

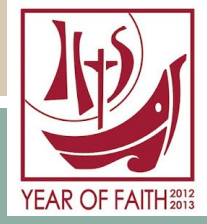


Office of Advocacy & Justice

“To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope”
-Pope Francis

Last Days to Register for Conversion in the Year of Faith Conference!

Sunday April 21, 2013
St. Andrew Catholic Church
801 N. Hastings St. Orlando



Speakers include:

Fr. Van Cong Tran, C.S.S.R.— Redemptorist priest who ministers to the poor and marginalized Montagnard people in Vietnam.

Dale Recinella— Catholic lay prison chaplain ministers cell-to-cell to the approximately 400 men on Florida’s death row and the approximately 2,000 men in Florida’s long-term solitary confinement.

Sandy Buck— Ministers to families facing a negative perinatal diagnosis. While most doctors recommend abortion in these cases, Be Not Afraid Ministries helps families find a ray of hope amidst the hardships.

Knights of Columbus— The largest lay Catholic organization in the world, the Knights of Columbus are committed to the pro-life cause in their support for the disadvantaged, vulnerable, and disabled. Various speakers will highlight the Knights’ amazing work in the defense of the least among us especially the disabled.



You're Invited!

Date and Times:
Sunday, April 21, 2013
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Opening Liturgy
12:30 pm Reception

1:00 pm Keynote
Sessions 1:45 pm and 2:45 pm
Closing Session and Prayer
3:30 pm
Cost: \$ 10.00

You Can Still Order Postcards for the Project Life and Liberty Campaign

At their annual meeting in November 2012, the U.S. bishops moved forward a plan to launch a nationwide postcard campaign led by the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty. The last postcard campaign (in 2009) generated tens of millions of postcards to Congress and yielded great results. Prompted by the Church’s pro-life and religious freedom concerns, the upcoming campaign will call on Congress to prevent federal funding and promotion of abortion and to protect rights of conscience in health care. [Read more](#). Click logo below for order form.



Hope and Healing for Post-Abortive Women

May 17-19 at San Pedro Center in Winter Park. Have you been affected by abortion? Do you need peace, community and the love of God? This weekend is for you. This confidential retreat offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where women and men find healing and reconciliation for their painful experience of abortion. For more information or to register, please contact Karen at 321.662.5097 or karenreilly57@gmail.com. For additional information about Rachel’s Vineyard, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Federal Judge Orders FDA: Make Plan B Contraceptive Available Over-the-Counter to Minors

A Brooklyn federal judge has ordered the Food and Drug Administration to make the morning-after pill available to females of all ages without a prescription. Judge Edward Korman on Friday reversed the FDA’s 2011 decision limiting the over-the-counter availability of the emergency contraceptive known as Plan B to women 17 and older. He gave the agency 30 days to decide only whether the pills’ package should include additional labeling. The standards for determining whether a consumer can understand how to use an over-the-counter drug safely and effectively is the same for aspirin as it is for contraceptives, Korman noted. [Read more](#).

Pro-Life Billboard Campaign, They Need Our Help!

For the past two years, Holy Family’s Respect Life Ministry has promoted a campaign to put up pro-life billboards in Metro-Orlando. The first year 5 billboards were leased. In 2012 11 were put up. Currently donations are being solicited for 2013. If you or your parish would like to contribute to this project, please contact Ralph Cory at rcorysr@hotmail.com or call 407-812-9071.



International Catholic Deaf Association— US Conference July 14-19, 2013

The ICDA Chapter 29 of St. Francis of Assisi Church for the Deaf of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC will hold the 7th Biennial International Catholic Deaf Association, US Section Conference on the beautiful and historic campus of Gallaudet University in Washington DC during the week of July 14-19, 2013. In 1981, the ICDA convention was held at a Washington DC downtown hotel. Chapter 29 is looking forward to host again at the Gallaudet campus after 32 years. The conference theme is “ALL THE EARTH PRAISE THE LORD”. [Read more](#).

Calendar of Events 2013

He Is Risen! Happy Easter!

April:

21: Year of Faith Conference, St. Andrew, Orlando, [flyer](#).

23: Light of Faith Communication Awards, St. James Cathedral, CCHD Youth Arts Contest Winners Will be Announced, [more information here](#).

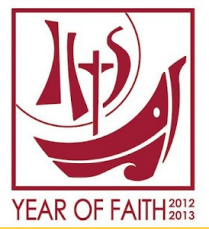
News

[Easter Message from Bishop Noonan](#)

[Bishop Pates To Secretary Kerry: United States Would Set Positive Example In Signing Arms Trade Treaty Early](#)

[Bishop Blaire Urges Senate To Support Policies That Reduce Gun Violence, Build Culture Of Life](#)

[Pope Francis: appeal for persecuted Christians](#)



Pope’s Prayer Intentions for April

General: That the public, prayerful celebration of faith may give life to the faithful.

Missionary: That mission churches may be signs and instruments of hope and resurrection.

