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## AOH National Pro Life Newsletter

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. 1 John 4:11

**Welcome to the second edition of the AOH National Pro Life Newsletter!**

The goal of this newsletter is to educate our brothers on all matters relevant to Pro Life issues with a Hibernian perspective guided by the passage above, from the First Letter of John. You will find articles and comments from Holy Scripture, Catholic Writers, News Sources, Pro Life Organizations, and members of the AOH National Pro Life Committee.

We won't just mimic other pro life websites and news feeds, but provide deeper insight and understanding to the topics, and stick to the issues avoiding party bias and rhetoric that promote divisiveness within our Order.

Please send suggestions you would like addressed in future editions of the newsletter to [lspittcmf@gmail.com](mailto:lspittcmf@gmail.com).



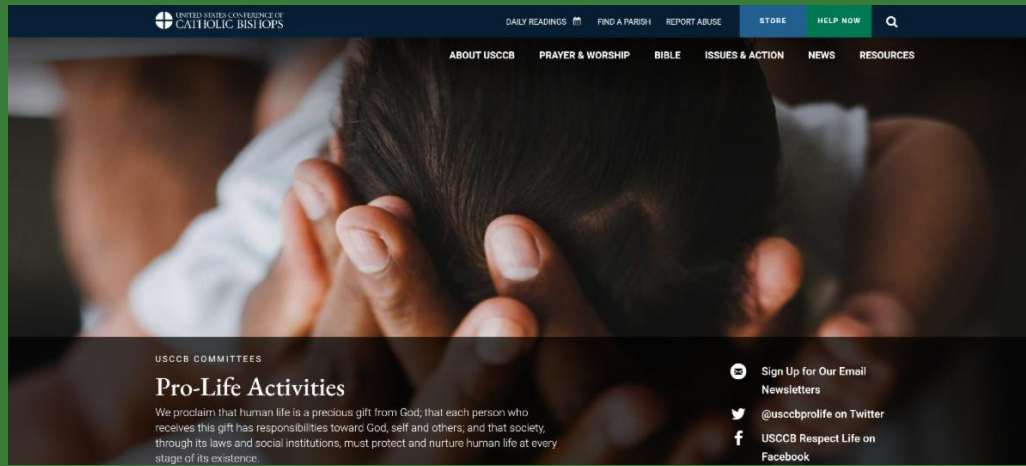
**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021



## Year of St. Joseph - Novena for Families and Pregnant Women

Pope Francis has declared that from December, 8th, 2020 to December, 8th, 2021 be the year of St. Joseph. Please join us in the St. Joseph Novena to begin on March 10th, and end on March, 18th, the day before St. Joseph's Feast Day of March, 19th. Among others, St. Joseph is the patron saint of families and pregnant women. If you don't have a copy of the novena, click this link!

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-st-joseph-304>



## U.S. Catholic Congress of Bishops, USCCB, Pro Life Web Site

Chaired by Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, The USCCB Pro Life Website is a treasure trove of Pro Life Resources and Information. Please visit the web site and take a look around: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>

This link will take you directly to recent activities that include addressing the most critical and urgent pro life matters of our times:

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife#recentitems>

### Call to Action

Last Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a new COVID relief bill, called the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which addresses the needs of many vulnerable people related to the pandemic. Unfortunately, unlike previous COVID relief bills, this bill appropriates billions of taxpayer dollars that are not subject to longstanding, bi-partisan pro-life protections that are needed to prevent this funding from paying for abortions. The Senate is expected to vote this week.

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops [wrote to Congress](#) to express its support for additional COVID-19 relief that prioritizes the poor and vulnerable and its strong opposition to any taxpayer dollars going to abortion as part of this legislation, saying that the Hyde Amendment policy must be included before this bill moves forward. [Your voice is critically needed today](#) to tell your senators to support amendments that prevent abortion funding, and to work for their inclusion in the final bill.





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**See how your Hibernian Division, County, or State can use billboards to spread the Pro Life message!**

Consider a mini-billboard for your meeting hall, Church, or other public spaces!

**North Carolina Hibernians Helping Moms During Lockdowns**

During this time of pandemic lockdowns, there are still ways to support your local crisis pregnancy center. The Governor Thomas Burke Division, in Wake county North Carolina was looking for a way to continue supporting Birthchoice, a Raleigh based crisis pregnancy center. The division has been a long time supporter of Birthchoice, including helping Birthchoice obtain its ultrasound machine.

One activity that helps Birthchoice is a baby shower, where an organization collects baby items to donate, and Birthchoice uses the donations to help a mom choosing life for her baby. “Each Birthchoice client leaves with a gift bag helping them celebrate the new life they carry within.”

