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# **CELEBRATE LIFE NEWSLETTER**

### **POST-ROE AMERICA 2023**

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Brenda DesOrmeaux, President

### Abortion is deeply rooted in a contraceptive mentality!

After 50 years of abortion on demand, the Roe v Wade decision has been overturned. Louisiana has been named one of the most pro-life states in the nation and this is due to it being so tough to get an abortion in our conservative state.

Murdering over 60 million babies in America since 1973 is what I would call a "spiritual" issue. It must have a spiritual solution! As said in Ephesians 6:10-17, First piece of armor we must put on is: "Gird your loins with the "TRUTH"!

We now live in a culture that has lost its way! We have lost the truth! The culture teaches us to deny the truth: cases: Government officials and media promote that same sex relationships are normal and so are sexual relationships outside of marriage.

"A nation of well informed men and women who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins." - Ben Franklin

What is the Fundamental Cell of Society—Family is the Foundation of Civilization. What is the Foundation of Family-Sexual Union. What is the Purpose of Life-To educate ourselves on the meaning of life.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN **EVER!! OUR CLIENTS HAVE INCREASED FROM 100+ TO** 200+ EACH MONTH. IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR FREE SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE GREAT INCREASE, BUT WE SHALL NOT STOP BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT "ONLY BY THE GRACE OF GOD" WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SAVING UNBORN BABIES BY HELP-ING THEIR MOMS & DADS. YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

## Handbook for Humanity



**DesOrmeaux Foundation Podcast** 

One way the DesOrmeaux Foundation is helping spread

the truth through a spiritual solution is with our selfproduced Podcast called Handbook for Humanity.

Join us each week to hear important topics focused on common experiences that touch the truth about the body, spirit and sexuality. These topics are discussed through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body to help us become better humans and learn how to build covenant relationships in today's culture of death.

The hosts are staff members from our Theology of the Body Community of Acadiana Ministry. Adele Guillot, Becki Landry, Colby Allen & Tom Viator visit with quests who share insights from their walk in this secular world.

Our podcast is currently available FREE on the 3 major podcast apps: Apple, Spotify and Google Podcast.

#### "Only by the Grace of God"

Our founder's book chronicles the history of the DesOrmeaux Foundation and the vital part the five ministries have played in the lives of thousands of women and babies in Acadiana, Louisiana and beyond.

Mrs. Brenda's book serves as a fundraiser for the DesOrmeaux Foundation which makes for a great gift idea for all ages. You can pick up your copies today at The Women's Center of Lafayette, Baby & Me Boutique, MiMi's Attic, Acadian Religious Bookstore and Crossroads Collective Catholic Gift Shop or order online to have them shipped right to your door.



www.DesormeauxFoundation.org/shop/



#### 2023 Celebrate Life Soiree / Friday, June 16th / Petroleum Club / 6pm

<u>Dinner / Dancing / Silent & Live Auction / Wine-Pull / Sponsor-A-Life</u> Sondra Hebert as Emcee / Entertainment provided by Kenny & the Jokers



## <u>\$150 per SEAT</u> / <u>\$1200 for TABLE of 8</u>

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### or <u>\$1500 SPONSORSHIP</u>

(Sponsorship includes Table of 8, Table Signage, Social Media Marketing)

Call to become a Sponsor or to Reserve Seats 337-289-9366

Want to donate a Trip, Sporting Event, Fun Experience or Fine Wine for our Fundraiser? <u>Give us a call TODAY! All proceeds benefit our Pro-life, Pro-family Ministry!</u>

#### **CHAMPIONS - FOR - LIFE / You Make The Difference**



1) Harold & Diane Fonte Donate a Car to our Foundation 2) Fatima's Disciples of Christ Pro-life Project 3) Diocesan Festival de la Vie 2023 Celebrating the Sanctity of Life 4) Book Signing + Donation by Acadian Religious 60th Anniversary Event



1) Sts. Leo-Seton 6th Graders Service Day 2) Our Founder Speaks at St. Alphonsus & Diocese for LA Right to Life RV Tour 3) Iron Will Student Donates \$500 from Beignets Sale 4) St Joseph's Church & Rayne Catholic Elementary Host Supply Drive



1) St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Daughters Donate Car Seats 2) Quality Companies Donate Christmas Gifts to 25 Families 3) St. Cecilia School hosts Huge Baby Shower 4) Chad Hardy & Arnaudville KC's Donate Local Products to Maternity Home

#### MiMi's Attic / Baby & Me Boutique / Two Ways to SAVE MONEY & SAVE BABIES



When donating or purchasing items, you support our ministry!

Donation List: Furniture, Lamps, Glassware, Cookware, Utensils, Small Appliances, Artwork, Comforters, Throw Pillows, Bedding, Home Décor, Luggage & Decorations. Also any large children's items like High Chairs, Cribs, Pack-n-Play, Riding Toys, etc. Thanks for building our inventory.

Warmly, Brad & Staff 337.231.0406



Brad Robichaux

Store Manager

**ALWAYS A FUN TREASURE HUNT!** 



From infant to teen, shop us first to save money and save babies. Thank you!

Donation List: Gently Used Infant to Teen Clothing, Shoes, Socks, Sheets, Toys, Games, Blankets, Hats, Books, Strollers, School Uniforms, Diapers, Formula & Maternity Wear.

Gratefully, Bonnie & Staff 337.232.4091



WE ALWAYS NEED DIAPERS!

