



ProVita

Online Newsletter of the
University Faculty for Life



In this edition we look forward to next year's conference at Fordham in the Bronx. We also continue our Focus on the Disciplines, with moral theologian Kevin E. Miller, of Franciscan University, Steubenville.

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UFL Updates

In which we highlight the activities of our organization, members, and chapters, including publications, talks, and consultations.

UFL

➤ **2014 Conference.** Plan now for the 2014 UFL Twenty-Fourth Annual Conference "Life and Learning XXIV" to be held June 6-7, 2014 at Fordham University, Bronx NY.

Attendance is open to current or former college, university, and seminary faculty and their spouses, graduate students, and others by individual request.

Proposals for scholarly paper presentations are invited. Papers should focus on the life issues of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. Themes for the conference include the legal, political, social, economic, and medical implications of these topics; relevant legal, philosophical and theological issues; the physical and psychological effects of abortion; and insights from history, literature, the arts, humanities and other disciplines. Paper proposals should be one page (maximum) and should including the working title of the proposed paper, author's name, affiliation, full contact information (including address, phone, fax and email), and a brief abstract or outline. The deadline for receipt of proposals is April 7, 2014. All papers presented at the conference may be submitted after the conference for possible publication in Life and Learning, an annual peer-reviewed selection of conference papers.

To propose a paper, send the proposal (preferably by email attachment) by April 7, 2014 to:

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➤ **Scholarly Achievement Award.** University Faculty for Life is accepting submissions from college or university students for its Scholarly Achievement Award. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students at any higher education institution (community college, medical school, seminary, university, etc.);

postsecondary students enrolled in college-level courses are eligible as well. The deadline is May 24, 2014. For more information, see the end of this newsletter.

- ***March for Life/Cardinal O'Connor Conference.*** One of the highlights of the January March for Life is the UFL co-sponsored [Cardinal O'Connor Conference](#). This year the student-run conference was held on Monday, January 20.

The Cardinal O'Connor Conference was founded by Georgetown students in January 2000 and renamed after the death of His Eminence, John Cardinal O'Connor, the late Archbishop of New York and great champion of the sacredness of every human life. The Conference, which remains entirely student run, intends to connect and educate students, clergy, activists, and academia from around the country. It is held each year around the time of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Among the speakers were UFL members and friends of UFL:

The keynote speaker was Robert P. George: McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Princeton University. A panel discussion called, "Publicly Pro-Life: Why Abortion Isn't a Private Issue" included Christopher Tollefsen, Hadley Arkes, Charmaine Yoest, and Thomas Farr.

Breakout Sessions included: Georgette Forney: Co-Founder, Silent No More; President, Anglicans United for Life; Rabbi David Novak: Professor of Religion and Philosophy, University of Toronto; **Steven Mosher**: President, Population Research Institute; Karen Clifton: Executive Director, Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Death Penalty; **Stephen Fields, S.J.**: Professor of Theology, Georgetown University; **Hanna Klaus**: Director, Natural Family Planning Center; Anne-Elisabeth Giuliani: Chaplain-in-Residence, Georgetown University; Jennifer Lahl:

Founder and President, The Center for Bioethics and Culture Network

The Mass for Life was presided over by Most Rev. Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland

For videos of previous years' conferences, see the [Conference web page](#).

- ***Life and Learning Proceedings.*** The UFL's conference proceedings are available through the 2009 conference at [UFL Annual Proceedings](#) link on the UFL web page.

Publications and member activities

- ***Roe v. Wade, the Controversy Continues.*** UFL and the Frances Lewis Law Center of the Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, VA, co-sponsored with others a symposium called "[Roe at 40, The Controversy Continues](#)," Nov. 7-8, 2013. Among the UFL speakers were **Sam Calhoun** (Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University), **Teresa Collett** (Professor of Law, University of St. Thomas), **Richard Myers** (Ave Maria Law School), and **Lynne Marie Kohm** (John Brown McCarty Professor of Family Law, Regent University)

Videos of the sessions are available on the [Washington and Lee Law School Youtube channel](#). A future edition of the *Washington and Lee Law Review* will include the papers.

