



# New Life News

Spring Edition

**Welcome** to the New Life News Spring Newsletter! Your guide to all the new happenings here at Elizabeth's New Life Center. Join us as we discuss some of our new projects and share a story of hope. We hope you will continue to support us and thank you for your past support of ENLC and its programs!



# A Message from Vivian: New Center Opening

Dear friends of ENLC,

As we start off the new year with gratitude for our many achievements in 2021, we also realize there is so much more to be done! With that in mind, our board and staff have been considering the opening of a new Women's Center. After much research, we have decided on the western part of Cincinnati, specifically zip code 45211, where the abortion numbers are very high. The number of abortions last year in this one zip code totaled 155, the highest in all of southwest Ohio. We hope to collaborate with all of the Cincinnati pregnancy centers to make this new location successful as we have done with our other centers. The need is there; the services are not there yet.

The theme of our capital campaign is, "The Least of These." Beginning this spring, we hope to raise the \$250,000 needed to sustain the first two years of operations. One of Mother Teresa's favorite texts in the Bible was, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, 45, NIV). The true "least" of the brothers and sisters of Jesus are those persons who are most profoundly vulnerable. They are the socially, psychologically, or economically disadvantaged such as the sick, the poor, the mentally and physically disabled, or, in our case, the unborn. "Abortion," said Mother Teresa, "...brings a people to

be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome."

ENLC's Women's Centers are full-service pregnancy centers offering a wide variety of support services. Some highlights of these services include pregnancy testing, pregnancy consultations, ultrasounds, a token economy system involving individual and group classes as well as "baby bucks" for completing them, Baby Boutiques, maternal and paternal mentoring and support, and post-abortion healing. Holy Family Prenatal Care, located in Dayton, offers full prenatal care and a variety of parenting classes. Finally, our Marriage Works! Ohio department offers marriage and relationship classes in schools, in our Women's Centers, and at the Marriage Works! Ohio building. Examples of relationship classes include Go for the Gold, Lasting Intimacy, Discovering Our Deepest Desire, and Building a Eucharistic Marriage.

## How Can You Help?

First of all, pray for the success of this new venture and that this new center will find favor in the eyes of God as we strive to expand our ministry to the "least of these." Secondly, you can donate by going to our website, sending in a check, or designating funds from your IRA. Please consider a one-time donation or a monthly or yearly pledge to help us open our ninth Women's Center in this very needy area of western Cincinnati. We were able to secure a matching grant of \$25,000, which means that every dollar you contribute, up to \$25,000, will be matched dollar for dollar.

Last year we were able to save 2,150 babies from abortion through our 8 Women's Centers. Please join us in this campaign and help us raise that number by opening a new center in a high-need area!

Arise and Rescue,

Vivian Koob



# Will You Help the Least Among Us?

*“You can do what I cannot do.  
I can do what you cannot do.  
Together we can do great things.”*

This quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta speaks to me of what it means to be the living Body of Christ. We need one another to continue the mission of Jesus. That is why we turn to you and ask your help with this capital campaign.

The needs of our local community are huge and can sometimes paralyze us from responding in faith. St. Teresa of Calcutta invites us to simply do our small part with great love. Working together, vulnerable lives of both babies and mothers can be saved.

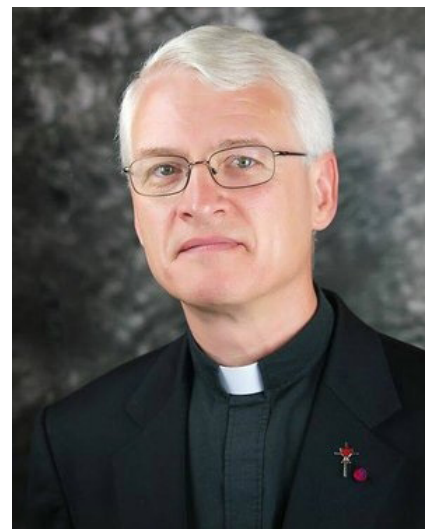
Over the past 11 years as pastor of Emmanuel, St. Joseph, and Holy Trinity parishes in Downtown Dayton, I have come to know, respect, and support the mission of Elizabeth’s New Life Center (ENLC). Our parishioners have enthusiastically supported projects like “Bottles for Babies” where each family fills a plastic baby bottle with money over a four-week period as a form of almsgiving for ENLC. Another project has been the Advent Giving Tree in which parishioners take an ornament and purchase a baby item that goes into the ENLC boutique where clients

can shop for items using the “baby bucks” they collected through their participation in multiple and various educational classes. Each year we promote parishioners hosting tables at the ENLC annual banquet by inviting others to learn more about the life-saving mission of ENLC.

