

CULTURE OF LIFE FAMILY SERVICES, INC.



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Culture of Life Family Services is building a culture of life by improving the physical, spiritual, and social health of our community. Honoring all life from conception to natural death.

CHRISTY'S TWINS UPDATE

Many of us have followed closely the story of Christy and her twins Tristan and Caitlin, all saved from abortion. Tristan and Caitlin were born premature, and we are happy to announce that they are both now home from the hospital, and Christy is getting A's and B's in her nursing program! Praise the Lord!

THE JOY OF PRO-LIFE

James 1:27 *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to help orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

I recently reread this Bible passage written by James, the blood relative of our Lord and a leader of the early church in Jerusalem. I became conscious in a new way of what we are really doing in the Pro-Life Movement – we are helping the orphans and the widows!

You might ask, how are these children orphans? First of all, James' letter was written in Greek and the Greek word for orphans is orfanos which means "parentless and bereaved". Bereaved means "to be deprived ruthlessly or by force". Sadly, these precious little infants have already been spiritually deprived – spiritually aborted - by one or both of their parents. This is the only way that the parents can carry out such a heinous act. Thus, these children are orphans before they are even born! In the same way, the mothers of these babies look around and evaluate their situation. Often there is no support, no money, pressure from the father or pressure to complete school because society shows her that a woman can't count on a man to care for his family – in effect she is widowed before she is married! Those of us who have responded to this call are given this amazing joy of ministering to God's most vulnerable.

What greater joy can there be than to hold these babies that you have helped bring into this world by cooperating with the Holy Spirit and cooperating with our many friends in Pro-Life, especially COLFS. Over the past four years as a sidewalk counselor at various local abortion mills, I have personally been able to refer dozens of frightened women into the sanctuary that COLFS provides. Giving the women the low-down on the substandard dangerous doctors in the horrible abortion clinics may get them to stop and listen, but often it takes the knowledge that COLFS is there ready and waiting to help, to get them to actually walk away.

I know if I didn't have COLFS to refer these desperate women to, my heart would ache each time for not having any concrete help to offer them. You have no idea the confidence this gives us on the front lines. We are the first line of defense – COLFS is the second, third, fourth . . .

Luis Mendoza, Sidewalk Counselor

DR. KAREN SAROKI JOINS COLFS!

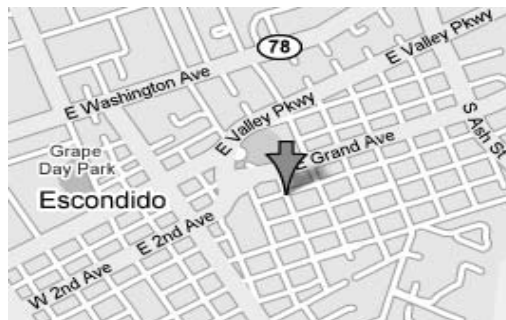
We are excited and blessed to announce that Dr. Karen Saroki will be joining COLFS this Fall as Associate Medical Director in the San Diego area! Dr. Saroki has been trained as a Creighton Model Fertility Care Medical Consultant through the Pope Paul VI Institute. This training prepares her to provide NaProTECHNOLOGY, the cooperative and ethical diagnosis and treatment of reproductive health issues.

Dr. Saroki's arrival will enable COLFS to enter a landmark stage of initial expansion to Escondido. We know that the vital service she will impart is rooted in a deep faith in the Lord. Welcome to the COLFS family Dr. Karen!

ESCONDIDO EXPANSION

COLFS' new facility at 211 S. Grape St., Escondido is up and running with **NFP Appointments** and **Spiritual Counseling** by appointment.

We need your support now to enable phase 2 of the expansion. Please contact Steve Hicks **right away** to help bring **Dr. George Delgado** to Escondido to extend COLFS' family care and crisis pregnancy services. Call **619-677-5962** or e-mail grantawish@colfs.org. Be honored to know you were God's instrument at this moment! Thank you!



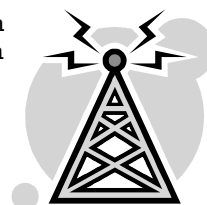
RADIO & SPEAKING EVENTS

Dr. George Delgado will be the guest on Catholic Answers Live Pro-Life Forum Radio on the following dates:

Mon, Sept. 8, 4:00pm

Fri, Sept. 14, 4:00pm

For more info. see www.catholic.com



RACHEL'S HOPE HEALING WORKSHOP

Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Workshop will be held **JULY 11-13, 2008** at 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego, CA 92117

Please contact Rosemary Benefield, RN, MA, MPC for Confidential details at 858-581-3022 or visit www.RachelsHope.org

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