- The Pro-life Center of the University of St. Thomas, directed by **Teresa Collett** sponsored on November 5 a talk by Clarke Forsythe called "Abuse of Discretion: The Inside Story of Roe v. Wade."
- **Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J.** (Philosophy) recently reviewed the books, "Thomas Aquinas on the Passions: A Study of Summa Theologiae Ia2ae 22-48" by Robert Miner, and "The Logic of Desire: Aquinas on Emotion" by Nicholas E. Lombardo. *International Philosophical Quarterly*. 53: 4

(Dec., 2013), 466-468. DOI: 10.5840/ipq201353446.

- [Here is a story](#) from National Right to Life News about a new book on abortion's negative impact on women. The book, "[Complications: Abortion's Impact on Women](#)," is by Angela Lanfranchi, Ian Gentels, and **Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy**.

Here is a comment (from the NRL story) from Priscilla Coleman about the book:

"This book comes as an enormous relief to many of us who have been studying abortion for decades," explains Dr. Priscilla Coleman, PhD, professor at Bowling Green University, who contributed a chapter to the book. "Finally, there is a credible, evidence-based resource to inform medicine, psychology, and law. Moreover, the science is now available in a condensed and easily accessible form to women facing difficult pregnancies and coping with ill-effects of abortion."

- **Fr. John Conley, S.J.** (Philosophy) has this year been producing regular columns in *America* magazine. Many of the themes of his columns are life-related. Among his most recent: "Marcel as Prophet." 209:18 (12/9/2013), 27-27. Topics covered include Marcel's view on abortion, implications of abortion for the society and effects on children; "An Autumn Triptych." 209:14 (11/11/13), 34-34. The article focuses on interpreting the writings and interview of Pope Francis.

Conley has also this year published *Redeeming Philosophy: From Metaphysics to Aesthetics* (American Maritain Association Publications, 2014). In it Conley shows how a Maritain-inspired Thomistic realism can contribute to the renewal of philosophy and of the greater society.

- **Francis Beckwith** (Political Science) has written several pieces this year:

In mid-2013 he co-edited (along with Robert P. George and Susan McWilliams) a book honoring Amherst College prolife professor, Hadley Arkes: *A Second Look at First Things: A Case for Conservative Politics. The Hadley Arkes Festschrift* (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine Press, 2013).

Among Beckwith's several articles, book chapters, and book reviews are, "On Making the Case for Life: St. Peter's Counsel to Always Be Ready," *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 13.4 (Winter 2013); "Justificatory Liberalism and Same-Sex Marriage," *Ratio Juris: A International Journal of Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law* 26.4 (December 2013); "Potentials and Burdens: A Reply to Giubilini and Minerva," *Journal of Medical Ethics* 39 (May 2013); "Arguments from Bodily Rights: A Critical Analysis," in *Contemporary Moral Arguments: Readings in Ethical Issues*, 2nd edition, ed. Lewis Vaughn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013); "Personal Bodily Rights, Abortion, and Unplugging the Violinist," in *Today's Moral Issues: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Daniel Bonevac (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2013); and a review of *End-of-Life Decisions in Medical Care: Principles and Policies for Regulating the Dying Process* by Stephen W. Smith, in *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 34.6 (December 2013).



Beckwith meets with Pope Francis during the summer of 2013.

