

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH



PROLIFE MINISTRY

The focus of the ProLife Ministry for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, capital punishment, fetal stem cell research, and natural family planning. The committee's purpose is to educate, raise awareness, provide opportunities for involvement, and to pray for respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

The ProLife Ministry typically meets at the church the first Monday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and share your ideas as well as volunteer to help with any of the many activities. Some of the ministry efforts include:

EDUCATION:

Respect Life Sunday
ProLife Speakers
Talks to Youth, RCIA, Religious Education
Friends for Life Youth Summer Camp
ACRTL Legislative Seminar
ProLife Bulletin inserts

ACTION:

Spiritual Adoption
Baby Shower
Local March for Life
Mother's Day Carnation Sale
Father's Day Tribute Handout
Poinsettia Sales
Diaper Collection

AWARENESS:

Tables in gathering area
Bulletin information
Banner and vests

PRAYERS:

40 Days of Prayer for Life
Rosary with Knights of Columbus
Mass Petitions

*For more information or for opportunities
to become more involved call
Jim and Mary Helen LaMarca at 625-5376*



LEGISLATION

CURRENT BILLS

For information on current prolife legislative bills, see the following:

<http://www.nrlc.org> for federal bills. Click the "Legislative Action Center" link and then select the "Issues and Legislation" tab. Click the "Current Legislation" link You will then see a list of bills grouped by prolife categories. Click on a bill; the link will open to show the bill title and number, the sponsors and co-sponsors, and a brief summary of the bill.

<http://www.indianalife.org> for state bills.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH LEGISLATORS

National Right to Life Committee provides excellent tips for effectively communicating with legislators in both Congress and state legislatures. These are available on the internet through the following links:

CONGRESS

Open National Right to Life Committee's webpage at <http://www.nrlc.org>. Click the "Legislative Action Center" link and then select the "Issues and Legislation" tab. Next click the link "Capitol Hill Basics." Finally click the "Communicating with..." link.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE

Open National Right to Life Committee's webpage at <http://www.nrlc.org>. Click the "Legislative Action Center" link and then select the "Issues and Legislation" tab. Next click on "Select a State" and toggle to "Indiana." Finally click on the "Indiana Tips," "Writing Your Reps," and "Phoning Your Reps" links.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Step 1. Referral to Committee
- Step 2. Committee Action
- Step 3. Subcommittee Review
- Step 4. Mark Up
- Step 5. Committee Action to Report a Bill
- Step 6. Publication of a written Report
- Step 7. Scheduling Floor Action
- Step 8. Debate
- Step 9. Voting
- Step 10. Referral to Other Chamber
- Step 11. Conference Committee Action
- Step 12. Final Actions
- Step 13. Overriding a Veto

Adapted from Federal Legislation - Legislative Action Center. National Right to Life Committee. 3 June 2007 <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/issues/basics/?style=legis>

Detailed explanation of each step exists at this site. Follow the steps under "Congress" above and select the "The Legislative Process" rather than the "Communicating with..." link to access this site.

LEGISLATORS

UNITED STATES SENATE

Senator Joe Donnelly

Contact: www.donnelly.senate.gov/contact/email-joe

Fort Wayne Office: (260) 220-4955

Washington, D.C. Office: (202) 224-4814

Senator Tod Young

Contact: www.young.senate.gov/content/contact-senator

Fort Wayne Office:

Washington, D.C. Office: (202) 224-5623

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Congressman Jim Banks (District 3)

Contact: <https://banks.house.gov/contact/email>

Fort Wayne Office: (260) 702-4750

Washington, D.C. Office: (202) 225-4436

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senator David C. Long (Indiana State Senate District 16 and Senate President Pro Tem)

Contact: Long@iga.in.gov

Indianapolis Office: (317) 232-9400 **OR** 800-382-9467

State Representative Christopher Judy (Indiana State House District 83)

