

# St. Agnes-St. William of York

## Respect Life Newsletter - June - July 2019

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I hope you are having a wonderful summer in spite of the killer heat. This time of year there is a deceptive lull in respect life news and activity. As fall approaches, state and federal legislatures reconvene, and 2020 election campaigns kick in, issues that a few years ago would have been inconceivable will be once again debated. This past fall and spring, state and federal legislative bodies debated and sometimes passed legislation that legalized late term abortion and, in some cases, infanticide. An increasing number of state legislatures passed legislation legalizing euthanasia, physician assisted suicide and suicide itself. State and federal legislatures also debated and sometimes passed legislation that modified past civil rights laws to include gender and gender identity as protected categories. Such legislation has given rise to an increase in the number of lawsuits charging religious institutions, healthcare facilities and various professions with discriminatory practices. Already Catholic adoption agencies in some states have been forced out of the adoption business. It is practically guaranteed that similar legislation will be proposed in the 2020 Maryland General Assembly. Therefore, in this and upcoming newsletters, we will try to provide information and resources which will shed light on the issues from a Catholic perspective. I am also going to work on getting the newsletter out in a more timely fashion... :-)

### **ST. AGNES AND ST. WILLIAM OF YORK NEWS AND EVENTS:**

#### • **Upcoming St. Agnes/St. William of York Events:**

- ✓ **St Agnes/St. William of York Respect Life Holy Hour, August 6:** Our monthly Respect Life Holy Hour is held on the first Tuesday of every month at St. Agnes. The monthly Holy Hour begins at 5:45 pm and ends with Benediction at 6:45 pm. The Holy Hour includes praise and worship music, the Angelus, time to pray for private and special intentions and the respect life rosary. Now more than ever it is necessary that we pray for life, the dignity of the human person and our nation. Hope to see you there.

**When:** Tue, Aug 6, 2019, 5:45-6:45 pm.

**Where:** St. Agnes Church

- ✓ **St. Agnes/ St. William of York Respect Life Meeting, September 20:** The St. Agnes/St. William of York Respect Life Committee will meet on September 20 between 10:00 and 11:30 am in the St. Agnes Activity Center Meeting Room. We have invited Father Isaac to the meeting so that he can meet the members of our ministry and become acquainted with what we do. We are also looking forward to hearing any ideas Father has which might further our ministry. All are welcome.



Father Isaac

\*So that we can plan appropriately, please contact Paula Noeller ([pnoeller@comcast.net](mailto:pnoeller@comcast.net)) if you plan to attend the meeting. We usually have beverages and breakfast items prior to the start of the meeting. Those who want to attend mass before the meeting are welcome to attend the 9:00 am St. Agnes School Mass. A detailed agenda will be available at a later date.

**When:** Fri, Sept 20, 2019, 10:00-11:30 am

**Where:** St. Agnes Activity Center

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS:**

• **Upcoming Local and Regional Events**

- ✓ **Summer Evening of Prayer at WBPC, August 8:**  
Kim Frazer, the local coordinator of the Catonsville 40 Days for Life campaign, has scheduled a summer evening of prayer on Thursday evening, August 8. The event will provide an opportunity for experienced and new pray-ers to reconnect or meet for the first time before the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign begins. Prayer will begin in West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices (WBPC) and then move to the public sidewalk on the Johnnycake Road side of the Hillcrest facility. Hope to see you there.



Prayers at Entrance of WBPC

**When:** Thurs, Aug, 8, 2019, 7:30 pm      **Where:** West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices (located in Chin Baptist Mission Church), 5602 Johnnycake Rd, Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

- ✓ **Two Showings of *Unplanned*, the Movie, August 8:**  
If you were unable to attend one of the showings of the movie *Unplanned* this past spring, you have the opportunity to do so on the evening of August 8th at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City.

*Unplanned* is the story of Abby Johnson's conversion from being a defender of abortion and an award-winning manager of a Texas Planned Parenthood to an internationally famous defender of life. Despite an R rating and attempts in the US to limit both distribution and publicity, the movie earned an A+ CinemaScore and a No. 5 ranking at the box office its opening week. Initially banned in Canada, the film finally received a limited showing in May.



Unplanned, the Movie

The movie has brought about an increased awareness of the horrors of abortion, increased prayer participation outside of abortion facilities and the departure of a number of workers from the abortion industry. I have seen the movie three times.

This is a free event. Free-will offerings will be accepted, however. Donations will benefit West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices (WBPC). There will be two showings of the movie to accommodate those attending the Summer Evening of Prayer event at WBPC earlier in the evening.

