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For new MEVs, saving the unborn is 'our purpose in life'



John and Elaine Testa make their promises last January 22

Fighting to save the unborn is not just something John and Elaine Testa do now that they're retired from teaching.

"It's our purpose in life," Mr. Testa says.

During a ceremony on Jan. 22 – the 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade – at Holy Family Church in Citrus Heights, CA, the couple made their final promises as Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, the branch of Priests for Life by which people learn and live the spirituality of being pro-life.

The Testas are involved in every aspect of the pro-life movement. They are sidewalk counselors, distribute voter guides and other resources, march at the West Coast Walk for Life, serve their parish and Knights of Columbus pro-life ministries, write pro-life bulletin material, gather signatures in favor of parental notification in California, and never miss an opportunity to talk about the link between abortion and cancer.

And then, there are the Snuggles.

As part of their ministry, the Testas give away soft rubber models of babies at 12 weeks' gestation. But the realization that some lose them led to the birth of a new ministry. Although she's troubled by arthritis, Mrs. Testa spends many hours crocheting tiny sacks with handles (Snuggles) for the models, which she gives away. She never mentions abortion when talking with children; she just points out that they, too, were once that small and protected inside their mothers' wombs. The Snuggles also allow a natural opening to dispel the "blob of cells" myth for adults. Requests for the patterns have come from pro-lifers in 20 states.

"It's a little thing that's just kind of taken off," says Mrs. Testa.

The new MEVs have been married for 47 years and have three children, three grandchildren, and an "honorary great-grandson," who was born in December after Mr. Testa helped convince his 17-year-old mother to choose life.

"It's just such a blessing," Mrs. Testa says, "to be able to do this work."

There are a total of 1642 MEVs registered, of which 207 made public promises. They live in 1103 cities/towns.

Visit www.missionariesofthegospeloflife.com for more information.

Voter Registration Sundays

Priests for Life has designated the following Sundays in 2012 as National Voter Registration Sundays: **May 27, July 1, and September 9.**

We urge Churches of every denomination to give their congregations the opportunity to vote by having voter registration forms at Church.

This is not about partisan politics. This is about involvement as citizens in self-government and involvement as Christians in renewing the culture. It is completely legal and perfectly appropriate that in the very places where people hear the Word of God telling them to make the world a better place, they be given one of the simplest tools to do that. Unless the Church enables Christians to exercise their citizenship, the Church risks becoming marginalized and irrelevant.

Learn how to conduct Voter Registration Sundays at www.priestsforlife.org/vote. See additional resources at www.PoliticalResponsibility.com

Want a Summer of pro-life work? Join the White Rose Pro-life Summer Project.

Bryan Kemper, Youth Outreach Director, Priests for Life

The White Rose was a coalition of young people in Nazi Germany who risked their lives to educate Germans about the Nazi Holocaust. Now America's youth are standing up with greater courage against the killing of their generation by abortion.

This summer Stand True and Priests for Life Youth Outreach will launch the White Rose Pro-life Summer Project in Dayton, OH, for which we will bring in youth from around the country to spend part or all of their summer. It will begin June 1. Apply

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at www.priestsforlife.org/white-rose-project.

We will have a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Martin Haskell's abortion clinic in Kettering, OH (a suburb of Dayton) every day. We will bring our pro-life literature and witness to events around the city, including baseball games, conventions and more.

In this 40th year of legalized child killing in America, new voices are declaring that they will be the generation who will abolish abortion.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a US holiday honoring African American heritage and the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865 (June 19th). Abortion is the slavery of our time and African Americans are disproportionately affected. Civil Rights begin with the right to Life, as our fulltime associate Dr. Alveda King declares at www.AfricanAmericanOutreach.org.

You are encouraged to remember the following intentions in all your prayers, and please join our Facebook prayer cause at: www.ProLifePrayers.com

May intention: That people may have a greater awareness of the dangers of abortion.

June intention: For the success of efforts to represent the pro-life message in the secular media.

Pro-Life Prayers

Please also join us at www.PrayerCampaign.org throughout the year in praying for life according to the liturgical feasts and seasons, and other special holidays. Coming up are the following novenas, for which prayer cards are also available, free of charge, for your entire parish, school, or pro-life event:

June 2-12, 2012: Pentecost Novena for Life

June 26-July 4, 2012: Independence Day Novena

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2. Allow us to charge your credit card, checking, or savings account each month.
3. Sign up for monthly mailings that will remind you to send your donation.
4. Call us at 718-980-4400, ext. 232 to discuss other options, including remembering Priests for Life as a beneficiary when you do your financial planning.

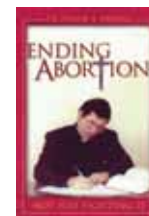
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