



Sanctity of Human Life

Sunday, January 22, 2017 is National Sanctity of Human Life Day. It was instituted in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and is honored on the Sunday nearest the day Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions were handed down by the US Supreme court on January 22, 1973.

Every life is special. Within each heart is a plan, set forth by God, to express His love in a unique and encouraging way. Every human life has precious value and is deserving of our support and care. We are called to be a voice and advocate for all life, and especially for those who cannot speak for themselves. 44 years. 57 million lives lost. Society is only as strong as the value we put on the smallest and weakest among us. Commit yourself to doing something about the unimaginable loss of life in the womb.

When we make the choice to see people as God does, we are moved to love others in a way that honors our Creator. It is this time of year that we also present the Baby Bottle Campaign. Individuals and families are invited to take home a baby bottle, which can be picked up at the pregnancy center or at your local church. This bottle will serve as a reminder to pray for the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley, and can be filled with coins, cash, or check to help support this ministry.

We have been serving the Illinois Valley for nearly 30 years. Our mission is to empower choices for life through Christ-centered education and support. Our vision is that all babies are born and raised in healthy families. We reach out to men, women, and families by offering education and support before, during, and after pregnancy.

****Please note that the Pregnancy Center will be closed December 23, 2016 through January 2, 2017.**

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd**

We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Value Of Life

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Jeremiah 1:5*

*"Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth."
Psalm 127: 3-4*



From the Interim Director

You have probably noticed our continuous requests for Advocates and Receptionists in our monthly Newsletters. (Yes, it is two columns over in this Newsletter, as well.) ☺

We believe there are warm hearted Christian ladies in the community who would make wonderful Advocates or Receptionists for this ministry. The center currently only has two Advocates during the week. This, unfortunately has caused the center to be closed at times due to Staff illness or appointments. This is definitely inconvenient to people that we might otherwise be able to serve, as well as placing undo strain on the current Volunteers.

The pregnancy center provides in depth training to all Volunteers. If you or anyone you know has thought about donating time to the center, but were not quite sure how you can help...please come down and talk to one of our Staff.

We would like to put together a training class starting in February or March. Please keep this need/request for the pregnancy center in fervent prayer.

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Dolly

Gifts "In Kind" Policy Changes

PCIV gratefully accepts donations of new market related items. These include diapers, wipes, baby items (still in original packaging), and new baby clothes. The pregnancy center is always in need of these items.

Most used items will be stored for our Annual Yard Sale fundraising event. Just a friendly reminder that we appreciate donated items that are not stained, torn, broken, or have missing pieces. The duration it would take for the volunteers to repair items, would take away valuable time best served toward our clients. The pregnancy center is unable to accept food, furniture, televisions, baby equipment, or medical equipment.

These policy changes are made with the best interest of the health and safety of the families we serve. The changes are also necessary to keep the center compliant with state regulations. We thank you, as always for your generosity toward this special ministry.



Center Needs

Two Volunteer Babysitters
(2 evenings per month, the
2nd & 4th Tuesday)

Two Volunteer Receptionists
(1 day per week - Tuesday's
or Wednesday's)

Two Volunteer Client
Advocate/Mentors
(1 day per week - Tuesday's
or Wednesday's)

Volunteer Handyman

Diapers of all sizes

Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes



Don't forget to shop AmazonSmile. When you shop, you give! Please consider selecting the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley as your charity.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (NRSV)

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