LIKE US & FOLLOW US on Facebook & Instagram @BabyandMeBoutiqueLafayette & @MiMisAtticLafayette \*DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING STORE HOURS\* / \*RESALE STORES LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF JEFFERSON & LAMAR\*



#### Theology of the Body Community of Acadiana (TOBCA)

Our ministry is very grateful to our corporate sponsor Hub City Ford, the generous sharing of time and talents of Pam Andrus and Lisa Myers and to all who donated items to make our 1st Anniversary and our Inaugural Fundraiser a great succuss!

Adele Guillot TOBCA Dir. M.A. Theology

Over 100 people attended our combined event, "The TRUE Heart of Valentine's Day held at Rock 'n Bowl on February 14th. How do you combine dinner and drinks, door prizes AND the Teachings of TOB into a wonderful evening

concluding with the Litany to the Sacred Heart and the Cupid Shuffle? Seems Impossible. Well, if you missed it, better mark your calendar for February 14, 2024!!

Funds received helped to continue our TOB classes and presentations including, Levels 2 and 3 (Jan-Mar) with Level 1 classes set to begin June 8th. Sign up NOW!! Funds also support our popular PODCAST, HANDBOOK FOR HUMANITY and no wonder why it is rapidly spreading the message of TOB, which is the ANTIDOTE to the Culture of Death. (See page 1)

Among other great topics, we recently featured a 4-part series on the dangers of pornography with a call in from Attorney General Jeff Landry and his Cybercrimes Unit and the Rucks Family Foundation "Stop the New Drug". Overall, we average 250 "listens" per week (2000 since July!) and have listeners on 5 CONTINENTS in 13 foreign countries!

We need your help to keep the ANTIDOTE spreading. It is amazing what God can do when we bring Him a little fish and some bread! TOBCA is beginning a Fundraising Campaign to reach goals for 2023. Please consider becoming a TOB "Monthly" Partner with a tax deductible donation to support the educational arm of the Foundation.

Visit the TOB Ministry page of the DesOrmeaux Foundation website and click TOBCA to help us reach our target goals like: 1) Certify CCD Teachers



in the 121 Church Parishes 2) Educate Parents of the CCD Students 3) Reach Families in the Level I, II & III Courses 4) Donate a Grade Level set of TOB books to a Church Parish 5) Purchase TOB for Beginners

book as a FREE resource Use OR code to donate on-line today! Under PURPOSE click RECURRING & under FUND choose TOBCA.



In His name, Adele / maguillot27@gmail.com / 337.335.4652 / www.desormeauxfoundation.org/theology-of-the-body



"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

In the Old Testament, the treasure that Saint Paul is preaching about is the Glory of God. Today, we serve as His earthen vessels, the instruments God uses to reach mankind encouraging transformation.

Lisa Viator TWC Mgr.

At the Women's Center of Lafayette, our consultants, Belinda, Corinne and Emma serve as God's

vessels by sowing good seeds. They help illuminate the truth of the dignity and value of every person. We believe every child is wanted and worthy of being welcomed into the world with love.

The first quarter of 2023, we maintained an average of 200+ clients each month with 1/4 of those moms being new pregnancies. This is a 75% increase since the reversal of Roe v Wade. Our 24-month Earn-While-You-Learn program offers emotional support, parenting classes, addiction and mental health resources, plus we use Theology of the Body to help heal broken relationships. Our goal is to be a place for moms and dads to find comfort and hope for themselves and their unborn child.

#### Faithfully, Lisa / lisav.4life@gmail.com



Spring Time, what a beautiful time of year! We get to anticipate all that will be new for the coming year while looking back at a year that was just completed.

A thank you to all our church parishes that allowed our Baby Bottle Campaigns. We had more than 20 parishes in January and February hosting campaigns with a few getting their KC's and school students to Develop. Dir. actually hand out bottles to parishioners.

Phil Camel

With that in mind a special thank you to Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School and Iron Will Enterprises who raised through their individual campaigns over \$12,000! And to St. Pius X Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus #8901 who raised over \$26,000!

It was an incredible year but because of the generosity of all of you we are looking forward to making 2023 the most successful year the DesOrmeaux Foundation has ever seen!

Always remember...without donors and volunteers, we do not exist!

God bless you all, Phil / phillipcamel1@gmail.com

Bonnie Robichaux

Store Manager



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"What I can do you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God!" - St. Teresa of Calcutta Switch Stores & Save Lives Melaleuca, The Wellness Company Liz Champagne: 337-277-1069

#### Join Us Today And Save a Life! 1. Start a <u>Baby Bottle Campaign in your Church or Organization.</u> Call us for a "how-to" packet. By credit card or on our website: www.desormeauxfoundation.org 3. By check payable to Desormeaux Foundation, 1331 Jefferson, Lafayette, LA 70501 4. By Stock Gift remembering us as a beneficiary when you do your Financial planning, stock options, etc. 5. Send a Memorial or a Mass Intention for our Chapel in memory of a loved one. 6. Be a <u>Room Sponsor</u>: \$5000: Your family name will be enshrined in St. Marguerite d'Youville Maternity Home. Thank you for any support you can send as we STAY WITH ME FOR ONE continue helping mothers in distress and saving babies. <u>HOUR; Eucharistic Adoration</u> Can Save The World: Come To restore a respect for life begins by re-establishing an pray with us in our Chapel on understanding of the Church's teaching on contraception. Wednesdays! 9 AM—4PM

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