“We are masterpieces of God’s creation!”
Goals of 2013-2015 CDA Respect Life Program

• To expand our thinking on pro-life issues
• To promote Respect Life awareness
• Adopt a slogan of: “Don’t be just a check writer – be the helping hands.”
Goals of Presentation

1) Respect for life of all human beings
2) Respect for all of God’s creation
3) Share ways Texas CDA members can do more to Respect Life
4) Why do we do what we do?
# Pro-Life vs. Respect Life

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Love them all!
Respect God’s Creation

"Every single creature on earth is here for a reason."
Anthony Douglas Williams -- Inside the Divine Patterns

Live in harmony with all creatures and the environment
We are Masterpieces of God’s Creation
NCCB 2014-2015 Respect for Life Theme: Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation

When we see someone or something as imperfect, it is a reflection of our limitations, not theirs.

- Dr. Steve Maraboli
The Miracle of Life

If you don't believe in miracles perhaps you've forgotten you are one.
Choose Life!

LIFE is beautiful
Quote from Pope Francis

• “Every child that isn’t born, but is unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ.”
Pope Francis Loves Babies!
Babies Respond Differently!
Supporting the Unborn –
Coalition for Life
and 40 Days for Life

• Coalition for Life -- and Blue Buses Of Houston

• 40 Days for Life
Big Blue Bus and Baby Blue

- Blue Bus in front of Planned Parenthood in Houston provides free counseling and sonograms
- Baby Blue Bus provides same services while parked in front of various other Houston abortion facilities at random
- Blue Bus Adopted as CDA State Project in 2013
40 Days for Life, October 2014
Other Opportunities to Support Unborn and Newly Born

- Life Chain and Other Prayer Events
- National, State and Local Marches for Life
- Gabriel Project and Other Crisis Pregnancy Organizations
- Court Sponsored Baby Showers
- Rachel Project – Hope After Abortion
Individual Support for Life

• Precious feet pin
• Red rose pin
• Respect Life/Pro-Life bank checks
• Respect Life/Pro-life bumper stickers
• Respect Life/Pro-Life address labels
• Wearing Pro-Life T-Shirts
Astounding Statistics on Saving Lives

• 57 million babies aborted since abortion became law in 1973

• One Million babies saved by pro-life efforts
All children deserve to be loved!

• It is just as important for us to care about children after they are born as before they are born.

• Our love, care and respect must go beyond the “baby stage.”
Pope Francis and Children
Mother Teresa and Children

“Spread love wherever you go.”
Every Child Has Rights

…the right to be respected
…the right to dream
…the right to be loved and cared for
…gifts that should be recognized and valued
…the right to achieve their God-Given potential
…the need for unconditional love.

Source: Unknown
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Child Abuse

It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child
It Shouldn’t Hurt to go Home.
Child Abuse in Texas

• Average number of children abused daily in Texas: 185

• Total number of children abused in Texas each year: Over 65,000
Blessed Mother Teresa Quote

“There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread. Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.”
Respect Life Opportunities – Children and Teens

- Homes for Abused and Neglected Children and Teens
- Youth in Homeless Shelters
- After School Programs
- Tutoring Programs for Kids
- Big Brother and Big Sister Programs
- Youth in Immigrant Facilities
Foster Parenting
“Got love, why not share it?”

Foster Parenting Requirements
1. Love for Children
2. Be over 21
3. Have a regular source of income
4. Have no record of felonies
5. Submit to home assessment
6. Attend parent training sessions
Adoption Process

• Meet Requirements Similar to Foster Parenting Plus Others
• Work with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
• Work with a Private Adoption Agency
“In each of these we have to see the face of Jesus.” - Mother Teresa

– The elderly
– The lonely in their homes
– The homeless
– Local food pantries, soup kitchens etc.
– Shelters for abused women
– Immigrants and their families
– Hospital ministry
– Prison ministry
Respect for the Elderly
Pope Francis Visits the Sick
Life and Death Issues

• Capital Punishment –
  Suggestion: Read the article in CDA’s Fall 2014 issue of *Share* entitled “The Death Penalty: A Pro-life Issue” and share it at a court meeting.

• Euthanasia

• Assisted Suicide
Respect for All of God’s Creation

• “Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join humanity in praising God.”
  St. Pope John Paul II

• “…let us be ‘protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.”
  Pope Francis
What is a Steward?

According to NCCB website:

A steward is one who receives the gifts of God, including creation, with gratitude, cultivates them responsibly, shares them lovingly in justice with others, and stands before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.
It is Our Responsibility to Take Care of Our Earth

Suggested Ways:

Recycle
Reduce
Reuse
Replace
Top 10 Reasons to Recycle

10. Save Resources and Energy
9. Reduce Litter and Trash
8. Raise Money for Group
7. Reduce Pollution
6. Something New out of Old
5. Expand Recycling = Create Jobs
4. Create Safer Beaches and Parks
3. Protect Natural Habitats
2. Prolong Life of Landfills

1. Because we can!
Littering is UnLAWFUL … As well as Unsightly and Unhealthy! Let’s Work to Keep God’s Creation Clean!
Is this how we keep God’s creation clean?
Respect Creation by Conserving Water – Every Drop Counts!
Household Water Use

Toothbrushing: 2-3 gallons

Shower: 10 gallons
Save a Tree – Plant a Tree!

There are over 20 benefits to planting a tree. Trees clean the air, provide oxygen, conserve energy, provide food, etc., – and they also heal!

Studies prove patients heal faster when they have access to nature.
Flowers and garden plants clean pollutants from the air, plus they provide food on our tables, enhance our moods, and certainly have great visual appeal!

“The Amen of nature is always a flower.”
Learning to Respect Animals
Animals are God’s creatures
Animals are vulnerable
Animals are greatly affected by our actions
We are responsible to show care and compassion for all life, especially the vulnerable and powerless.
We protect:

- Rainforest
- Whales
- Trees
- Bald Eagles
- [Unborn Babies]

Choose Life
“Things have a price and can be for sale, But people have a dignity that is priceless – and – worth far more than things.”

Pope Francis
Quotes on Prayer

• “I used to believe that prayer changes things; but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.”
  Blessed Mother Teresa

• “A prayer that does not lead you to practical action for your brother — the poor, the sick, those in need of help, — is a sterile and incomplete prayer.”
  Pope Francis
Let’s spread our good deeds all over Texas!

237 COURTS IN TEXAS!

If each CDA court would do one new project to show a greater Respect for Life – just imagine what an impact we could make in all of Texas!
“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

~Mother Teresa, 1910

Paraphrased: “If you can’t help a hundred people, then help just one.”
“… He only requires that you try.”

God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try.

-Mother Teresa

BibleGodQuotes.com
“... do it for the glory of God.”

No matter what you do, do it for the glory of God and you are sure to be successful in all your endeavours.
Be a Happy Catholic Daughter!

A Christian can never be sad!

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Always Remember …

• “We are Masterpieces of God’s Creation!”

• “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.”
Act of Consecration

• Lord, Jesus,
• I give you my hands to do your work;
• I give you my feet to go your way;
• I give you my eyes to see as you do;
• I give you my tongue to speak your words;
• I give you my mind that you may think in me;
• I give you my spirit that you may pray in me;
• Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me, Your Father and all mankind;
• I give you my whole life that you may grow in me,
• So that it may be you, Lord Jesus, who works and loves and prays in me. Amen.