

PRO-LIFE NEWS



**But if we
hope for
what we
do not
see,
we wait
for it with
patience.**

Romans 8:25



16 Opportunities to Support LIFE this Advent

The Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Giving Tree is once again adorned with “ornaments” -- gifts that needy mothers and their babies are wishing for this Christmas. The mothers all faced crisis pregnancies, but chose life for their babies.

These are *16 families* being assisted by the *Helpers of God's Precious Infants*, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to saving babies and strengthening families.

To participate:

- SELECT & REMOVE an ornament.
- PURCHASE the requested item or something similar. (For more expensive gifts, two or more families could join together to buy the item.)
- NEW items only.
- WRAP your gift and TAPE the ornament on to the package.
- RETURN your wrapped gift with its ornament tag **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to assure delivery by Christmas, but no later than Sunday, **DECEMBER 16**.



Upcoming Events

Friday, January 18

Annual March for Life
Washington D.C.

Details soon!

***Raffle underway NOW to
support this pilgrimage.***

Good Counsel Homes Banquet 2018



Pro Life Apostolate members, Barbara Harkins (far left) and Tracye McArdle (far right) join Good Counsel Homes President Christopher Bell and Brenda Quinn, co-founder of the South Jersey Good Counsel Homes in Riverside, at this year's banquet. This wonderful organization provides a home for homeless pregnant mothers and their children, ensuring that they receive the training, education and services necessary to lead stable, self-sufficient lives.

*If you were unable to attend this year, but would like to donate, there are **blue envelopes** on the Pro-Life table in the St. Martha Room for you to mail in a contribution.*

A Special Delivery to Trenton

Three hundred and sixty postcards, individually signed by parishioners of Mater Ecclesiae, were hand carried to the State Capitol in October to be delivered to dozens of state senators and assembly members, urging these legislators to SUPPORT A BAN ON LATE TERM ABORTIONS in New Jersey.

This is a project of the 20/20 Campaign, a statewide initiative to pass the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (S537/A3452) by the year 2020.

You can still show your support for this initiative by writing or calling your NJ legislators. Tell them to pass these proposed bills.



Learning to Speak about LIFE with Courage and Confidence

“I think a woman has a right to do what she wants with her own body.”

“Don’t push your religious views on me.”

Students of Mrs. Spark’s 7th Grade Religious Education class are now better prepared to respond to typical pro-abortion arguments like these, following a presentation to their class by the Mater Ecclesiae Pro-Life Apostolate.

Through a program using video clips, team competition and group discussion, the students were equipped with facts and logic to articulate their pro-life views -- with confidence, courage and kindness.



Bishop Sullivan again joins the “40 Days for Life” Campaign at Cherry Hill Abortion Facility

Prayer volunteers outside the Cherry Hill Women’s Center on Kings Highway found support and encouragement from His Excellency, Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the Camden Diocese, as he greeted dozens of men, women, students and children gathered in peaceful vigil, leading them in a recitation of the rosary, for the protection of unborn children, a change of heart for their mothers and families, and for a conversion of the staff working within this abortion facility.

By the grace of God, *40 Days for Life* has achieved a stunning track record of life-saving results since launching in 2007 and rapidly becoming a worldwide movement:

**750,000 volunteers, 769 cities, 50 nations, 5,605 local campaigns,
15,235 lives saved, 186 abortion workers quit, 99 abortion centers closed**