- **Peter Colosi** (Moral Theology) has been actively involved in the development of an ethics boot camp for medical students sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association. [Here is a video](#) highlighting the first one, held this summer.
- **Lynn Wardle** (Law) co-authored an article with Travis Robertson called “Adoption: Upside Down and Sideways? Some Causes of and Remedies for Declining Domestic and International Adoptions,” in *Regent University Law Review* (2013-14), 209-270.
- **Keith M. Cassidy** (History) wrote a review of *The Birth Control Clinic in a Marketplace World* in *Journal of American History*, 100:2 (Sept. 2013), 569-570.
- **Frederick Dyer** (Psychology) wrote [an article for Mercatornet](#) contrasting the views of anti-abortion gynecologist Horatio Robinson Storer (1830-1922) with the recent AJOG views of the 100 Ob/Gyn chairperson.
- **Alfred Hanley** (English, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, retired) has published a novel, *The Beast with Seven Heads: An Improbable Sleuth Mystery* (Oblations Publications, 2011). The story dramatically depicts how a young philosophy professor and family man comes to recognize that the primal battle to be waged is between the Godly force of life and the diabolical force of death; how he must bring down from the tower to that field of battle his rarified powers of reasoning, intuition, and imagination - and an emergent moral courage and spiritual sense - to uncover and combat the powers of Death itself.
- **Helen Alvaré** (Law) and **Richard Doerflinger** (Bioethics) [testified before a Congressional subcommittee on January 9, 2014](#), in favor of the proposed “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act” (H.R. 7)
- **Helen Alvaré** recently wrote “Constitutional Abortion and Culture.” *Christian Bioethics: Non-ecumenical Studies in Medical Morality*, 19:2 (Aug. 2013), 133-149. In it she

discusses the broader cultural influence of the Supreme Court’s decision to give abortion constitutional protection.:

“[O]ver the course of forty years of abortion opinions, the Court’s reflections on a claimed link between abortion and freedom have led it to conclusions broadly reflected in modern American beliefs and practices insofar as sex, marriage, and parenting are concerned. These include, *inter alia*, a suspicion of motherhood on the grounds of its risks and harms, the dispensable roles and violent characters of men, the great importance of adults’ wishes, and the importance of sexual expression for individual identity, divorced from consequences for partners or children.”

- **Janet E. Smith** (Moral Theology) wrote, “The Universality of Natural Law and the Irreducibility of Personalism.” *Nova et Vetera*, 11:4 (Fall, 2013), 1229-1247.

Social Networking

- Don’t forget, UFL is on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. On Facebook you can “like” the “University Faculty for Life” page. On Twitter follow “Faculty4Life”. Our blog can be found at www.ufl.org/blog/. There is also an active “University Faculty for Life” subgroup of the “Pro-life Professionals” group on LinkedIn.

Scholarly Opportunities

Iwe highlight opportunities for members to engage in further research on and networking regarding the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia in their respective fields.

- Consider encouraging advanced undergraduates or graduate students who are early in their programs to the “[Natural Law and Public Affairs Seminar](#)” held at Princeton July 16-20, 2014. The seminar will discuss the Aristotelian/ Thomistic ethical

tradition as a viable alternative to the modern Kantian and consequentialist approaches. Among the faculty will be Robert P. George, Christopher Tollefsen, Ryan T. Anderson, and Sherif Girgis.

- [Call for Papers, *Health and Human Rights*](#), an open-access peer-reviewed journal. Special issue on Health Rights litigation, submit by Feb. 15, 2014.

On campus

- [Students for Life America Planned Parenthood Project](#). Here is an [article from the National Catholic Register](#) about Students for Life America's Planned Parenthood Project, a campaign where they disseminated information about PP on their campus to raise awareness of the real intentions, tactics, and affect of PP. You may have seen them on your campus. The reactions, both positive and negative, are very enlightening.
- [Videos Aimed at College Students from Feminists for Life](#). For those of you who are involved in on-campus pro-life groups and pro-life work, [Feminists for Life](#) is currently producing a series of videos aimed at encouraging college students to make pro-life personal choices. [One recent video](#) features Melissa Ohden, who was the "product of an unsuccessful abortion attempt." Other videos in the series are available [here](#) on the FFL Youtube channel. Featured speakers include Karen Shablin, "former card-carrying NARAL member," and Chaunie Brusie, a young woman who chose not to have an abortion after an unplanned, out-of-wedlock pregnancy. Other FFL videos are available [here](#). HT [National Catholic Register](#).
- [Two universities struggle with abortion-related issues](#). Two Catholic

universities are in the news with abortion-related stories.

Santa Clara University is going through a struggle between the President and faculty members over the availability of abortion through the University's health plan. President Michael Engh, S.J., recently initiated an action that would bar the availability of elective abortion through the health plan. In response, the faculty senate voted to "invalidate" the president's actions. [See this National Catholic Register article for more details.](#)

The University of Notre Dame recently announced to its faculty that a third-party administrator of their health plan would make available free access to contraceptives, some of which may have abortifacient effects. This came after a federal district court denied the University's request for a temporary injunction because of a pending law suit that Notre Dame has filed against the HHS mandate. The mandate would require the university to give coverage for contraception. [See this National Catholic Register article](#) for more details, including faculty reaction.

