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St. Raymond's Respects Life Newsletter

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### **This is a Catch-up Version of Life Notes, the Respect Life Newsletter of St. Raymond's parish.**

The past several editions have focused primarily on one or two events. This will contain much of the information that we omitted from those previous editions. It is our hope that you will click on the various links that we are providing and read them. Additionally, please pass this newsletter on to your friends.

Topics in this edition include:

1. **More on the Religious Liberty:** 250 people spent last Saturday morning listening to three speakers talking about religious liberty. A video was made of each of the talks. You will receive information when they become available concerning their availability. See the [Arlington Catholic Herald article](#) on the story. You can find a [new list of documents from the USCCB on this subject and some talking points below](#).
2. **Rally Against ObamaCare:** This rally is in response to President Obama's unjust health care mandates which would force Catholic institutions and other people of good will to pay for abortion-causing drugs, sterilization and contraceptives in their employee's health insurance. It is imperative that will make a bold, vocal and public stand in support of religious freedom. That is why 60 CITIES across the nation are holding "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" rallies on March 23 at noon. We cannot be silent when the future of our nation and the First Amendment is at stake! **Of all the rallies held across America, the most important one is RIGHT HERE in Washington, D.C.** HHS is the "focal point" of this debate. The eyes of the nation will be watching so it is imperative that we have a strong turnout. Please, during this Lenten Season, prayerfully consider attending the **"Stand Up for Religious Freedom" rally at 12:00 noon in front of the HHS Building located at 200 Independence Ave. SW.** The nearest Metro Stop is: Federal Center SW. There will be a rosary beginning at 1:00 P.M. right after the rally. Contact info: 540.538.4741 or email: [revmahoney@aol.com](mailto:revmahoney@aol.com)
3. **St. Raymond's 2011-2012 Speaker Program:** Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli comes to St. Raymonds, April 26, 2012, 7:30 p.m. We will need RSVPs for this event. You may do so by calling the rectory at (703) 440-0535 or email to [straymondprolife@aol.com](mailto:straymondprolife@aol.com).
4. **October Baby** – A pro-life movie opens on March 23<sup>rd</sup> locally at the following theaters:

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| AMC Hoffman Center 22 | Fairfax Towne Center 10 |
| 206 Swamp Fox Road    | 12110 W. Ox Rd.         |
| Alexandria, VA 22314  | Fairfax, VA 22033       |
5. **The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion seminar is, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Using the **"Making Abortion Unthinkable" DVD series from Stand to Reason**, attendees of this interactive seminar will receive all the training necessary to peacefully, charitably, rationally and intelligently convince pro-choice persons that abortion is wrong and should be outlawed. The presenter is Jonathan Darnel. *This is appropriate for all adults and mature high school students. Parental discretion advised. Some graphic images are shown.* Free admission! Please bring your own lunch. For more info and to register: (required so that we can have enough printed material for all attendees), contact Liz Hildebrand at [hildebrandseven@cox.net](mailto:hildebrandseven@cox.net) or [straymondprolife@aol.com](mailto:straymondprolife@aol.com).
6. **Here is a link** to your most amazing pro-life math presentation that was really beyond words. Please take the 9 minutes to view it; also send it to your friends.

7. Only two more weeks of the 40 Days for Life Campaign. (Ends 1 April) Every prayer counts!
8. Parish Respect Life Committee Needs: (email [straymondprolife@aol.com](mailto:straymondprolife@aol.com) if you can help)
  - Database Manager – as we are improving our email list, we need someone who can enter new names into the list and remove old ones. This allows Father De Celles and the parish to better communicate with you.
  - Graphics Designer – as you can see, we are not the best designers of posters for our events. This year we have four regular speaker series and the special one last weekend on Religious Liberty. We need an individual who can quickly, yet professionally put together flyers for the parish.
  - Natural Family Planning teachers: this is not exactly a Respect Life Committee need, but the parish NFP community needs additional teachers of NFP to meet the increased demand brought out by the publicity received about it due to the HHS Contraception mandate. If interested, email Gerri Laird at [laird@nfpvirginia.com](mailto:laird@nfpvirginia.com).
  - Letter to the editor writers, blog writers, etc: It is important that the laity step up and help to spread the good news of the gospel and accurate information about the Obama Administration's trouncing on the religious liberties of Catholics. This can easily be done using the media to generate factual information about the Catholic Church, religious liberty, and contraception.

### Religious Liberty Documents and Talking Points:

[Bishop Loverde Homily, Respect Life Mass, February 25, 2012](#)

USCCB Statements on Religious Freedom

[United for Religious Freedom – March 14, 2012](#)

[Letter from Cardinal Dolan to all Bishops – March 2, 2012](#)

“The Parable of the Kosher Deli” - Testimony of Bishop Lori before U.S. House of Representatives – February 28, 2012

[Long version](#)

[Short version](#)

[Fact Sheet on Religious Liberty – March 19, 2012](#)

[Legal Analysis of HHS Regulation & Bulletin on Contraception and Sterilization Mandate](#) – USCCB Office of General Counsel – March 7, 2012.

[“White House Misrepresents its own Contraceptive Mandate”](#) – February 3, 2012 Press Release

[Couple to Couple League Talking Points](#) on Religious Liberty as it pertains to contraception and NFP

### Parish Calendar of Respect Life Events:

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| March 24 <sup>th</sup>     | 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. <i>Making Abortion Unthinkable – The Art of Pro Life Persuasion</i> Seminar/Training day, Parish Hall                                                                                    |
| April 26 <sup>th</sup>     | 7:30 p.m. St. Raymond's Speaker Series – Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, Parish Hall                                                                                                                      |
| September 29 <sup>nd</sup> | (Tentative) 9:00 a.m. Mass and then lecture. Kick off the 2012 St. Raymond's Speaker Series with a return of Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center |