**\*Note:** There are some graphic scenes which have resulted in this movie being rated R. It is not advised that younger children view it. Those suffering from the affects of abortion but have not received counseling or healing are also strongly cautioned. Printed resources will be available at the Center. Information on a Project Rachel one day retreat is available on page 3 of this newsletter.

**When:** Thursday, August, 8, 2019, 7:00 & 9:00 pm.

**Where:** Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City, 3301 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043

- ✓ **Volunteers Needed for the Maryland State Fair Pro-Life Booth, August 23 - September 2:** Maryland Right-to-Life is hosting a booth at the Maryland State Fair and needs volunteers to man the booth and to provide pro-life information and literature to visitors and passers-by. Materials will be provided. Additional details on location, dates, times and signing up to volunteer are available at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094baaab2babfe3-volunteers>



Credit: Maryland Right to Life

- ✓ **Project Rachel Come to the Waters One Day Retreat (Ellicott City Area), August 24:** Come to the Waters (CTTW) retreats offer an opportunity for healing to any woman who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain associated with an abortion. This one-day retreat will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019 in the Ellicott City area. Additional information on Project Rachel is available at the Archdiocesan website: <https://www.archbalt.org/project-rachel/>. Additional information on the retreats is available on page 8.

**When:** Saturday, August 24, 2019

**Where:** Location is confidential. Check out the flyer on page 8.

- ✓ **Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk, August 28:** Bishop Madden is inviting you to join him for his next prayer walk on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at St. Edward Roman Catholic Church. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and will end before 7:30 p.m. During Bishop Madden's prayer walks, pray-ers pray at locations in Baltimore affected by violence for individuals affected by violence, and for those prone to violence.

**When:** Aug 28, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** St. Edward Roman Catholic Church, 901 Poplar Grove Street, Baltimore, MD 21216

- ✓ **Talk on the "Connection Between Contraception, Abortion and Euthanasia" by Dr. Janet Smith at the Baltimore Basilica, Sept 14:** This is a great opportunity to hear from an internationally recognized expert on St. Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *'Humanae Vitae'*, and its relationship to many of the moral and sociological issues of our time. She will be in Baltimore to serve as the keynote speaker at the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Workshop on September 14. Her talk at the Basilica is open to the public. Attend the 5:30 pm mass and stay for Dr. Smith's talk.



Dr. Janet Smith

Dr. Smith is the Father Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. She is the author of *'Humanae Vitae: A Generation Later'* and editor of *'Why Humanae Vitae Was Right: A Reader'*. She co-authored with Professor Chris Kraczo *'Life Issues, Medical Choices, Questions and Answers for Catholics'*. She is also associated with several international organizations, including the Pontifical Council on the Family.

**When:** Saturday, September 14, 2019, 7:00pm

**Where:** Baltimore Basilica of the Assumption 409 Cathedral St, Baltimore, MD 21201

## Resources:

- **Dr. Smith's Web Page at Sacred Heart Major Seminary:** <https://www.shms.edu/content/dr-janet-e-smith>
- **YouTube Video: 'Paul VI on *Humanae Vitae*' on the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZs0gcy-Rho>)

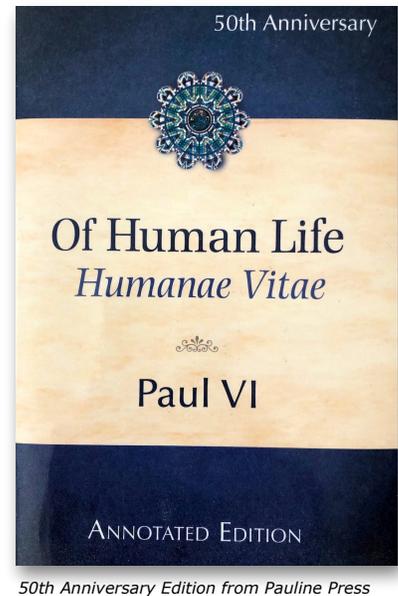
This video provides new insight into St. Pope Paul VI and his preparation of "Humanae Vitae". In a general audience on July 31, 1968, Blessed Pope Paul VI spoke in English about his encyclical.

- ***Humanae Vitae*** ([http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_p-vi\\_enc\\_25071968\\_humanae-vitae.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html))
- **YouTube Video: 'Dr Janet Smith | *Humanae Vitae*, 50 Years Later: Progress or Regress':** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHb8L4cgvNk>)

This frank talk was given by Dr. Smith at Christendom College during the 50th anniversary year of *Humanae Vitae*.