Resources

In which we highlight scholarly journal and online articles and resources regarding abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia representing all sides of issue.

Recent and upcoming research and data

- [Indian study shows abortion/breast cancer link](#). A recent study in the [Indian Journal of Cancer](#) indicates that abortion correlates with a 6.2 fold higher risk of breast cancer, according to this [National Catholic Register article](#). The Register article also notes [this meta-analysis](#)

in the [Cancer Causes Control](#) journal which shows the link between induced abortion and breast cancer among Chinese women. The study concludes: “IA is significantly associated with an increased risk of breast cancer among Chinese females, and the risk of breast cancer increases as the number of IA increases. If IA were to be confirmed as a risk factor for breast cancer, high rates of IA in China may contribute to increasing breast cancer rates.” [Here is a link](#) to a National Right to Life News story on the Chinese study.

➤ ***Interpreting Scientific Studies.*** For us lay people who might be easily misled by journalists’ claims about scientific studies, here is some advice from Dr. Alex B. Berezow of the [RealClearScience](#) web page, “[20 Tips for Analyzing Claims of a Scientific Study.](#)” It is a summary of a *Nature* article by William J. Sutherland, David Spiegelhalter and Mark A. Burgman called “Twenty Tips for Interpreting Scientific Claims,” (Nov. 21, 2013) 503: 335-337, doi:10.1038/503335a. Berezow adds a 21st tip: “Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence!”

➤ ***Why do women seek abortions?*** In a recent opinion piece on [LifeSiteNews](#), Randall K. O’Bannon analyzes a recent study by researchers at the University of California San Francisco on the reasons women seek abortions. The opinion piece, “[Women have abortions because they feel trapped and hopeless, study finds,](#)” looks at the findings of the article, “[Understanding why women seek abortions in the U.S.,](#)” by M. Antonia Biggs, Heather Gould, and Diana Greene Foster, from the July 5, 2013, edition of *BMC Women’s Health*.

O’Bannon, the National Right to Life Director of Education and Research, uses the data to explore the kinds of assistance women need to help them decide for alternatives to abortion:

Identifying one single approach that will address every woman’s concerns and change her mind is difficult, given the multiplicity of the reasons and rationales given by women for seeking abortion. Some will be benefited by being connected to better support systems, while others need practical economic assistance. Anything making men more responsible for the children they father will go a long way towards helping many of these women care for their children.

Among his conclusions, he states:

If we believe the survey, most of the women seeking to abort here did so, not because they were triumphantly exercising their “power to choose,” but because they felt like—given the circumstances—they had no other realistic choice. Abortion forces on them a cruel, violent, destructive option that does little to solve their basic social or economic problems, problems, which may, in part, themselves be a consequence of Roe’s forced cultural transformation.

➤ ***Does emergency contraception cause abortion?*** Recently journalist Linda Greenhouse’s criticized for-profit companies seeking to be exempt from the HHS contraceptive mandate in a guest opinion column in the New York Times called “[Doesn’t East, Doesn’t Pray and Doesn’t Love.](#)” In response, Donna Harrison, MD, Executive Director of the [American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#), writes “[Emergency Contraception Can Cause Abortion](#)” on the Public Discourse page of the Witherspoon Institute.

Harrison especially looks at the effects of the use of the “contraceptive” Ella, and of hormonal IUD’s such as Mirena. In her conclusion, she says:

Claims that the levonorgestrel IUD and Ella only work by preventing fertilization cannot be supported in the medical

literature. On the contrary, studies show that these FDA-approved hormonal contraceptives can work by multiple mechanisms of action, both pre- and post-fertilization, including sometimes by aborting an already implanted embryo.

