

Dear Bishops of Ohio, and their representatives at the Catholic Conference of Ohio:

We come before the Catholic Conference of Ohio, who represent the nine Catholic Bishops in Ohio, to speak on behalf of the voiceless and defenseless children of God. These invisible children who are waiting to be born, whether created naturally or artificially, are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They have been fashioned in the image and likeness of God.

As you are aware, the Ohio constitution now grants an expectant mother the legal right to slay her offspring hidden in her womb up to the moment of birth. The gruesome atrocities committed by the Nazi's during WW2, where six to seven million innocent Jews were mercilessly terminated in concentration camps, unfortunately pales in comparison to the slaughter and mutilation of the voiceless and defenseless children of God. Specifically, since 1973 in Ohio 1.64 million children (1) have been slain, enough to fill Arlington National Cemetery four times. In the United States of America, 65 million voiceless and defenseless babies have been slaughtered, enough to fill Arlington National Cemetery 163 times. In the world, 2.5 billion children of God have been sacrificed at the altar of Baal, enough to fill Arlington cemetery 6,250 times. Let's not overlook the collateral damage sustained by their mothers and all those involved in the act of murder. They have sustained spiritual, physical and emotional injury as a result of their choices.

Over the last fifty years the Catholic Church, along with other men of good will, have attempted to stop this holocaust of unimaginable proportion with little success. Charting the same course of action as outlined in the current documents released by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (2) will not prevent the continued slaughtering of 20,000 babies in Ohio this year and one million nationwide. Should we continue to use the same tactics used over the last five decades, in fifty years we will be brooding over the same devastating numbers, only fifty years later.

Now is the time for us to unite as a church and to change our course of action. Now is the time for a bold and courageous strategy that is intended to protect the tiny ones in the womb, one that resembles the sacrifices made by Jesus and His martyrs. As Mark Houck recently proclaimed, the Catholic dad who was arrested at gunpoint by the FBI for praying in front of an abortion mill, now is the time to "BE ALL IN". Courageous and sweeping action needs to be taken now to preserve and guard our little ones from the diabolical culture of death which floods throughout our Catholic Church and our culture today.

### **THE "BE ALL IN" GAME PLAN**

Examination of the November 2023 Issue 1 election results offers us with some critical insights into how the Catholic laity and the Ohio culture values the gift of human life in the womb, along with the challenges we must tackle.

1. 52% of Catholics who voted in November supported the slaughter of innocent children in the womb up to birth. It is unknown how many Catholics decided not to vote, thereby indirectly supporting Issue 1 by their act of silence and act of omission.
2. Of the eight million Ohio registered voters, only 48.35% felt it was worth their time to vote "YES" or "No" on Issue 1. (3)

3. Of the eight million eligible voters in Ohio, only 21% (1.675 million “NO” votes) voted to defend the sanctity of human life. 79% voted “YES” for Issue 1, either by their actual vote or by not voting at all.
4. 27.3% of Ohio registered voters (2.2 million “YES” votes) made the decision for the balance of the state of Ohio that child killing up to birth was a constitutional right.

These numbers are staggering and offer a snapshot into the hearts and souls of our Catholic Church and the Ohio culture in general. As a Catholic Church we need to once again differentiate ourselves from the rest of our culture. The truths of our faith need to be proclaimed boldly and shamelessly to the world, both by word and by action. Silence and compromise over the last 50 years has only led to confusion and an identity crisis, with our church looking no different than society in general. This has given rise to in a mass exodus of the laity from the Catholic faith, indirectly contributing to the slaughter of innocent human life. This is especially true when it comes to defending and protecting the sanctity of human life waiting to be born.

## **THE FOUR CORNERSTONES TO THE “BE ALL IN” ROAD TO RECOVERY**

The healing of our Catholic church and our culture will take countless years to reverse the damage we have suffered over the last 50 years. The road to recovery will be lengthy, but we must now take the first steps to recovery for the sake of the generations to come. Our mission is simple, to declare the hope and good news that comes through Jesus Christ. At the groundwork of our message is our need to protect and defend the 20,000 little ones in Ohio conceived naturally or artificially by IVF. Failure to take corrective action now will result in the massive loss of human life in the years to come. We need to “BE ALL IN” with our time, talent and treasure.

