

CPLC Ministry Update

Activity for September 2011

Convert-to-Life - Joanne Underwood

- 46 women turned away from the 5 Dallas abortion centers; 51 hopeful turnaways; YTD Totals: 572 turnaways, 422 hopefuls.
- Abortion clients at all centers: 1,292. Accepted SWC literature: 19.97%; accepted aftercare literature: 36.52%. Total SWC coverage at all centers: 100%.
- Bishop Mark Seitz and Fr. Joseph Mehan concelebrated special Mass blessing 30+ Sidewalk Counselors and Prayer Partners, St. Michael the Archangel, Garland.
- Met with the Dallas Police Department and various law enforcement agents to discuss 40 Days for Life-Dallas.
- Held a Sidewalk Counseling Training at the Nurturing Center in Lubbock, Texas with 27 in attendance.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing - Fonda Luersman

- Received 5 calls on the 214-544-CARE helpline, approximately 13 calls on the 972-679-4760 Spanish helpline, and 8 emails through racheldallas.org for information on help and healing and the ministry.
- Began preparations for upcoming Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreats in English and Spanish, and secured new retreat location.
- Held AAC-H / The Rachel Ministries volunteer appreciation dinner at new retreat location.

Project Gabriel - Patty Sherrod

- Three babies born to Gabriel moms
- 132 calls to the 972-BABY DUE Project Gabriel hotline, answered at the White Rose Women's Center
- Six Gabriel moms paired with Angels
- Mailed *Gabriel's Trumpet* Volume I to all active Angels and team members.
- Held *Celebrating Womanhood* and *Pre- and Post-Natal* classes for GEMS moms.

Spanish Ministry - Aurora Tinajero

- Met with *Pastoral Juvenil* to continue a series of talks on the Life Issues.
- Gave a talk to the new Parish Pro-Life Coordinators at orientation held at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Spoke at Blessed Sacrament to the parish charismatic prayer group with approximately 200 in attendance.
- Attended meeting with young adults to initiate plans for the chastity program "Chaste for Love."

Prayer Ministry - Tom Grossman

- Conducted ecumenical outreach to pastors for involvement in 40 Days for Life-Dallas.
- Began planning with music team for Respect Life Month Quarterly Mass and with 40 Days for Life-Dallas team for Youth Day on October 15.
- Oversaw weekly Life-Watch adoration time at St. Joseph Parish (1 hour of adoration for pro-life).
- Continued planning re: Life Front Speakers Series and parish promotion of Project Life curriculum.

Speakers Bureau - Sheree Havlik

- Held speaker training for 16 potential speakers.
- Presented at YFL Leadership Conference.
- Sent mailing to school principals and teachers.
- Met with *Castos por Amor* (Chaste for Love) organization to discuss bringing program to Dallas.
- Attended a planning meeting for death penalty conference to be co-sponsored by the CPLC and Catholic Charities.

Youth For Life - Jacquelyn Smith

- Spoke at JPPII Hike for Life Rally and staffed YFL booth at JPPII Hike for Life.
- Hired new PT YFL Assistant, Paul Borchard.
- Held YFL Leadership Conference for Pro-Life Clubs with 5 parishes and schools represented.
- Launched YFL Leadership Council of Adults, meeting monthly on 2nd Mondays.
- Attended meeting re: YFL Communications goals.

Civic Action - Ronda Moreland

- Began planning for the Choose Life License Plate Reception in partnership with Texas Alliance for Life and area pregnancy resource centers.
- Began planning the 2012 Render Unto Caesar Conference and investigating speaker slate.
- Developing a voter information program to help educate Catholic voters on identifying their elected officials and their districts.

Parish Coordination - Jim Walker

- Held an orientation meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas for 14 new Parish Pro-Life Coordinators in the Diocese.
- Welcomed new Parish Pro-Life Co-Coordinator, Eva Ayala, St. Bernard of Clairvaux.
- Continued distributing Baby Banks to parishes for Fall 2011-12 campaign.