


*"Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine moral principles cooperate with evil."*

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## The Inside Scoop from the Diocese & Other Insights

**Save the date:** The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, OH invites you to come for Latino Day on Sunday, September 23rd. We offer confessions, Mass in Spanish at noon, food and an outdoor Rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine office, 419-396-7107 or [www.olcshrine.com](http://www.olcshrine.com).

### **Building a Culture of Life Conference**

Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership is Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Join us for an extraordinary event featuring dynamic pro-life speakers and offering resources to equip you to build a culture of life. Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and FEMM. Cost: \$25. Register by October 16. For a list of speakers and to register, visit <https://bclc2018.eventbrite.com> or call 614-241-2540.

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit – Diocese of Columbus is Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Pontifical College Josephinum Jessing Center. Diocesan offices have partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, NAMI, OSU Suicide Prevention Program, and other community agencies to develop the summit. The summit will address awareness, prevention, response, and post-vention. Parishes and schools are encouraged to build and send a team, but individuals are welcome. The summit is open to adult leaders, as well as high school youth leaders. Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. To register a parish and school team, visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention).

### **From Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.

Friends of the Poor Walk. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the 2018 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 10 a.m. (Registration begins at 9 a.m.) It will be held at St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Register, visit [www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2093](http://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2093)

Family Rosary Day: Sunday, October 14, 3 p.m.

at St. Joseph Cathedral



### **Immigration Update**

Robert Cohen of Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur LLP will speak on the current situation of immigration on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, St. James the Less Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Ave. at 7:30 PM. Mr. Porter has practiced immigration law for over 30 years, and his primary areas of practice include business and family immigration representation. Mr. Cohen is on the Board of Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus. The Church encourages Catholics to be informed about our immigrant brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact Dave Frickey at 614-268-3828 or Suzie Latham at 614-267-4350.

### **On the Sidewalk - In Front of an Abortion Clinic**

Often someone will say, years later, still grieving over an abortion, "If only someone had been there" or "I was looking for a sign not to do it."

We are needed there to pray and offer help. Although some dioceses have trained sidewalk counselors to cover all hours the clinics are open; other places have people who just show up and pray occasionally or on a regular basis. The Abortion Clinic workers themselves say business is always down when people are praying there!

Sidewalk Counselors are people who have waited and prayed for years in front of abortion clinics. Often people say to them, "is it worth it; so few results for so much time?" Or, "it would be better to work toward large scale programs that could prevent the need for abortion." Pope Benedict reminds us though that "planning for the future is love for those most distant. It does not replace love of neighbor, of those who are closest." He says we must never forget the individual that is here today before us, and is in grave risk and need. If we are not here today, tomorrow is too late for this mother and her unborn child.

So is it worth it to stand & pray there for hours, days, weeks or as part of a collective large effort such as 40 Days For Life or the Marches For Life? Does it accomplish very much?

St. John Chrysostom gives us the answer:

"Nothing in the world equals the value of a single soul."

Joann Murray