- ***Contraception: Why Not:*** (<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/common-misconceptions/contraception-why-not.html>)

This is a lengthy, but well-worth reading, article by Dr. Smith. It addresses possible explanations for many of the moral and sociological problems confronting us today.



- ✓ **Bereavement Ministry Formation Seminar at St. Paul's in Ellicott City, September 21 & November 2:** The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering a bereavement formation seminar this Fall. The seminar will include "the psychological and biblical foundations of grief, practical considerations for a parish-based bereavement ministry, and an opportunity to reflect on specific types of loss, including, miscarriage, terminal illness, and sudden loss." The seminar will be facilitated by Dr. Patricia Fosarelli. Participants are asked to attend both the September 21 and November 2 sessions. The cost for the entire seminar is \$50.00. Scholarships are available.

**When:** September 21 and November 2, 2019 (both sessions must be attended). See the flyer on 9 for details.)

**Where:** St. Paul's of Ellicott City Center for the New Evangelization, 3755 St. Paul Street, Ellicott City, MD., 21043.

- ✓ **Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, September 25 - November 3:** In 2004, four people, dedicated to protecting the lives of the unborn, gathered to pray in Texas. By the end of the prayer period they felt called to start a prayer campaign tied to the Biblically significant number 40, and the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign was 'born'. By 2007, the small local campaign had grown to a national campaign which spanned 89 cities in 33 states. It is now an international campaign located in hundreds of cities in dozens of countries on six continents. The dramatic growth of the 40 Days for Life campaign can be attributed to three things - the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of prayer and the faithfulness of the tens and hundreds of thousands of volunteers that have participated in

and donated to the bi-annual campaign.

According to the 40 Days for Life website, 40 Days for Life now has 1,000,000 volunteers participating in 6,428 local campaigns in 855 cities and 61 nations. To date, 16,004 lives having been saved, 191 abortion workers having quit, and 104 abortion centers have closed.

### Resources:

- **40 Days for Life Website:** (<https://40daysforlife.com>)
- **40 Days for Life Podcasts:** (<https://40daysforlife.com/category/podcast/>)  
You can also subscribe to these podcasts on iTunes, Android or other RSS readers (<http://40daysforlife.libsyn.com/rss>).
- **Sample 40 Days for Life Podcast:** "How Artificial Reproduction Contributes to the Abortion Crisis" - [http://traffic.libsyn.com/40daysforlife/4.29\\_7-16\\_podcast\\_edit.mp3](http://traffic.libsyn.com/40daysforlife/4.29_7-16_podcast_edit.mp3)  
This podcast is a discussion on artificial reproductive technologies and alternatives to them. I appreciated that in this podcast the subject of infertility and how people deal with it is discussed by three men, one of whom struggled with his wife with infertility. On pages 10-11 is a USCCB flyer on navigating infertility. Those affected by infertility will find it very informative.
- **Day 41, the 40 Days for Life Quarterly Magazine:**  
You can sign-up for this free magazine at <https://40daysforlife.com/magazine/>.
- **40 Days for Life Email Updates, Devotionals and Prayers:** You can sign up to received updates, devotionals and other news at <https://40daysforlife.com/subscribe>.
- **Catonsville 40 Days for Life Campaign Website:** (<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/catonsville/>). This website provides details about the Catonsville 40 Days for Life campaign which is held twice a year outside the Hillcrest abortion facility, located across the street from Chin Baptist Mission Church at the intersection of Johnnycake Road and Route 40. You can sign up for the Catonsville campaign and set up a prayer calendar on its website. Registering also gives you access to notifications of pro-life activities throughout the Baltimore and Catonsville area.
- **DVD/Blu-ray Copies of *Unplanned* Plus Bonus Materials Available at 40 Days for Life:** For details and to place an order, go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/2019/07/31/get-unplanned-on-dvd-blu-ray/>



40 Days for Life Magazine

**REFLECTION: ....That They May All Be One.. With a Caveat..**

A few weeks ago, I was watching an EWTN preview of the upcoming dedication of Christ Cathedral (formerly the non-Catholic Crystal Cathedral) in Orange County, California. I was struck, not by the massiveness of the Cathedral, but by a passing reference to masses being prayed in Vietnamese. A quick look at the cathedral's website revealed that there are three Sunday masses conducted in Vietnamese. Upon further investigation, I learned that the diocese of Orange County has the largest Vietnamese-American community in the U.S. and that the United States has by far the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam. In addition to there being three Sunday masses in Vietnamese, there are three Sunday masses in Spanish, one Sunday mass in Chinese and two Sunday masses in English. I thought to myself, wow! How the Church in the US reflected the universal Church! For some reason, the thought filled me with joy.