Other studies and data

- [H-Net](#), or Humanities and Social Sciences Online, has a [comprehensive list of upcoming conferences and calls for papers](#). Disciplines include just about anything in the arts, social sciences, or humanities.
- [Global Health and Human Rights Database](#) is a database of judgments, constitutions and international instruments related to health and human rights. It can be filtered according to categories such as “Right to Life” and “Sexual and Reproductive Health.” The sponsors of the database are the Lawyers Collective, an Indian public interest service provider and the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University.
- [Health and Human Rights Syllabus Database](#) produced by the University of Southern California as “a central repository for new and experienced faculty to view the diversity of approaches, content, methods and materials used to teach health and human rights courses.” The database is divided into two categories: General Health and Human Rights (26 syllabi) and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Human Rights (10). A quick perusal shows that they could use a greater representative from UFL members(!).
- A good source of news on the pro-abortion legal front is the [Repro Rights Prof Blog](#).
- You can access the full texts of [papers on ethical and legal issues in reproductive health](#), published in the *International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* since 1999.
- MacInnis, Cara C., Mary H. MacLean, Gordon Hodson. “Does ‘humanization’ of the preborn explain why conservatives (vs. liberals) oppose abortion?” *Personality & Individual Differences*. 59 (March, 2014), 77-82. DOI: 10.1016/j.paid.2013.11.009.
- For a Christian Orthodox take on euthanasia, see Veniamin, Christopher. *Euthanasia: A Theological Approach*. Dalton, PA: Mount Thabor Publishing, 2013. The author is highly critical of Western Christian arguments in support of the life of Terri Schiavo.
- Cohen, Andrew L. and Christopher Heath Wellman, eds. *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*. 2nd ed. Includes chapters on with pro and con arguments on abortion and euthanasia, as well as many other topics, such as capital punishment and immigration. Among the contributors are Patrick Lee and Robert George,
- Sifris, Ronli. "The Legal and Factual Status of Abortion in Australia," *Alternative Law Journal* 108 (2013) 38:2.
- Siegel, Reva B. "Dignity and the Duty to Protect Unborn Life." In *Understanding Human Dignity*. Christopher McCrudden, ed. (2014). Yale Law School, Public Law Working Paper No. 294.
- In October there was news that the European Parliament had rejected a draft report on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights submitted by the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality which sought to make abortion a fundamental human right. [Here is the National Right to Life article from October 24, 2013](#). [Here is the text of the draft report itself](#).
- This data might be useful for anyone doing work on the relationship between emergency contraception and abortion. "A review of global access to emergency contraception," by Elizabeth Westley, Nathalie Kapp, Tia Palermo, Jennifer Bleck in *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* 123 (2013) 4–6.

- The most recent issue of *Bioethics* is a special issue entitled, "Let Conscience Be Their Guide? Conscientious Refusals in Health Care" Among the articles are "Conscientious Refusal and Health Professionals: Does Religion Make a Difference?" by Daniel Weinstock and "Justification for Conscience Exemptions in Health Care," by Lori Kantymir and Carolyn McLeod.
- Benagiano, Giusepp, Laurens Landeweerd, Ivo Brosens. "'After birth' abortion: a biomedical and conceptual nonsense." *Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine*. 26:11 (Nov. 2013), 1053-1059.

Focus on the Disciplines

In which Kevin E. Miller, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at Franciscan University Steubenville, elaborates the task of a pro-life theologian.

Theology and Abortion

A key goal of the pro-life movement is to end attacks on innocent and vulnerable human life, especially through restoration of legal protection of the lives of the unborn, sick, disabled, and elderly. Yet, political change does not occur in a cultural vacuum. What transformation of our society's typical ways of thinking about the human person might be necessary to bring about radical changes in how we, individually and together, treat the vulnerable, including in the political-legal sphere? What other practical changes might we need in our ways of treating one another, to accompany changes in our treatment of the unborn and so on, if those latter changes are to be sustainable? My profession of Catholic theology can help people to answer these questions.¹

¹ I speak of "Catholic theology" because I am not sure to what extent one can do theology in a generic

Let me suggest a couple of ways, drawing especially from my study of the thought of the late Pope John Paul II, in which my discipline can help bring about the needed cultural transformation.

