



Diocese of  
Green Bay



## Dignity of Human Life Newsletter July 2012

Thank you for the warm welcome to this position. I was touched by the stories and the time that people took to share with me about their passion for life.

I was reflecting on the loving and peaceful welcome from so many people, and I was again reminded at how important it is that we approach life with the love and peace of Christ. We can only build the culture of life when we respect ourselves and one another, recognizing that we each are created in the image and likeness of God.

I also was spiritually uplifted by the fact "we are many parts, we are all one body." You all represent a vast array of life issues that are closest to your hearts. We are all one body, working together as many parts, to share the Gospel of Life. It is beautiful!

I pray that each of you has a good July! Celia McKee

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### Mass Intercessions/Bulletin Inserts/Prayers For Life

Word of Life a monthly liturgical resource from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-life Activities. Some of you are already using this

resource, but I encourage you to check it out if you have not already done so. It contains in English and Spanish for use in the parish:

- \* bulletin quotes
- \* occasional homily notes
- \* petitions for Prayers of the Faithful



You can find it through our website:

<http://www.gbdioc.org/resources/intercessions-bulletin-inserts-prayers.html>

## Family Reunion: Pray Hard, Play Hard! We're all God's Family

The Diocesan Departments of Youth Ministry, Young Adults, Adult Faith Formation, Family and Married Life, and Dignity of Human Life are sponsoring a day for families on Saturday, September 8 at Camp Tekawitha. This is a family day filled with fun, food, and faith! We will be celebrating Mary's Birthday, too, recognizing the beauty of life! Please click [here](#) for more information and spread the word! All ages are welcome!

## March for Life

We are in the initial planning stages of the March for Life trip to Washington DC. The March will be held on Friday, January 25 this year due to the inauguration on January 22. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more details as we compile the resources for the trip!



## God's Gift Conference -

This fall, the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, Wis., along with the dioceses of Superior and Duluth are hosting the first annual "God's Gift Conference," a two-day conference celebrating life, Sept. 28-29.

The weekend will feature speakers and booths that represent different aspects of respecting life. The celebration of the Mass will open the conference on Friday and close the conference on Saturday. There will also be opportunities for prayer, entertainment and food.

Abby Johnson, former director of Planned Parenthood and author of the book "Unplanned," will be the keynote speaker on Friday evening, Sept. 28. Some of the other speakers scheduled for the conference are:

\*Chris Stefanick, a national speaker on chastity.

\*Barbara Sella, Wisconsin Catholic Conference associate director of Respect Life and Social Concerns.

\*Angela Franks, author of "Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility."

\*A speaker from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops speaking on "Faithful Citizenship" and social justice.

\*Father Michael Schmitz, director of youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and director of the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

\*Dr. Cliff Tenner, pro-life and natural family planning physician from the Diocese of Superior.

They do not have all of the details at this point, but we do know that the cost to attend both days is \$25. After Sept. 1, the cost is \$35. Plus, there are rooms blocked off at "Barker's Island" for \$119 per night. When I find out more details, I will let you know right away. If there are enough people from the Green Bay Diocese interested, we can consider taking a bus. Or individuals can go on their own. Mark your calendar now if you think you would be interested in attending!

## Prayers for Those on Death Row

We pray for those who are on death row, for their personal families, and for the families who remain affected by the crime committed. May mercy endure.

Samuel Lopez - Arizona - June 27, 2012

Yokamon Hear - Texas - July 18, 2012

Darien Houser - STAY LIKELY - Pennsylvania - July 24, 2012

John Koehler - STAY LIKELY - Pennsylvania - July 25, 2012

Willie Clayton - STAY LIKELY - Pennsylvania - July 26, 2012

John Eley - Ohio - July 26, 2012

{<http://catholicmobilizing.org>}

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## Let Us Pray Together for LIFE

"Only with prayer -- prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls -- will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." --Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops

And so we pray...

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 not allowed 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.

(Given in Rome by Pope John Paul II, at Saint Peter's, on March 25, 1995, the  
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)

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"The deepest element of God's commandment to protect human life is the  
requirement to show reverence and love for every person and the life of every  
person. (#41, Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II)"