flaccb.org/abortion-amendment](http://flaccb.org/abortion-amendment) or scan the QR Code...



And please view and share this new commercial from Vote NO on 4 Florida...

[Amendment 4 – Not What it Seems – Way Too Extreme \(voteno4florida.com\)](http://voteno4florida.com)





## AMENDMENT 4

**NOT WHAT IT SEEMS - WAY TOO EXTREME**

**Amendment to legalize any abortion for any age without parental consent**

**Eliminates all regulations on abortion — even laws that protect women**

**"viability" NOT DEFINED**

**BIG LOOPHOLE!** "Mental stress" could qualify for the "patient's health" exception.

**Any "healthcare provider" — NOT just medical doctors — could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health."**

**TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion**

**SUMMARY:** No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

**ELIMINATES CURRENT PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS** meaning parents would be informed of their daughter's abortion, but no longer allowed to give prior consent to their minor's medical procedure.

## WHY VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4?



**NO DEFINITIONS**  
Unlike other amendments, Amendment 4 provides ZERO definitions of key words — so voters won't even know what they're voting on. This creates **HUGE LOOPHOLES** that will result in years of litigation and legal uncertainty.



**RUBBER STAMP**  
Amendment 4 gives abortion clinics a rubber stamp to approve late-term abortions when the baby is capable of feeling pain. Even abortion clinic staffers who aren't doctors would have the authority to decide if the fetus is viable or if a health concern or complaint is significant enough to approve a late-term abortion.



**NO PARENTAL CONSENT**  
Amendment 4 would make abortion the only medical procedure that minors could undergo without parental consent. It only preserves parental notification. Parental consent laws are eliminated by Amendment 4.



**BAIT & SWITCH**  
Amendment 4 pretends to "just bring things back to how they were with Roe vs. Wade" — but it actually goes much further — creating a constitutional right to abortion throughout the entire pregnancy with no protections for the unborn baby.



**TOO EXTREME**  
Amendment 4 repeals all Florida laws that inconvenience an abortion, even common-sense laws that most people on both sides of the issue support.

**VOTE NO ON 4**

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**Don't be fooled! It's deceptive and Too EXTREME!**

### No. 4 Constitutional Amendment, Article 1, New Section Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

☐ Yes ☒ No **← VOTE "NO!"**

A preview of what Florida voters will see on the ballot this November.

**No "Doctor" req'd! No Parental CONSENT needed!  
No restrictions...Abortion up until birth!**



## VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4

"We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion."

## Praying to End Abortion at Planned Parenthood



On May 1 Florida's Heartbeat Protection Act went into effect, protecting most innocent unborn human beings in their mother's wombs at the 6-week point. News crews showed up at Planned Parenthood, as did a strong contingent of pro-life prayer pals. Although the new law protects about 60% of preborn lives, abortion at Planned Parenthood sadly will continue for those preborn less than 6 weeks from conception. Our First Saturdays' Church Bus trip to Planned Parenthood following the 8:00am mass has been a success for the past 20 months. Come out and join us! The Bus departs around 8:45am from the Historic Church parking lot and returns to the same place around 10:30am. We supply Pro-life signs but bring your own Rosary. You don't have to climb aboard the bus, you can drive yourself and meet us at Planned Parenthood (5978 Powers Ave). The Holy Spirit has moved some of our parishioners to stand as witnesses, praying for the most vulnerable. Since our last Communiqué I witnessed 60 hours over a period of 34 days (several of those days I stood uncomfortably alone, so please get the word out to pro-life people to join me especially on weekdays). We observed 376 "customers" enter, received 3130 positive and 181 negative reactions from passersby, and passed out 31 "Blessing Bags" containing pro-life information. We also witnessed 2 potential and 2 firm SAVES during this time. Thank you Deacon DeLuca, Lucy, Normand, Savannah, Pat, Alan, Lana, Marilyn, Melissa, Alpha, Pauline, both Ricks, Barb, Bernadette, Fran, Mary Jane, Carol, Bill, Mattison, Kristin, Grace, Bryan, Brett, Nicole, Elaina, Tony, Maureen, Mike, Janine, David, Patty, Kathy, Kim, Joyce, Randy, Magdaly, Joseli, Adrianna, Vince, Gianna, George, Carileen, Robert, Luis, Carron, Russ, Max, Laura, Annette, John, Cindy, Adrea, and Caiden, and anyone else I may have missed who came out to stand up for the unborn at any of the 3 abortion clinics in Jacksonville. I invite, encourage, and pray that all St Joseph pro-lifers will do the same, as their circumstances permit. We continue to have difficulty maintaining a pro-life presence on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood during weekday hours. Having young people on the sidewalk is a great visual and a resource to effectively communicate with "customers" who are members of the same generation. Please pass the word to faithful pro-life people you know. They do not have to be parishioners or Catholic. Give them my contact information ([paulmunnell@gmail.com](mailto:paulmunnell@gmail.com), phone 941-416-1325).



