

**Culture of Life  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2024**

Attendance: Sandy, Deirdre, Carol, & Gerry.

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Gerry

- Open Discussion.
  - 40 Days for Life. Carol shared a brochure showing as a result of 40-days for Life: 24,242 lives saved, 256 abortion workers quit, and 148 abortion centers closed. Deidre described her experience at the First Saturday Procession to Planned Parenthood that was disrupted by a very anti-Mary non-Catholic!
  - Abortion Pill: Medication abortion now accounts for over 50% of all abortions and is growing. Gerry reminded us to take the time to sign the petition, via the URL below, urging Costco to not dispense the abortion pill Mifepristone.  
<https://www.inspireinvesting.com/costco>
  - Safety Net came to SOM. Sandy hoped they would talk more about the dangers of being lured by strangers on social media into sex trafficking.
  - Withstanding Wokeism. Carol shared this conference at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish on Sat June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Go to [wswksm.org](http://wswksm.org) for more information.
  - ACLJ – American Center for Law and Justice [[aclj.org](http://aclj.org)] Carol highlighted their work that is free to defend “Truth”.
  
- 2024/2025 Planning
  - COL meetings: NO meetings June-July-Aug. Next meeting Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. **ACTION**: Gerry to let Anita know to cancel use of conference room and book for next year.
  - Birthline Table still manned June-July-Aug. **ACTION** Sandy to coordinate.
  - Birthline items needed: **ACTION** Deidre to follow up with Anita about list outlined in bulletin. Deidre also to work on the idea for a “Stroller” fund box on the table.
  - 40-Days for Life: Continue to attend First Saturday Processions to Planned Parenthood from Our Lady of the Rosary organized by the “Helpers of God's Precious Infants San Diego” **ACTION** Next procession is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agenda:

7.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary.

8.30am Procession to Planned Parenthood – Divine Mercy

8.45am Arrive at Planned Parenthood

(1 hour) Rosary – Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries

9.45am Procession back to Our Lady of the Rosary – Luminous Mystery

10.00am Arrive at Our Lady of the Rosary

The procession is optional. Instead, members can meet to say the rosary between 8.45am-9.45am at Planned Parenthood 2017 First Ave, SD 92101.

- Walk for Life SD: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Kitchens for Good (kitchensforgood.org) **ACTION** Sandy to coordinate with SOM.
- Parish Education: Need to get the word out about our Ministry and Message!  
Quarterly Bulletin Inserts: **ACTION 1**. Sandy to develop a flyer that highlights individual questions from the Trent Horn Booklet “Why We’re Pro Life.” **2**. Mary to coordinate flyers from the SD Diocese for Life, Peace, and Justice on their resources etc. Weekly on-line newsletter: **ACTION** Gerry to talk to Jocelyn on how to work with Parish Office.
- Natural Death: Hospice and Resources. **ACTION** Deidre/Carol/Mary to work on getting a speaker. **ADDENDUM**: Sandy had a very long talk with Father Kizito at the Culture of Life table last Saturday. He is very passionate about life issues and had some interesting insight into Hospice Care. He would be willing to come to a meeting/be a speaker!
- Parish Liaison: Coordinating efforts with other Parishes **ACTION** Gerry to talk to other Parishes.

### **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:**

9 in 10 children aborted have parents that are unmarried. We therefore need to understand why our sexual ethics are broken if we want to end abortion.

**ACTION: Read “Theology of the Body for Beginners” by Christopher West – A basic introduction to Pope John Paul II’s Sexual Revolution and watch Live Action Video Series: “The Truth about Sex” on you tube**

NO MEETINGS June-July-August. **ACTION: See above action items for the summer!**

The next COL meeting will be on Sept, 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am in the conference room.

Closing Prayer led by Gerry. The meeting ended at 11 AM.