In simple and varied ways, we have been able to support the mission of ENLC and help promote the dignity of all life, especially the life of the unborn. As a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, I’m impelled to preach the truth that all life is precious, as precious as the Blood of Christ. One way of doing this is by joining our voices and working together to end the legalization of abortion and to help others to see that the gift of life is given at the moment of conception. Currently, those who call the western Cincinnati neighborhoods home, do not have the resources to help them recognize the options available when a person is confronted with an unexpected or problem pregnancy. This campaign is a key step in changing hearts and saving lives. Having a Women’s Center sponsored by ENLC in a local neighborhood does make a difference. We can see the positive choices for life

happening in the other eight Women’s Centers operated by ENLC. Working together in simple and varied ways we can do amazing things for “The Least Among Us...” and continue the mission of Jesus one person at a time. Please join us in supporting this important capital campaign and feel free to call me if you have questions about the work of ENLC.

In Christ,



Fr. Angelo Anthony, CPPS  
Campaign Chair





## New Marriage Program!

We are excited to announce the launch of the *Building a Eucharistic Marriage* online video series! Developed by the Director of Marriage Works! Ohio, Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S, this Catholic marriage enrichment course is designed to encourage and equip couples not only to deepen their marital relationship, but also to strengthen their relationship with Christ in the Eucharist.

### The Content

The 7-session video series, made possible through a generous donor, was filmed and produced in partnership with Blackstone Films and Revive Parishes, Inc. Growing out of Greg's first program, *Discovering Our Deepest Desire*, the *Building a Eucharistic Marriage* series juxtaposes seven habits for building a healthy and thriving marital relationship with seven habits for entering into a richer relationship with Christ through the Eucharist. Assisted by his wife, Stephanie, as well as Father Alex McCullough, Greg unfolds God's vision for marriage and teaches practical

skills for achieving this vision such as how to make time for one another, ways of implementing ongoing self-evaluation, and tools for good communication and conflict resolution.

Greg has been a therapist for nearly 30 years and has passionately promoted healthy, Godly marriages for over 15 years through couples therapy as well as classes for secular, Christian, and Catholic audiences. Although he has taught the *Discovering Our Deepest Desire* and its Christian counterpart, *Renewing Our Love*, throughout the southwest Ohio region, he is excited to offer the *Building a Eucharistic Marriage* online

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Check out the course trailer at [www.EucharisticMarriage.org](http://www.EucharisticMarriage.org) and use the access code “launch” to get 50% off of the 7-session *Building a Eucharistic Marriage* online series.

series as a ministry support to couples, parishes, and dioceses throughout the country. He looks forward to the release of the program on FORMED, an online ministry of the Augustine Institute which reaches 1.3 million users with movies, audiobooks, and video series on core issues of the faith.

## For Couples

Are you looking for hope, healing, and renewal in your marriage? You can sign up to get weekly marriage tips from Greg. If you want to go deeper, visit [www.EucharisticMarriage.org](http://www.EucharisticMarriage.org) and go to the “For Individuals” page of “The Program” tab and see the ways in which you can not only strengthen your own marriage but also promote the ministry at your parish!

## For Pastors and Marriage Ministers

With around half of all marriages, including Catholic marriages, ending in divorce, you may be feeling the urgency of ministering to couples, but also the uncertainty of how to do so effectively. Revive Parishes, a platform which reaches 8,000 Catholic ministry leaders each year, now includes a 45-minute *Building a Eucharistic Marriage* overview video. Check out [www.reviveparishes.com](http://www.reviveparishes.com) and set up a free account to see if this series is right for your parish's needs. Already interested? Go to [www.eucharisticmarriage.org/for-parishes](http://www.eucharisticmarriage.org/for-parishes) and see how you can get this series at your parish!



## 40 Days for Life & Hope

Recently, I met a young woman who was sitting on the curb at the abortion clinic looking rather distraught and I asked her if she had had an abortion and if she wanted to talk. She indicated that she had not had the abortion yet and that she was waiting for her mother to pick her up. The sidewalk educators who are on the sidewalk everyday had already spoken to her and she was not saying much, but she did give us her name. We offered to take her across the street to the Women's Center but she refused.

I returned to the car and began praying again for her and all the young expectant mothers who go into this abortion clinic every day and end the lives of their little ones. A particular scripture and description from the 40 Days of Life prayer book jumped off the page at me and I approached the girl again and read the scripture passage to her as well as the description. She listened, but was still not willing to talk to me.