First, a Catholic theology of the human person begins with the biblical statement that the human person is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), and proceeds to explain that this means having, by nature, a capacity for a relationship with God in which he is our Father and we are his sons and daughters. Even the greatest goods short of the good of this relationship will leave the human person "restless" (St. Augustine, Confessions 1.1) except insofar as the goods are integrated into this relationship. Even moral living will only fully make sense as something truly free and fulfilling rather than enslaving insofar as it is integrated into this relationship. Therefore, from the Catholic theological perspective, the work of building a "culture of life" is inseparable from the work of encouraging human persons, individually and socially, to accept and live out God's offer of this relationship. Put differently, the work of building a culture of life is inseparable from the work of evangelizing human persons and culture. Although theology is not identical to evangelization, in my position as a Catholic theologian I can show the importance of evangelization and in that way inspire people to engage in it. Additionally, theology contributes to evangelization, the transmission of the faith, insofar as it seeks to understand that faith.

Second, this relationship is a relationship of love, a participation in God's own love (agapē, caritas, charity) that includes loving other human persons. A culture of life is also a "civilization of love" and vice versa. If we fail to love, we are failing to accept and live the relationship with

way and because at any rate my own work in theology is inescapably informed by my "profession" of the Catholic faith. This is not to deny the importance and potential fruitfulness of the work of other theologians—especially Orthodox Christian, Protestant Christian, and Jewish theologians—and of dialogue between Catholic theologians and non-Catholic theologians.

God that he offers us and that alone satisfies us. Because love includes, as a bare minimum, justice, a civilization of love would require refraining from taking innocent human life, especially at its most vulnerable stages, and even enacting legal protection for innocent human life against those who will not choose to refrain from acts of murder.

“Minimal,” though, means not only “necessary,” but also “not sufficient.” Love requires also positive acts whereby human life is nurtured, even when this involves doing those things that are needed by others but that go beyond the requirements of strict justice. Indeed love is not fully itself unless it includes all of those things that might be called acts of mercy. A culture of life must be a culture of mercy. This is my explanation of Pope John Paul II’s opposition to capital punishment. A careful, philosophically conversant theology can help clarify the meanings of and relationship between justice and love/mercy.

Theological reflection on the human person suggests that to build a culture in which the lives of innocent and vulnerable human persons are protected from unjust attacks, we need to build a culture in which morality is understood as part of our participation in the life of God, a God who is Love. I therefore see it as my task as a theologian to develop this way of understanding morality in conversation with my academic peers (including those in related fields such as philosophy), and to explain it to my students, so that they can in turn play their own role in transforming our culture, in all the social contexts in which they find themselves, from the family on “up.”

Editor’s Corner

If you read blogs, you are probably familiar with the “7 Quick Takes Friday” hosted by Jennifer Fulwiler at [Conversion Diary Blog](#). In that spirit I am going to make seven



quick takes for my Editor’s Corner.

1. I am adding a new feature to *ProVita*. At the end I am posting links to resources that I frequently mention. These are resources that scholars and pro-life activists would do well to have at their disposal.

I know there are many other links that I could put on the list. If you have a link you want to add, e-mail me at provitanews@yahoo.com.

2. One thing I’ve noticed while doing research for *ProVita* is both how aggressive and how international the pro-abortion/euthanasia/infanticide movement is. Many of the studies that are published in non-pro-life journals are done in foreign countries. There are many very intense political battles around the world funded by very well-financed anti-life institutions and organizations. I find it easy to focus on the American situation, politically and academically, until I start working on this newsletter.

3. I’m interested in publishing some notes on various on-campus efforts to promote the pro-life message on campus among undergraduates. Students for Life is active on many campuses. The Law School at St. Thomas has the ProLife Center. What are some other on-campus efforts that you readers are involved in? Let me know at provitanews@yahoo.com.

4. Are you on Facebook? I have been on since September 2006, when my daughter encouraged me to get on to stay in touch with her. I find it to be a big time-consumer, so I’ve taken a couple of hiatus. My most recent one was from the beginning of December until today (1/12/14). What I found out was that there is a lot of pro-life information that I miss when I’m not on Facebook. So, I got back on. Can I be disciplined enough so that FB won’t rob me of too much of my precious time?