Contact: h83@iga.in.gov

Indianapolis Office: (317) 232-9619 **OR** 800-382-9841

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and an area around it (including Arcola) are located in Indiana State Senate District 16. However, if you live in other parts of Fort Wayne or Columbia City, Roanoke, South Whitley, or further away, you can still easily contact your state senator by going to the following web page:

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>

Meanwhile, the Indiana state house districts are divided differently. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and an area around it (including Columbia City and South Whitley) are located in Indiana State House District 83. However, if you live in other parts of Fort Wayne or Arcola, Roanoke, or further away, you can still easily contact your state representative by going to the same web page:

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

The resources below are for further information or assistance concerning the pro-life topics of abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, capital punishment, Catholics in politics, and contraception.

STATE/NATIONAL RESOURCES

Office of Family Life

Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend

114 W. Wayne St.

South Bend, IN 46601

574-234-0687

Website: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org>

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

3211 Fourth St. NE

Washington, DC 20017

202-541-3070

Website: <http://www.usccb.org/>

National Right to Life Committee

419 Seventh St., NW Suite 500

Washington, DC 20004

202-626-8800

Website: <http://www.nrlc.org/>

Local Resources

Women's Care Center:

821 Webster St

Ft Wayne, IN 46802

260-424-9377

260-420-8232 Espanol)

Website: www.womenscarecenter.org

A Hope Center:

(Southwest Office)

4705 Illinois Rd

Ft Wayne, IN

260-969-6633

Website: <http://ahopecenter.org/>

Project Rachel:

(support for those who have had abortions)

Catholic Charities

315 E. Washington Blvd.

Ft. Wayne, IN 46802

260-422-5625

Website: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Project Gabriel

PO Box 1612

Columbus, In 47202

Website: <http://www.gabrielproject.com/>

Web Resources for Further Information

www.usccb.org	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.vatican.va	Vatican/Papal Site
www.ncbcenter.org	National Catholic Bioethics Center
www.knightsforlife.org	Knights of Columbus ProLife Site
www.nrlc.org	National Right to Life Committee
www.nchla.org	National Committee for Human Life Amendment (ProLife Information)
www.indiana.nasccd.org	Indiana Catholic Conference
www.teensforlife.com	ProLife Information (Priests for Life)
www.Priestsforlife.org	ProLife Information
www.Lutheransforlife.org	Lutheran Site for ProLife Information
www.RachelsVineyard.org	Abortion Info/Post-Abortion Help
www.AfterAbortion.org	Elliot Institute/Post-Abortion Help
www.HopeAfterAbortion.com	Post-Abortion Help (USCCB)
www.silentnomoreawareness.org	Abortion Information
www.euthanasia.com	Euthanasia Information
www.concernedcatholics.org	ProLife and Social Concerns
www.stemcellresearch.org	Stem Cell Information
www.cloninginformation.org	Cloning Information
www.ccedp.org	Catholic Campaign to End the Death Penalty
www.deathpenaltyinfo.org	Death Penalty Information Center
www.ncadp.org	National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
www.journeyofhope.org	Death Penalty Information
www.murdervictimsfamilies.org	Murder Victims Families for Human Rights
www.celi.org	Couple to Couple League
www.OMsoul.com	One More Soul: Natural Family Planning
www.familyhonor.org	Chastity Information
www.reallove.net	Chastity Information
www.familyplanning.net	Family of the Americas
www.fertilitycare.org	Creighton Model for Fertility Care
www.catholictherapist.com	Marriage Counseling, Therapy, and Mental Health

Resources

Local Family Practice and OB/GYN Physicians who comply with Catholic moral teaching:

Dr. Patrick Holly

Family Practice and OB/GYN
6404 Rothman Rd
Ft. Wayne, IN 46835
260-486-6197

Dr. John Moran

Family Practice
5104 N. Clinton
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825
260-422-2481

Dr. David Lieb

Family Practice
333 North Oak St,
Columbia City, IN 46725
260-244-7989