With this in mind, I suggest that the Bishops of Ohio unify their labors and form [THE OFFICE OF THE LITTLE ONE/PREBORN](#), operating at a central location in Ohio. Capitalizing on the synergy established during the last election season, this office will be responsible for implementing the four cornerstones to recovery throughout each diocese in Ohio. These cornerstones are **HEALING, EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND PRAYER**, also known as **HELP**.

## **THE OFFICE OF THE LITTLE ONE/PREBORN**

### **CORNERSTONE #1—HEAL/HELP**

**Cornerstone #1— Heal/Help** those facing a crisis pregnancy. Below are but a few illustrations on how [THE OFFICE OF THE LITTLE ONE/PREBORN](#) can offer care and healing to those facing a crisis pregnancy in Ohio.

- a. Financially and materially support various organizations in Ohio who provide lifesaving services to women facing a crisis pregnancy (ex. Birthright, Ivy’s Women Center, Zelig’s Place, Catholic pregnancy resource centers).
- b. Create and financially support Catholic health care centers throughout Ohio similar to the John Paul II Life Center in Texas [www.jpilifecenter.org](http://www.jpilifecenter.org) and Veranova Health in Ohio

[www.veranovahealth.org](http://www.veranovahealth.org). These centers will be staffed with pro-life doctors, nurses and staff who support the Catholic Pro-life position. They will promote natural family planning, nanotechnology, options to birth control, adoption, and trained counselors who will walk with women in need (WWWIN). Their services will be aggressively broadcasted throughout Ohio and within our Catholic churches.

- c. Adapt vacant convents and rectories throughout Ohio into housing centers for expectant mothers similar to Zelig's Home [www.zelieshome.org](http://www.zelieshome.org). Here, WWWIN can also be implemented. Their services will be aggressively broadcasted throughout Ohio and within our Catholic churches.
- d. Financially support and, work in conjunction with, pro-life organizations who are outside the Catholic Church but whose mission and beliefs are consistent with the Catholic faith. (ex. Pastor Moss-black pastor locally fighting to protect the black culture from Genocide, Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio [www.rtlao.org](http://www.rtlao.org) )
- e. Provide Pregnancy Resource Guides (4) by region, listing indispensable resources that is needed by those facing a crisis pregnancy or other related life conditions. This information needs to be in the hands of every Catholic as they are the first line of evangelization and support when somebody they know is facing a crisis pregnancy.

## **CORNERSTONE #2—EDUCATE**

**Cornerstone #2— Educate** Catholics and others. Below are but a few examples on how **THE OFFICE OF THE LITTLE ONE/PREBORN** can further instruct and evangelize those within and outside our Catholic Community on the sanctity of human life. All of us in Ohio need to be educated on the sacredness of human life by:

1. proclaiming and educating Catholics and others on scriptures found in the Bible that support human life in the womb
2. teaching the Catechism of the Catholic Church to Catholics, outlining our churches position as it relates to the sacredness of human life
3. teaching Theology of the Body to help others gain a Godly viewpoint on the value of human life and God's master plan regarding the relationship between a man and woman.
4. teaching Humanae Vitae (5) and Evangelum Vitae (6) (The Gospel of Life)
5. teaching Catholic theology on the Holy Family (traditional/nuclear family)
6. providing outside resources where a Catholic can further educate oneself on current issues that threatens human life. (Ex. Center for Bioethical Reform, Human Life International, Bringing Back America to Life Conference in Cleveland in March annually, Priests for Life, and many more)
7. creating a centralized Catholic website that specifically addresses abortion issues and other human life issues
8. figuring out how to use social media platforms to reach those seeking information on abortion on-line, providing them with pro-life alternatives instantly during their abortion search
9. financially supporting, and teaching, Lifeworks [www.lifeworksohio.org](http://www.lifeworksohio.org) at all Catholic Schools in Ohio and PSR classes.
10. Re-evangelizing and coaching our laity, priests, religious, and those teaching religious education classes in our schools and parishes our Catholic pro-life beliefs. We should expect them to

precisely proclaim the Catholic Pro-life message and take appropriate corrective action should they fail to do so. This would require them to complete a continuing education class similar to the 10 module, pro-life course offered by Human Life International [www.HLI.org](http://www.HLI.org) (7).

11. Informing all Catholics within the State of Ohio on a candidates position on issues affecting the sacredness of human life, while neither supporting or not supporting a candidate. (IVF, Abortion, Death Penalty, Assisted Suicide)
12. Informing the laity and the clergy on potential laws that will affect the sacredness of human life, along with expressing our concerns to our local, state and national representatives
13. supporting Created Equal and other outreach ministries whose purpose is to educate those misdirected individuals on college campuses.