5. In a Catholic Education Resource Center article called “[Sense and Sentimentality](#),” Theodore Dalrymple discusses the way appeals to the emotions trump logical argumentation in contemporary discussions and debates. It

occurred to me that one way to counter emotivism is to fight fire with fire. One of the things we lack in the American culture is a sense of the thrill of the pursuit and achievement of truth as such. If we could teach our young the joy discovery a truth, perhaps that emotion can counter any emotional attachment we have to an erroneous position. This is an indirect way we can prepare our students to embrace the truth about life.

6. Kevin Miller, in [his essay above](#), talks about how we need to create an intellectual culture that makes a legal protection of the vulnerable possible in our country. Two notices in this issue of *ProVita*, though not directly related to life issues, address the importance of the proper pursuit of truth, [the book by Fr. John Conley on the value of Aristotelian/Thomistic realism for a renewal of philosophy and society](#), and the “Natural Law and Public Affairs Seminar” at Princeton University.

7. Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out in October, 2013. We need

- Notices of member’s publications, presentations and other activities,
- Calls for papers and notices of upcoming conferences.
- Citations of relevant significant research in any discipline, whether from a pro-life perspective, neutral, or the opposing perspective.
- Useful online and print resources.

You can send them to me any time. I will put them on the [blog](#) first, and then put them in *ProVita*. Any contributions may be forwarded to provitanews@yahoo.com.

Masthead

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University Faculty for Life Scholarly
Achievement Award
in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or
Research

\$600 total prizes
Possible presentation of work at annual
conference
Opportunity for publication

University Faculty for Life is accepting submissions from college or university students for its Scholarly Achievement Award. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students at any higher education institution (community college, medical school, seminary, university, etc.); postsecondary students enrolled in college-level courses are eligible as well.

The contest has three categories: Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research. Multiple submissions are permitted. Work submitted in any category must demonstrate the application of a life-affirming perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or related issues.

The student scholars who win in any category may be offered an opportunity to read their work before the annual conference of University Faculty for Life to be held 6-7 June 2014 at Fordham University (Bronx, New York). They may have their work published on UFL's website and in conference proceedings. Finally, first-place winners in each category will receive \$200.

University Faculty for Life is an organization of scholars dedicated to the intellectual and scholarly inquiry of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues. Since an increasing majority of college and university students are pro-life, UFL members would like to help these students by encouraging them to strive for scholarly excellence as they examine

the life issues and by assisting them in building a publications portfolio.

Entries must be emailed or postmarked before 11:59 PM EST, Saturday, 24 May 2014

Rules

1. Students must be enrolled in a higher education institution before the contest deadline; a photo or emailed copy of an identification card with current institutional sticker will suffice.
2. The student shall affirm in a cover letter that the work submitted is the student's original work. Please enclose address and contact information in this letter.
3. Essay submissions must be a minimum of six but no more than ten pages; poetry submissions can be of any length. Both essay and poetry submissions must be double-spaced.
4. Students retain the right of publication.
5. A panel of judges will evaluate submissions based on the quality of research and the demonstration of strong communication and critical thinking skills. Correct grammar and punctuation are required. Research must follow either the *APA Manual* or the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, latest editions. The judges reserve the right to give a second place, third place, honorable mention, or no award if the quality of the submissions merits such action. The decision of the judges is final.
6. Students should submit their work electronically in Word format to DrJeffKoloze@att.net. The cover letter and a hard copy of the paper may be mailed to UFL Scholarly Achievement Award, 10019 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-3101.

Resources for research and education

Member web pages and blogs		
UFL Blog	http://www.uffl.org/blog/	
UFL Annual Proceedings.	http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html	
Peter Colosi	http://peterjcolosi.com/	
Francis Beckwith Return to Rome	http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/	
Mirror of Justice	http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/	A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory.
Culture of Life Foundation	http://www.cultureoflife.org/	Complex moral issues made simple
Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse	http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/	Public Discourse is an online publication of the Witherspoon Institute that seeks to enhance the public understanding of the moral foundations of free societies by making the scholarship of the fellows and affiliated scholars of the Institute available and accessible to a general audience.