*Crystal Cathedral*

This reminder of the universality of the Church and how the Church in the US reflects the universal Church was reinforced a few days later at an 8:00 am morning mass at St. William of York. Father Isaac, who is from Kenya, was celebrating the mass. Concelebrating with Father Isaac was Father Jeremy, from Haiti. In the pew in front of me sat some nuns from South Korea. To my right there were two visitors from the Philippines. At the back of the church sat our administrative assistant, Benedicta Ebhoaye, and her husband, Albert. Benedicta and Albert are from Nigeria. Joe Coyne, one of our "rosary regulars", was also there. He hails from Ireland. As I pondered the scene, Psalm 67 came to mind, and I was again filled with joy. Psalm 67 is often read at the beginning of the day during the Liturgy of the Hours. The opening lines of the psalm are:

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Fast forward to this past First Friday. I was at St. William of York for First Friday Adoration. During Adoration, I spent some time examining the painting on the ceiling over the altar. In the painting, the Father and the Son are seated on either side of Mary, crowning her Queen of Heaven. Overhead is the Holy Spirit. It occurred to me that the painting reflected God's will for each of us, that is, that we, like Mary, were created to share in the divine life of the Trinity. What an awesome thought!!



*Painting on the Ceiling of St. William of York*

The joy that had been growing over a period of several weeks was abruptly and tragically interrupted by the news of the El Paso and Dayton shootings. I won't say that they brought me back to "reality" because that would deny the joy-filled experiences of the previous weeks; rather it seemed to demonstrate the existence of two "realities" and how we sometimes move between them as a consequence of choices made. St. Paul speaks of these two realities, one divine and one earthly, and the need to move or choose between them in the Second Reading of today's Sunday mass. St. Paul writes, "Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Col 3:1-4)

Turn on the television! Listen to the radio! Search the internet! Drive down Rt 40! How events like those in El Paso and Dayton, mean-spirited verbal exchanges between public officials, bullying on

social media, and testy behavior at stop lights the instant they turn green stand in contrast to the life reflected on the ceiling of St. William of York, in Psalm 67 and by people from all over the world united in prayer at mass! Some will claim that this is an overly simplistic treatment of the complexities of life. Yet, we have innumerable examples of man's capacity to experience and acknowledge God, to respond to His grace and to live saintly lives.

I will close this reflection with another psalm often read during the Liturgy of the Hours, and a link to an essay which landed in my inbox this Sunday morning. The essay is '*The Two Paths*' from The Catholic Thing (<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2019/08/04/the-two-paths/>).

Have a blessed rest of your summer and please pray for our nation.

### **Psalm 95**

#### *A Call to Praise God*

Come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.  
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving  
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,  
the great king over all the gods.  
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the highest mountains as well  
He made the sea; it belongs to him,  
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,  
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker,  
For he is our God and we are his people,  
the flock he shepherds.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:  
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did  
in the wilderness,  
when at Meriba and Massah  
they challenged me and provoked me,  
Although they had seen all of my works.

Forty years I endured that generation.  
I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray  
and they do not know my ways.  
So I swore in my anger,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

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Revelation 21:4*

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*Facilitated by Dr. Patricia Fosarelli*

St. Paul, Ellicott City – Center for the New Evangelization  
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## SEVEN CONSIDERATIONS WHILE NAVIGATING INFERTILITY

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another.

The pain can become overwhelming. Social media posts of pregnancies, baby announcements, or pictures of newborns may intensify feelings of being alone in the ache for a child. Attending baby showers and being around children or pregnant women can be excruciating.

If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you. The following suggestions may be helpful to you on this journey.

- 1. Start with Prayer:** God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which “heart speaks unto heart,”<sup>1</sup> strengthen you. Pope Francis encourages us to pray not only with commonly known prayers, “but also to pray in our own words.”<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Connect with Others:** A mentorship, a faith-based support group, or spiritual direction can offer comfort and provide new perspectives. Sharing your struggles with family, friends, or a therapist can also help ease the pain. Ask the saints for their intercession, and reflect upon the biblical stories of Sarah and Abraham, Hannah and Elkanah, and Elizabeth and Zechariah.<sup>3</sup>
- 3. Seek to Understand the Church’s Teaching:** \* The sexual act expresses the marital covenant, repeating over and over again, “I give myself to you entirely, unreservedly, holding nothing back.” In this mutual gift of self, so all-encompassing that it includes their potential for procreation, a husband and wife are united as one, giving full expression to their love. These two aspects of sexuality, the unitive and the procreative, are intertwined and are not meant to be separated.