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## *Holy Hour for Life*

Our regularly scheduled Holy Hours for Life are on the first Wednesday of the month in the Cody Center Chapel from 7:00-8:00pm. The Knights of Columbus have joined our ministry in sponsoring these powerful prayers. Our next Holy Hour for Life will be on Wednesday, August 7, 7:00- 8:00pm. Please come and help us pray for the unborn in Eucharistic Adoration if you can.

### **Pro-Life Song**

This is going viral!!! Enjoy and share...

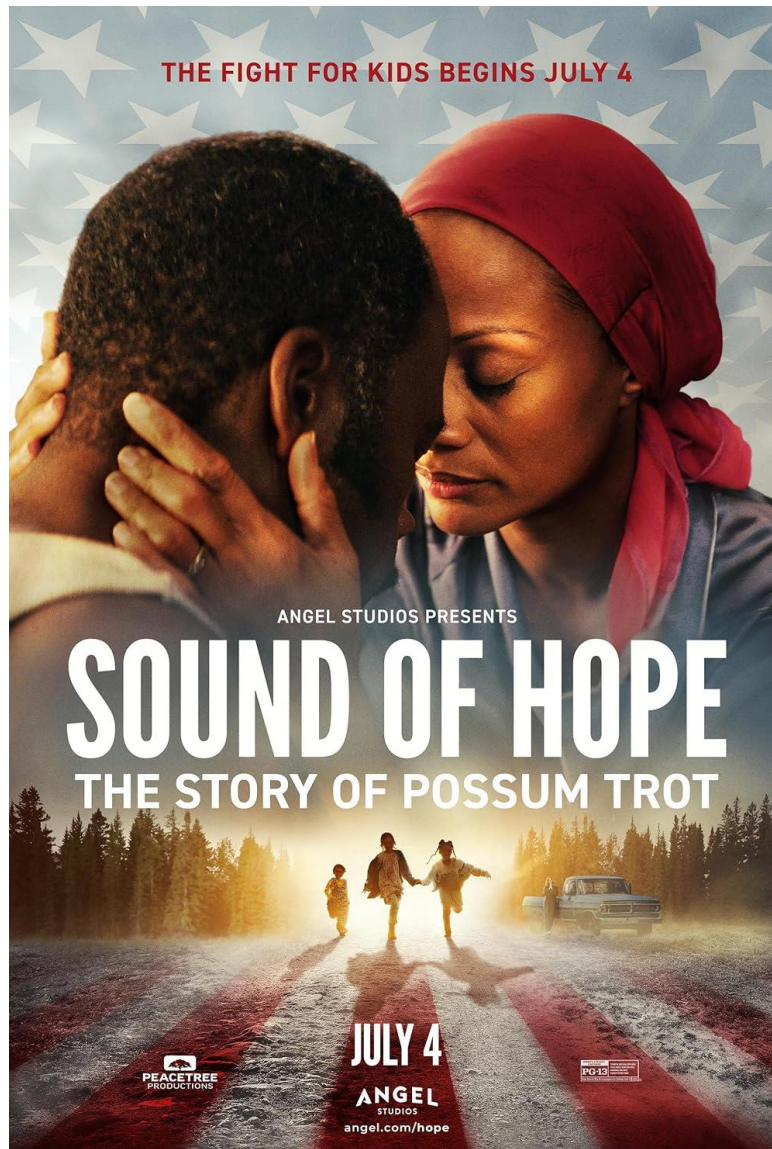
[\(12\) Rachel Holt - I Was Gonna Be \(Official Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)





## At the Movies. Sound of Hope.

Inspired by a true story, this movie follows Donna & Reverend Martin as they ignite a fire in the hearts of their rural church to embrace kids in the foster system that no one else wants. By doing the impossible, adopting 77 kids, this East Texas community proved that, with love, the battle for America's vulnerable children can be won. For more information, go to [Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot \(2024\) | Official Website](#) | [Now Streaming on Angel Studios](#)





## Human Life and Dignity Resources (Quick Reference Guide)

With so many local resources and opportunities to help support a culture of life and not enough space to get all these in our Bulletin, I have this as a regular space in our Communique. If you know of any other resources that provide support in these areas of our ministry, let me know.

### Help with High-Risk Pregnancy

Wolfson Children's [High-Risk OB / Perinatal | Wolfson Children's | Jacksonville, FL \(wolfsonchildrens.com\)](#)  
University of Florida Health Jacksonville [High-Risk Pregnancy - Pregnancy \(mother and baby care\) - UF Health Jacksonville \(ufhealthjax.org\)](#) and [Heart Care in Pregnancy - Women's Health - UF Health St Vincent's \(Level III NICU\) Healthcare | Ascension](#)  
Doctor Ratings [Best High Risk Pregnancy Doctors in Jacksonville, FL | Healthgrades](#)  
Pre Natal and Post-Partum Help [Welcome to the Motherhood Space Day Program! Mental Health Support for New Moms \(youtube.com\)](#) and [Find Postpartum Support With 'The Motherhood Space' \(jacksonvillemom.com\)](#)

### Unborn Advocacy

"Why We're Pro Life" links to ebooks ([Why We're Pro-Life \(catholic.com\)](#) English and [Por que Somos Provida \(catholic.com\)](#)) Español  
First Saturdays Prayer Bus Pilgrimage to and Pro Life advocacy at Planned Parenthood. Leaves Historic Church at 8:45am, returns by 10:30am. Contact Paul at paulmunnell@gmail.com or 941-416-1325 if interested in more frequent vigils to Planned Parenthood on any day of the week.  
Holy Hour for Life in Eucharistic Adoration, First Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm.

