

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Building the Culture of Life with Young People

Allison Stump, *Students for Life Coordinator, Diocese of Toledo*

Hello everyone,

My name is Allison Stump, and I am the very first Students for Life Coordinator serving the Diocese of Toledo!

As a daughter of St. Bernard's Parish in New Washington, I benefitted from the love and devotion of my educators at the school from kindergarten until my graduation from the eighth grade. From there, God guided me through years of forging my Catholic faith and zeal for the dignity of every human life.

As a student of Walsh University, I spent hours attending and leading prayer vigils for life at abortion facilities, as well as building authentic Catholic identity in my community. After earning my Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Philosophy, God called me to move to Chicago, IL, in the summer of 2020 to give a year of service with the Chicago-area's largest pro-life pregnancy resource organization, Aid for Women. During the past year, I have worked to empower many abortion-vulnerable women as a live-in volunteer with Aid for Women's residential program called Heather's House.

Now, I am blessed and excited to serve the young people of Northwest Ohio as the new Students for Life Coordinator! I have been blessed to have many opportunities to meet students, helping them dig deeper and graft themselves onto those perennial and strong roots of our Catholic faith. Acting as a liaison between the Diocese and Students for Life of America, it is so exciting to see the coming of a new era in the pro-life movement for our community. Now more than ever before, we have the resources to really connect with and engage the next generation of pro-life men and women!

My hope is that through God's grace our young people will stand with confidence to spread the Truth of Christ to others! I am exceedingly grateful to be able to connect with all of you, especially your young people, to answer this call to continually build the *cultura vitae*, the culture of life.

In the days ahead, please pray with me that God's will may be done in our communities, our families, and each of our hearts. If you want to invite me to meet and serve your students, please reach out by email at astump@toledodiocese.org or by phone at 419-214-4973.

Pax, Allison Stump, Students for Life Coordinator



Allison Stump (second from right) with students from Sacred Heart Catholic School, Bethlehem, OH

OUR MISSION

St. John Neumann Deanery Respect Life Ministry Mission Statement

- TO: **L**ive the gospel of life in all its aspects and fullness
- TO: **I**ntercede for the protection of life and the restoration of the culture of life
- TO: **F**ulfill the demands of educating and informing our parishes and those in our sphere of influence about respect for life in all issues
- TO: **E**ngage our parishes in the spiritual and temporal battles against life and God's commandments and holy word

OUR FAITH

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

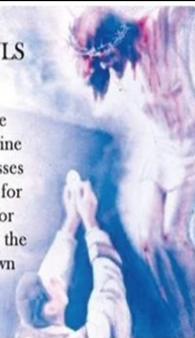
The unconditional choice for life reaches its full religious and moral meaning when it flows from, is formed by and nourished by *faith in Christ*.

Nothing helps us so much to face positively the conflict between death and life in which we are engaged as faith in the Son of God who became man and dwelt among men so "that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (Jn 10:10). 28

PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.



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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: LETTER CAMPAIGN

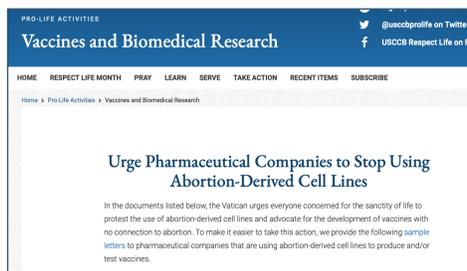
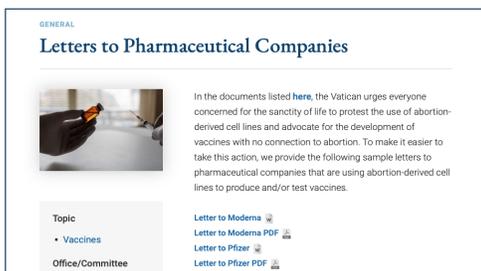
Moral Concerns about the Creation of Vaccines

By Karen Ott, *Respect Life Ministry Team Member*

The Pontifical Academy for Life has said that Catholics may use, in a narrowly defined limit, vaccines prepared with cell lines derived from aborted children, but with strong warnings regarding our obligation to protest. Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated. (1)

In regard to objecting to an Abortion-Tainted COVID-Vaccine as well as to other vaccines and products such as cosmetics and food products that are produced or tested on these cell lines, the following information gives several options to research and pursue.

1. For further information on fetal cell lines and how they may be used in vaccines and other products, please see the following: <https://lozierinstitute.org>. Choose the topic “fetal tissues and genetics.”
2. To pursue a letter-writing campaign go to: <https://usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies> or <https://usccb.org/prolife/vaccines-and-biomedical-research> to find names, addresses, and sample letters to send to the vaccine producers.



3. Learn how to support those organizations that are committed to biomedical standards that value human life such as the John Paul II Medical Research Institute (<https://www.jp2mri.org>) and the National Catholic Bioethics Center (<https://www.ncbcenter.org>) which provide education, guidance and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research.
4. Send a letter to your representatives in Congress (how to find your senator: <https://www.senate.gov> or representative: <https://www.house.gov>) stating that you object to the use of the remains of aborted children in vaccines or any other biomedical product and that you would like their help to create ethical alternatives.
5. Another way is to share facts on social media. It can be a means of helping others to become aware of these important issues.

[1] Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines. Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, on December 2020, Liturgical Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Another 40 Days for Life campaign has come to a close. During this year’s event, Sept. 22-Oct. 31, 40 Days President & CEO Shawn Carney, says **588 babies were saved from abortion** with more reports coming in as of this newsletter’s publication date. **PRaise THE LORD!**



RESOURCES: EDIFY



Some bishops and even Pope Francis have urged us to get the COVID vaccine. Many of us are confused, especially when the media portrays vaccination as a moral obligation.

Professor Josh Hochschild of Mount St. Mary’s University helps sort things out in this episode of EDIFY. This short video* can be accessed at edify.us. (*A transcript also is available for printing.)

EDIFY is comprehensive digital learning platform, designed to deliver answers to tough questions—all grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church. EDIFY is an initiative of The CatholicVote Education Fund.

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