

Healing the Culture

Life Principles Academy “trains the trainers” in DFW

In April, we brought Life Principles Academy, a one-of-a-kind training created by Seattle-based Healing the Culture, to DFW. At the Academy, national trainer Camille Pauley presented the skills necessary to communicate and teach respect for life and human dignity to over 100 educators, formators, and leaders. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with 95% stating they would recommend the Academy to others. Here’s just a small taste of what they liked best:

- ⇒ The fantastic philosophy behind the teachings
- ⇒ Info was dynamic! I didn't know I KNEW so little.
- ⇒ Learning about the 4 levels of happiness and the principles gives me a lot of tools for my job.



Attendee Luisa Ravelo-Guedes
with her Academy Certificate

Attendees from 8 schools and 10 parishes representing 5 dioceses expressed interest in implementing these essential teachings. Ursuline Academy in Dallas was among the first, with two Freshman Theology teachers incorporating The Four Levels of Happiness (after learning them at the Academy) into their curriculum in the last weeks of school. Their students were extremely receptive and attentive to the teaching, with a couple even commenting the lesson was at the top of the list of what they had learned ALL YEAR. We are also excited that The Highlands School will be implementing the full Principles and Choices[®] curriculum introduced at the Academy in 2017. This foundational teaching is opening new doors to effectively communicate and persuade our young people to embrace a complete and consistent respect for life.

Spreading the Gospel of Life

CPLC's Hispanic Pastoral Ministry leads education team in Colombia

Last year we received an invitation to visit Valledupar, Colombia to kick off its first annual “Week of the Defense of Life for the Unborn Child” sponsored by the Diocesan Pastoral Department of Health. What began as a couple of staff members from the Catholic Pro-Life Committee sharing our ministry model transformed into leading a team in a 10-day, immersive program in respect life.



Upon arriving in February, we began a media tour that included 20 different press organizations. From there we began a whirlwind schedule of conference presentations to youth, families, medical and mental health professionals, political leaders, academia, clergy, and religious communities. We also facilitated a healing retreat for those who were suffering from abortion. Director of CPLC Hispanic Pastoral Ministry Aurora Tinajero accompanied by our Project Gabriel Director Ingrid Meyer presented the number of ways life is threatened in the U.S. and how the CPLC model combats the culture of death.

Since our visit, the Diocese of Valledupar has started pro-life groups in parishes, held the first pro-life march with thousands in attendance and established “defense of life” as one of the priorities of the Diocesan Pastoral Department of Health. We were honored to be a part of this budding movement.