Conferences		
Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference	http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-conference-videos	Held in November
Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life	http://cardinaloconnorconference.com/	Co-sponsored by UFL. Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January.
Prolife World Congress	http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/	The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish
Online resources		
Social Science Research Network (SSRN)	http://ssrn.com/en/	SSRN (the Social Science Research Network) .”Our vision was (and still is) to enable scholars to share and distribute their research worldwide, long before their papers work their way through the multi-year journal refereeing and publication process.”
USCCB Human Life and Dignity web page	http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education	http://www.wecareexperts.org/	International research collaboration, Scientific information dissemination, Professional education, Consultation, Expert testimony, Program evaluation, Grant writing
Before Roe v. Wade:	http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-	“In this ground-breaking book,

<p>Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling (2d edition, 2012)</p>	<p>roe</p>	<p>Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who covered the Supreme Court for 30 years for The New York Times, and Reva Siegel, a renowned professor at Yale Law School, collect documents illustrating cultural, political, and legal forces that helped shape the Supreme Court's decision and the meanings it would come to have over time."</p>
<p>Reproductive Research Audit</p>	<p>http://reproductiveresearchaudit.com/</p>	<p>"Reproductive Research Audit (RRA) exists to shine a light on the methodology of scientific studies on reproductive health issues, exposing their bias, flaws and propensity to ignore data that does not support a pre-determined political agenda."</p>
<p>Global Health and Human Rights Database</p>	<p>http://www.globalhealthrights.org/</p>	<p>"The Global Health and Human Rights Database is a free online database of law from around the world relating to health and human rights. Developed by Lawyers Collective and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, in collaboration with a worldwide network of civil society partners, the database offers an interactive, searchable, and fully indexed website of case law, national constitutions and international instruments."</p>
<p>Journals and online publications</p>		
<p>Human Life Review</p>	<p>http://www.humanlifereview.com/</p>	

Linacre Quarterly	http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/	Journal of the Catholic Medical Association.
Post-Abortion Review	http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm	“Documents abortion's injustice and harm to women”
Charlotte Lozier Institute (Susan B. Anthony List)	http://www.lozierinstitute.org/	The education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List
Ethika Politika	http://ethikapolitika.org/	Ethika Politika is a publication of the Center for Morality in Public Life. Its purpose is to put the search for wisdom at the service of good practical decisions, and to engage contemporary ethical and cultural issues from an elevated yet common sense perspective.
Organizations		
Society of Catholic Social Scientists	http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/	
Catholic Medical Association	http://cathmed.org/	
Guttmacher Institute	http://www.guttmacher.org/	Research arm of Planned Parenthood Federation. Guttmacher Policy Review Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health
Healing the Culture	http://healingtheculture.com/	Promotes the Life Principles of UFL co-founder Robert J.

		Spitzer, SJ.
Bioethics defense fund	http://www.bdfund.org/	<p>Bioethics Defense Fund (BDF) is a public-interest law firm whose mission is to advocate for the human right to life via litigation, legislation and public education.</p> <p>BDF provides legal expertise and public education on the issues of healthcare rights of conscience, abortion and its impact on women, human cloning/destructive human embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing.</p>
National Catholic Bioethics Center	http://www.ncbcenter.org/	Publishes the <i>National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly</i>
Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas	http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/	Founded and headed by UFL member Teresa Collett
Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity	http://cbhd.org/	“The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity explores the nexus of biomedicine, biotechnology, and our common humanity. Within a Judeo-Christian Hippocratic framework, we anticipate, interpret, and engage the pressing bioethical issues of our day. As a center of rigorous research, theological and conceptual analysis, charitable critique, and thoughtful engagement, we bring clarity to the complex issues of our day.”

Feminists for Life	http://www.feministsforlife.org/	
News		
National Right to Life News	http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/#.UtH6Sp5dWSo	
LifeNews.com	http://www.lifenews.com/	
LifeSiteNews	http://www.lifesitenews.com/	
Bioedge	http://www.bioedge.org/	Bioethics News around the world