### **CORNERSTONE #3—LEAD BY WORD AND EXAMPLE**

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1. Peacefully pray and voice our pro-life beliefs where the culture of death permeates within the State of Ohio. Expose those who are part of the abortion cartel, that is, anyone or any organization that benefits financially, politically or spiritually off the destruction of the little ones. How can we lead?
  - a. At school board meetings, challenging anti-life programs and policies.
  - b. At political rallies, where anti-life political candidates are promoting their evil agendas.
  - c. At so called health care centers and women health clinics, who execute the little ones or support their destruction.
  - d. At hospitals who perform abortions or train doctors to kill the innocent.
  - e. At Catholic universities, and secular colleges, who fail to uphold our Catholic pro-life stance.
  - f. At drugstores and pharmacies that dispense at-home chemical child killing medicines.
  - g. Expose and prohibit the use of internet sites that dispense child killing pills or promote anti-life messages.
  - h. Boycotting and exposing individuals, businesses and organizations that promote the culture of death either financially, verbally or materially. Discontinue taking financial aid and support from them.
  - i. Lobby our local, state and national government representatives who promote laws that threaten the sacredness of human life.
  - j. Discontinue receiving funds from the federal, state and local governments who support the culture of death.
  - k. Spread the truth about the scaredness of human life on college campuses.
  - l. Proclaim the truth about the scaredness of human life at the pulpit on issues like abortion, contraception, sodomy, co-habitation, sex outside of marriage and gender confusion. All of these issues ultimately determine our

culture's view on whether to support the sacredness of life or the culture of death.

2. Move forward and spearhead the movement to implant into our Ohio constitutional three amendments that will protect the sacredness of human life from the moment of fertilization to the time of natural death. This would include the CIVIL RIGHT TO LIFE AMENDMENT, DEATH PENALTY AMENDMENT, AND THE EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE AMENDMENT. (8)
3. Better utilize the energy and skills of the Knights of Columbus.
4. Discontinue giving the scared Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ to those who openly support the annihilation of the little ones in the womb.

## **CORNERSTONE #4—PRAY AND FAST FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Cornerstone #4— Pray and Fast** for forgiveness for our complacent attitude toward the scaredness of human life and ask for His guidance as we battle the culture of death and Satan's dominions. Below are but a few examples on how [THE OFFICE OF THE LITTLE ONE/PREBORN](#) can lead Catholics to implore our Lord for forgiveness and ask Him to intercede to protect the most vulnerable of His creation.

1. Actively participate in the Forty Days for Life campaigns held in the fall and spring of each year
2. Establish prayer warrior groups within all of our churches, nursing homes and home bound.
3. Coordinate Mass, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration on behalf of the unborn at all Catholic churches throughout Ohio
4. Hold a Special Mass of Remembrance and prayer services throughout Ohio for those who have lost a child, whether before or after birth
5. Organize fasting opportunities throughout Ohio on behalf of the forgotten, voiceless, and the marginalized within our community
6. Have every parish actively participate in the National Life Chain in October throughout Ohio
7. Support and fund the Ohio Right to Life March in Columbus in October and the National Right to Life March in January in Washington, D.C.
8. Organize confession and Mass at local churches adjacent to various abortion mills, followed by prayers and the Rosary for Life (9) at the abortion mill. In the Cleveland Diocese there are 186 parishes. By having each parish pray at an abortion mill twice a year this would result in constant prayer at each mill for the entire year.
9. Promote the White Cross Prayer memorial throughout the State of Ohio. (10)

The above are only a few illustrations on how the Bishops of Ohio should, in unison, move forward to aggressively defend the sacredness of human life for the most vulnerable and voiceless in our society. Recently, my 8<sup>th</sup> grade granddaughter was Nemo in the musical "Finding Nemo". One of the main themes of the musical was that fish caught in the net could escape if they swam together in one direction. As Catholics, we too must swim in the same direction to escape the nets of bondage and evil that has captured the hearts and souls of our culture and those within our Catholic community.

While we face many challenges within and outside our church, one thing is clear. We are God's ambassadors to this fallen world and it is our responsibility to declare God's truth and to save as many souls as possible. Let us have the courage to unify our efforts in Ohio and to move forward in protecting the forgotten and voiceless, trusting that God will guide us. I look forward to your bold and swift action to protect the sacredness of human life. Should you need any assistance please make me your first call!

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