

YOUTH NEWS

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How to be Pro-Life by CHRISTINA MEAD

So how do you live "pro-life" every day of the year? I looked to some really holy, and really pro-life people for the answer to that question and here's what I found:

1. Love Above All

The God of the Gospels call us to be person-minded, not rule-minded. Any dialogue about abortion has to come from the heart because it's a heart issue. It's fear and panic and insecurity (or a lack of support or seeming lack of other options) that lead to an abortion and those feelings can only be dealt with in love and compassion. We have to totally abolish the idea that someone who supports abortion, who's thinking about an abortion, or who went through with an abortion is to be condemned as ignorant, immoral, or not as good as you. This one mistake does not define them, just as our mistakes don't define each of us. "He who is without sin cast the first stone" (John 8:7).

2. Be Pro-Your-Life

"Our body is a monstrance: through its crystal the world should see God". — St. Gianna Molla

To be pro-life is to value all life, starting with the one closest to you — your own. How are you making Christ present to the world through your life? You've been given a gift that millions (well over fifty million, actually) have been denied. Use it wisely.

3. Peace Starts Inside You

To end the culture of death around us we have to end the culture of death in our minds.

We have to stop any thoughts that deny people (and ourselves) of the dignity that we all deserve. Those thoughts that you're not good enough, that you deserve less than others, that you deserve pain... thoughts of hatred toward others and toward yourself... They have to end.

4. Pray Harder, Especially Before You Speak

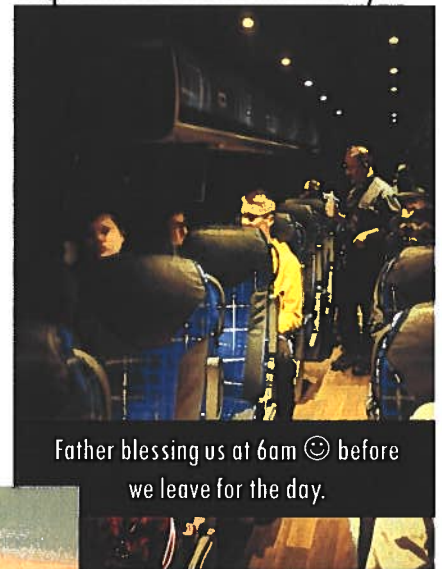
The worst way to accomplish something is to try to do it by yourself. Seriously, **no good thing is**

Confirmation II Retreat

You are never alone, you are always loved, you are always protected. You are embraced and blessed by God. This was the theme for the Saint John Bosco Youth Day at Holy Hill that our Confirmation II young people participated in on Saturday October 6th. It was a beautiful day filled with talks by Matt Fradd and Katie Prejean, Adoration, Confession, Music, Vocation talks, and all while being surrounded by 2,000 young people. No words can describe how powerful it was to kneel in Adoration (in the mud and cold! ☺) with these young people in complete silence for an hour. Please take some time in the next week or so to check out the speakers. Matt Fradd has a podcast called "Pints with Aquinas" <http://pintswithaquinas.com/> in which he talks about current stuff within our Church and answers questions about our faith. Thank you for your support and prayers!



Adoration



Father blessing us at 6am ☺ before we leave for the day.



Matt Fradd

WHAT'S COMING UP:

OCTOBER

- 22nd ~ Coffee Chat at Denny's 3:30pm -5pm (High School Students)
- 24th ~ 4pm-5pm Please join the Religious Ed students (2nd through 5th grade) for Adoration and a movie! Adoration from 4pm-4:20pm and Movie from 4:30pm-5pm.
- 28th ~ Youth Night ☺ 6-7:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 19th ~ Coffee Chat @ Denny's 3:30pm-5pm
- 21st ~ NO Religious Ed Classes
- 25th ~ YOUTH NIGHT 6-7:30pm

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ever done without God's helping hand. He is the good in us. He is behind any good that's accomplished in the world. We can't afford to lose our enthusiasm in praying for an end to abortion while lives are still hanging in the balance. *"Pray as if everything depends on God; work as if everything depends on you."* — St. Ignatius of Loyola

One very important time to remember to pray is before you talk or debate with someone about the morality and legality of abortion. We all know it's a debate that can quickly get very heated and very ugly. But just because you're not standing in D.C. and holding up a sign, doesn't mean you can stop standing for life and holding up the light of truth. And it will be difficult. You won't be sure what to say — and that is okay, when the time comes the Spirit will give you the words if you've prayed (Luke 21:14). You will be ridiculed. You will be tired of the fight. You will wish it were January and everyone else was still acting pro-life. But... *"Love means to be willing to give until it hurts..."* — Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Is it love that motivates you? Is it prayer that carries you on — that holds you up when you want to give up? Then you must press on. *"Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for Life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering."* — Blessed John Paul the Great You are important to the pro-life movement. There are babies in the womb counting on you all 12 months of the year. And you know what I think is absolutely the best part? That when we get to heaven and God opens His arms to you, and says, "well done my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21), there will be millions of souls of unborn children waiting to welcome you — their own personal warrior for life.



What a great group! Standing from L to R: Isabella Roose, Kennedy Barnier, Haley Heath, Sadie Eckerman, Emma Incaprero, Brooke Clark, Maddy Scully, Lydia Chapman, Shelby Brow, Alexis Brow, Lucy Hines. Seated L to R: Ryle Kobylski, Hayden Goodman, Dustin Ryberg, Luke Kattenbraker, Zach Lund, Connor Randall, Marshal Skiles, Nick Barnes, Matthew Gunther, and Jared Litty.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration October 7, 2018.

On Sunday October 7th there was the Mass at the Cathedral and a reception that followed for our Diocese. It was a neat experience to be able to be at the Catechesis and Evangelization table for our Diocese and talk about the many exciting things that are going on at our Parish. It was also great to see some familiar faces as well!! Remember to check our facebook page, calendar on our website www.stpatrickσμαuston.com or the weekly schedule in our bulletin for details about the different opportunities to grow your own faith life!



"Today Christ is asking each of you the same question. do you love Me? He is not asking you whether you know how to speak to crowds, whether you can direct an organization or manage an estate. He is asking you to love Him. All the rest will ensue." ~
St. Pope John Paul the Second
Pray for Us!
Feast Day October 22nd Patron Saint of World Youth Day (co-Patron) and Young Catholic Families

