

**Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic Church**
San Clemente, CA

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Social Awareness Leadership Team Presents

Spotlight on Service: Pregnancy Resource Center



Welcome to the second “Spotlight on Service” newsletter! The Social Awareness Leadership Team (SALT) highlights outreach ministries in our parish. You will hear one of those parishioners share their personal experience at the end of mass and have an opportunity to learn how you can become involved. Please enjoy learning about how the actions of our parishioners reflect the heart of our Catholic Tradition. This edition features the work of the folks committed to the Pregnancy Resource Center in San Clemente Center which opened in 2007. We have several parishioners that compassionately serve at this center. You can read more about this Ministry on the back of this flyer!

Fast Facts:

As a result of our November spotlight, nineteen new parishioners expressed interest in becoming involved in FISH (Fatima Serves the Hungry). We have added a second day to our Saturday dinner rotation. The ministry also benefitted from generous monetary gifts as well as donations of socks and other necessities and non-perishable “steet packs.” Contact SALT@olfchurch.net for more information.

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 20, 2013

National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday was instituted in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan. It occurs each year on the Sunday closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court — January 22, 1973. This year marks the 40th anniversary of these decisions.

Catholic Social Teaching—Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholic Social Teaching refers to the Catholic Church’s rich tradition of building a just society and living lives of holiness in our modern society. The belief that life is sacred and the belief in the dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Human life is under direct attack as a result of abortion.

We are called to respect and protect the human person and who is more vulnerable than the unborn baby? Jesus always responded with compassion to the practical needs of those he encountered. Women that are dealing with an unplanned pregnancy have some very real and practical needs. Our concern for the dignity of human life must address the needs of these mothers. Today we focus on the Pregnancy Resource Center, an organization that does just this.

The Pregnancy Resource Center of San Clemente

The **Pregnancy Resource Center** is an abortion clinic alternative. The first center opened in Oceanside with a second center opening in San Clemente in 2007. The Pregnancy Resource Center is Christian based and is supported by volunteers from many different churches in Orange County including parishioners from Our Lady of Fatima. It is the only center of its kind in San Clemente. The center provides both pre and post pregnancy counseling and attempts to address the many needs of these mothers. The center offers free pregnancy and STD testing services, access to ultrasound, abortion procedure education,

as well as assistance with finding medical care and financial aid. They offer mommy and me groups, post-abortion bible studies as well as support for fathers. Mothers are encouraged to participate in parenting classes and can earn credits that can be used to purchase baby clothes in the center's "boutique." Volunteer opportunities include: public relations, event coordinator, mommy mentor, men's mentor, group leader, receptionist, counselor and lobbyist. For more information, contact the center at 949-218-5777 or www.sanclementepregnancy.com

Laurie Thompson, an Our Lady of Fatima parishioner, has been volunteering at the Pregnancy Resource Center for over four years. Laurie has worked at the center as a counselor, a "mommy mentor" and currently works at the reception desk. Laurie volunteers at least once a week at the center. She describes the center as a "wonderful place" with a great atmosphere. The volunteers are from local churches who find common ground in following Christ in their service at the center. The volunteers pray together before each shift. Laurie enjoys it when the mothers bring their babies in to the center. The center even offers professional photos of the babies as a special service to these new moms. Laurie and her husband Tim are also long time members of the usher ministry at the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass



No Catholic can responsibly take a "pro-choice" stand when the "choice" in question involves the taking of innocent human life. Resolution on Abortion (1989)



Evening Prayer Service, January 22, 2013 40th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade 7 pm at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange

The Evening Prayer Service with Bishop Kevin Vann at Holy Family Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. is an opportunity to pray together for an end to abortion with others in our Diocese. Bishop Vann has called on Catholics in the Diocese of Orange to pray and fast on this day and do works of charity in a desire to restore a culture of life and a civilization of love to our country. All are invited.

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January is also Poverty Awareness Month! Please pray, learn, and act to help address poverty in the United States. Get connected with the domestic anti-poverty campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. More info on their [facebook page](#) and at uscbb.org