As I looked around at the signs, the one for the Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline caught my attention and I pulled it out of the ground and returned to the young woman and offered the APR hotline number to her. I did not see her put it in her phone so I assumed she was tuning me out at that point. Shortly after that attempt an abortion

worker took the girl into her own car and drove away. That was a Thursday, my regular day to pray at the clinic.

The following Monday that young woman appeared in one of our Women's Centers. She had returned the next day (Friday) to the abortion clinic and this time took the first abortion pill but quickly regretted it and did not take the second pill 24 hours later as instructed by the abortion clinic.

As she told our consultant: "I didn't want to take the pill but the abortion clinic worker insisted that I take it there and I don't like to say NO to people so I took it." Once she left the clinic she felt that she had done the wrong thing and remembered that someone had offered her information on Abortion Pill Reversal and she found the hotline number on-line and called. They took her history and referred her to our Women's Center for an ultrasound to be sure the baby was still alive, which she was. Her mother was with her and they immediately went upstairs to our prenatal clinic where our doctor started her on the progesterone regiment to stop the effects of the first abortion pill. She is now happily carrying the baby to term and things are working out very well in her life.

By Women's Centers of Ohio Staff

## 40 Days for Life

If you would like to be part of the effort of saving babies from abortion there are several ways to help:

- Pray for abortion to end and join the 40 days for Life efforts.
- Volunteer at one of our eight Women's Centers and financially support the Women's Centers of Ohio run by Elizabeth's New Life Center.
- Work with your church or parish to encourage others to pray at the abortion clinics in our area, one in Kettering and one in Cincinnati, where both surgical and medical abortions are done almost every day.
- Start a pro-life action group in your church or join an existing group.
- Attend our upcoming spring banquet to learn more about all that Elizabeth's New Life Center is doing to make an impact on our communities to reduce abortions and help families thrive.

\*40 Days for Life is an international effort to maintain a peaceful, prayerful presence outside of our local abortion clinics in Dayton and Cincinnati for the 40 days of Lent in the spring and 40 Days in the fall. You can sign up to pray for an hour or more on the website, [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com).



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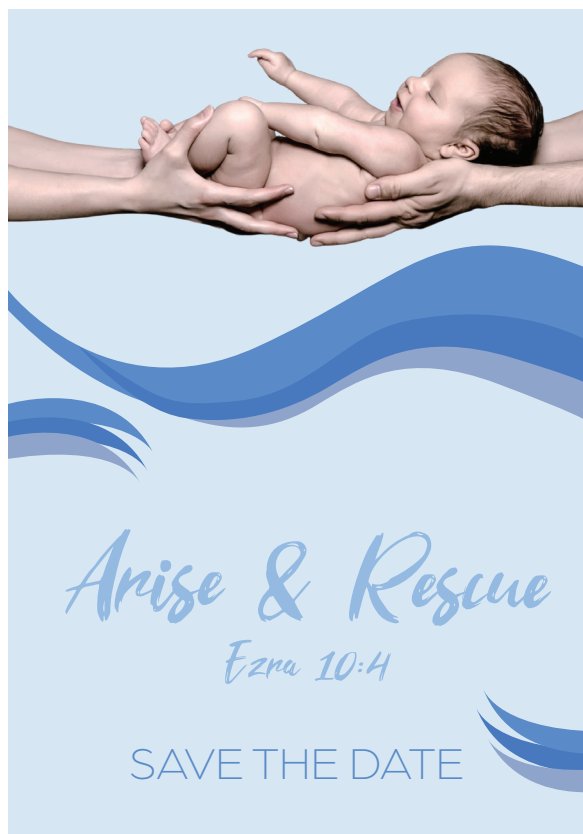
Please consider putting ENLC into your estate plan and joining our New Life Legacy Society.

### **You, too, can leave a Legacy for Life!**

Contact Tim Stonecash if you want to further discuss at (937) 266-7414, ext. 323 or email [tstonecash@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:tstonecash@elizabethnewlife.org)

If you are interested in volunteering at ENLC in any way, please contact Kelly Parker by phone (937) 266-7414, ext. 304, or email [kparker@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:kparker@elizabethnewlife.org)

## Support us by attending one of our Banquets...



### *2022 Partnership Banquets*

#### **Dayton**

April 7th & 8th  
Hope Hotel

#### **South**

Sept. 22nd  
Oasis Conference Center

#### **North**

Oct. 24th & 25th  
Palazzo in Botkins

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