### Unplanned Pregnancy?

Divine Mercy House Maternity Home [Divine Mercy House](#) Contact Amy at 904-268-6282 [Contact — Divine Mercy House](#)  
First Coast Women's Services [Pregnancy Help & Information Jacksonville, FL • Free Pregnancy Clinic Services \(fcws.org\)](#) 904-262-6300  
Pregnancy Resource Center Information [PRC-Directory-2023.pdf \(dosafll.com\)](#)

### Adoption/Foster Parenting

Choose Life License Plates [Choose Life - Florida \(flchoose-life.org\)](#) 386-339-1885  
Foster Parenting/Family Support Services [Foster Care - Family Support Service of North Florida, Inc. \(fssjax.org\)](#)  
Isaiah 117 House [Isaiah 117 House](#)  
Foster Closet [Home - Foster Closet](#)

### Currently Involved with Abortion?

Abortion Pill Reversal [Abortion Pill Reversal - Home](#) 877-558-0333 Changed mind/heart? Save your baby.  
Abortion Worker [Home | abortionworker.com](#) or call 888-570-5501 Escape the Abortion Industry and get assistance to find respectable health care work.

## Post Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard [Rachel's Vineyard \(rachelsvineyard.org\)](http://rachelsvineyard.org) Local [rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com) 904-221-3232 Mary Huston  
Support After Abortion [Support After Abortion](http://supportafterabortion.org) 833-403-HEAL (4325)  
Can't Stay Silent [Can't Stay Silent \(cantstaysilent.com\)](http://cantstaysilent.com)

## Reproductive Loss

Grief Share [Red Bird Ministries | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](http://redbirdministries.org)  
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Contact Regina at [reginabquinones@gmail.com](mailto:reginabquinones@gmail.com)

## Special Needs

Camp I Am Special [Camp I Am Special | Catholic Charities Jacksonville \(ccbjax.org\)](http://campiamspecial.org) Contact (904) 230-7447 [campiamspecial@ccbjax.org](mailto:campiamspecial@ccbjax.org)  
Morning Star School [Morning Star School | \(morningstar-jax.org\)](http://morningstarjax.org) Contact Abbie Johnson (904)721-2144 [development@morningstar-jax.org](mailto:development@morningstar-jax.org)  
San Sebastian Catholic Church Deaf Ministry  [\(6\) San Sebastián Catholic Church Deaf Ministry-St. Augustine, FL | Facebook](http://sansebastiancatholicchurch.org)

## End of Life

Guide to Palliative Care and Hospice Catholic [Catholic Guide to Palliative Care and Hospice — The National Catholic Bioethics Center \(ncbcenter.org\)](http://ncbcenter.org)  
Palliative Care & Hospice for Children [Community PedsCare® | Community Hospice & Palliative Care](http://communitypedscare.org)  
Health Care Advance Directives [Patients Rights Council](http://patientsrights.org)  
Euthanasia / Physician-Assisted Suicide [to-live-each-day-with-dignity-hyperlinked.pdf \(usccb.org\)](http://to-live-each-day-with-dignity-hyperlinked.pdf)

## Death Penalty

Death Penalty [Death Penalty | Human Life & Dignity -Human Life & Dignity \(dosafl.com\)](http://deathpenalty.org)  
Prison Ministry [Prison Ministry - Diocese of St. Augustine \(dosafl.com\)](http://prisonministry.org) Contact John Chick, Director 904-293-3807 or [jchick@dosafl.com](mailto:jchick@dosafl.com) or Local at St Joseph Deacon Corky Hecht [dcncorky91@yahoo.com](mailto:dcncorky91@yahoo.com)

## Human Trafficking

Blue Campaign [Blue Campaign | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](http://bluecampaign.org) 888-373-7888 Human Trafficking Hotline  
Asservo Project [Home - The Asservo Project](http://home-theasservo.org)

## Same-Sex Attraction

Courage & Encourage [About - Courage International, Inc. \(couragerc.org\)](http://courageinternational.org) Contact: Fr. Ed Murphy (904) 797- 4842 [ewmurphy59@gmail.com](mailto:ewmurphy59@gmail.com)  
Desert Stream/Living Waters Ministry [Who We Are | Desert Stream Living Waters](http://whoweare.org)

Thank you all for helping to build a culture of life!

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