Since collecting items during the pandemic would be difficult, the division suggested to Birthchoice creating an online baby registry (e.g. Walmart, Amazon) where Brothers could select needed items and the items ship directly to Birthchoice. Division President Bob Martin commented, “ Our Brothers embraced this new way to help Mom’s celebrate choosing life”



[Click here to visit the Birthchoice Website!](#)



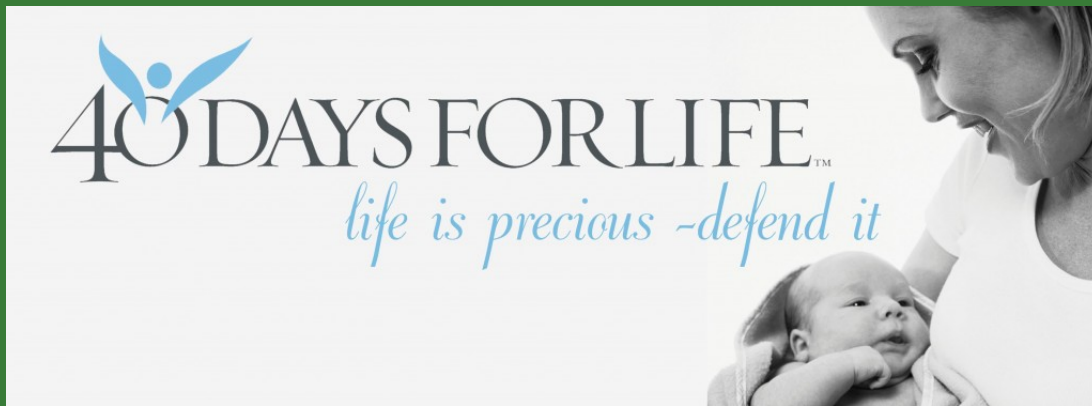
Catherine Glenn Foster, President & CEO of Americans United for Life, is a warrior for life. She’s also a post-abortive mother, and for that reason our mission is deeply personal. Discover her story.





**Pro-Life Webinar with Guest Speaker Catherine Glenn...**

[Watch Catherine Glenn Foster's Zoom Webinar with the AOH, and other AOH Video Content by clicking here!](#)







### **Report from 40 Days for Life**

The 2021 Lenten campaign started with Kickoff Masses and rallies around the world, in 567 cities. This is the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever, says CEO and President Shawn Carney. In the photo above, Bishop Waltersheid of Pittsburgh, PA holds the Eucharist in front of Planned Parenthood, where 3,000 abortions take place annually. Hibernian brother Mike Murphy, Division 21 Allegheny County, prays in far right. Follow the link below to find a prayer vigil in your neighborhood.

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/> click "Find a 40 Days for Life Vigil"





### **The Wisdom of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**

Modern man has become passive in the face of evil. He has so long preached a doctrine of false tolerance; has so long believed that right and wrong were only differences in a point of view, that now when evil works itself out in practice he is paralyzed to do anything against it.

— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



### **First Letter of John**

As we read the following passage from the First Letter of John 1:6-10, where St. John speaks about God as Light, take a few moments to examine your conscience and consider where God's Light needs to shine in us and today's world.

"If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness,



we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves,\* and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."



## **Catechism of the Catholic Church Church teachings on human life**

### **Catechism Paragraph 2270**

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."

"My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth."

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a5.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a5.htm)



### **Catechism Paragraph 2271**



Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

"You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish."

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes."

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a4.htm](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a4.htm)



### St. Patrick's Feast Day - March, 17th, 2021

St. Patrick was a man of profound faith. His extraordinary evangelical efforts reached more people than the original 12 Apostles combined. Patrick's ministry spread from Ireland into Great Britain and through Western Europe. The Great Diaspora spread Catholics, and their faith, from Ireland across the globe, most notably, the United States, where, up through the 20th century, more than 55% of Catholic Priests were either from Ireland, or of Irish Decent.

Paragraph from "The Confessions of St. Patrick," paragraph 13, that ties in with our reading from St. John above. "So be amazed, all you people great and small who fear God! You well-educated people in authority, listen and examine this carefully. Who was it who called one as foolish as I am from the middle of those who are seen to be wise and experienced in law and powerful in speech and in everything? If I am most looked down upon, yet he inspired me, before others, so that I would faithfully serve the nations with awe and reverence and without blame: the nations to whom the love of Christ brought me. His gift was that I would spend my life, if I were worthy of it, to serving them in truth and with humility to the end."

You can read the entire confession here:

[https://www.confessio.ie/etexts/confessio\\_english#](https://www.confessio.ie/etexts/confessio_english#)



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**EWTN News Nightly**



**EWTN News - On EWTN at 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, or anytime online at:**

<https://www.ewtn.com/ty/shows/ewtn-news-nightly>

EWTN News provides fresh perspectives on issues of the day, with emphasis on issues that are of particular importance to Catholics, like Pro Life, Marriage, Social Justice, and Immigration.

**Attention all AOH Pro Life Chairmen - Resources for Reports Available!**

Follow the link below for report topics and content to deliver to your state, county, or division!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1e03eFIF11BkBr1DAHro0dejUYspsBeF2xMRk>

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