Suppressing the possibility of conception (i.e., contraceptive use) and creating life outside the marital sexual act (i.e., use of some reproductive technologies) both work against God’s plan for married love and the gift of life. Pope Francis explains that “a child

deserves to be born of that love” expressed between a husband and wife in intercourse, “and not by any other means, for ‘he or she is not something owed ... but is a gift.’”<sup>4</sup>

*\*(Further explanation in listed resources.)*

- 4. Learn the Difference between Ethical and Unethical Interventions:** \* Applying the Church’s teaching means that, in short, procedures that introduce a third party into the process (such as surrogates or sperm/egg donors) are not morally acceptable. Additionally, substituting a laboratory action or anything else for intercourse, such as artificial insemination or *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), is also morally unacceptable. However, treatments that help facilitate conception through marital intercourse are morally ethical.  
*\*(Further information in listed resources.)*
- 5. Be Aware of “Treatments” That Destroy Life:** Some procedures are problematic for multiple reasons. For example, beyond its unethical nature (as per the previous section), *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) often involves the tragic loss of human life. Children in the embryonic stage are frequently discarded—or frozen—without ever being implanted into their mother’s womb. And if multiple babies are implanted, doctors may suggest performing a “fetal reduction” by killing one or more to increase the survival chances of the strongest child in utero. While a baby might eventually be born, his or her tiny siblings may be destroyed in the process.<sup>5</sup>

- 6. Make a Plan:** Do you know there are medical options consistent with Church teaching that have statistically significantly higher rates of achieving pregnancy than IVF?<sup>6</sup> Learn about these, fertility awareness practices, and other treatments that also respect your marriage and any children who may be conceived. If you have sought to bring a child into your family through ways not in keeping with God’s plan for life and married love, have hope. The Lord welcomes us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we



Learn how to sensitively show compassion to those experiencing difficulty having children from a short list of suggested *dos* and *don'ts*. Visit [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife).

can receive the loving mercy and forgiveness we each need. With prayer and an informed conscience, work together as a couple to create a plan that takes into consideration the desire for children along with moral principles, finances, medical realities, and your overall well-being (both individually and as a couple). Locate a trained specialist or doctor who honors your plan and has training in methods of assistance that are in keeping with Church teaching.

**7. Keep Your Marriage Healthy:** Handling the uncertainties of infertility is a challenge for even the strongest marriages. Once engaged in treatment, it can become easy to focus more on the process than on each other. However, communication and mutual decision-making are vital. Staying intimately connected can help make it easier to manage lifestyle changes, reordering of priorities, physical discomfort, career disruption, and difficulties with insensitive people.

Hold fast to the constant truth of God's love for you. "To couples who cannot have children of their own," St. John Paul II affirmed, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others"<sup>7</sup> and their needs. In times of suffering, Pope Francis notes, "we sense a powerful need for someone to be close and feel compassion for us." You are not alone: "Jesus 'does not abandon those whom he loves.'"<sup>8</sup>

Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do. Learn how to show compassion sensitively from a short list of suggested *dos* and *don'ts* at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife).

**\*Resources:**

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology*. Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Natural Family Planning Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "Reproductive Technology (Evaluation & Treatment of Infertility): Guidelines for Catholic Couples." Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction *Donum vitae* (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1987.

• Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction *Dignitas personae* (*The Dignity of a Person*). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008.

• Articles, documents, statements, and more: [www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove](http://www.usccb.org/LifeGivingLove)

<sup>1</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily at the Mass with the Beatification of Venerable Cardinal John Henry Newman on September 19, 2010*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2010).

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, *General Audience, May 7, 2014*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-8; 1 Samuel 1:1 – 2:11, 18-21; Luke 1:5-25

<sup>4</sup> Pope Francis, *Amoris laetitia*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016), nos. 80-81.

<sup>5</sup> John M. Haas, Ph.D., S.T.L., "Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology," (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998).

<sup>6</sup> "Infertility," NaProTechnology, accessed May 9, 2016, <http://www.naprotechnology.com/infertility.htm>. Copyright © Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction.

<sup>7</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1982).

<sup>8</sup> Pope Francis, *Meditation at the Prayer Vigil to "Dry the Tears" on May 5, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

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