

February 4, 2022

Looking Ahead

1/22—Durango Herald Life Ad
(reprint 2/5)

2/25—Banquet & Auction—5:30

3/2—4/14 — 40 Days for Life

4/15—Stations of the cross
for the unborn—10

Tuesday vigils—all year

10/15— SWCYC

12/13 & 20—Peace in the Womb
Caroling—9



Annually, on the anniversary of the Roe V Wade decision that legalized abortion, LifeGuard takes out a two page ad in the Durango Herald with the names of those willing to publicly stand in support of life. This ad has proven to be very effective in showing solidarity in the fight to end abortion as well as raising awareness about the shocking number of babies who have lost their lives since 1973. Unfortunately,

the Herald accidentally printed the names from last year's ad. We are grateful that they agreed to run the ad again with the proper names. At the same time, we do apologize to all whose names were omitted the first time around. The corrected ad is scheduled to run *Saturday, Feb. 5th*.

In an effort to clean up our mailing list, I am asking for your help. If you've noticed that our mailings contain address errors, would you please contact me with the correct information? Additionally, please consider sharing your email with us so that I can quickly reach you with timely information of interest. This typically happens fewer than 10 times a year. I promise not to overload your inbox. Thank you for your help!



One of our favorite events of the year is the national "Peace in the Womb" Christmas caroling day. The idea is simple: we bring the hope and joy of Christmas to one of the world's darkest places—the abortion clinic—in hopes that the familiar sounds of Christmas carols will save a life. Thank you to all who came to share their hearts, their voices and a cookie or two.

The LifeGuard family is deeply saddened by the death of one of our own. Pat McKenzie was a life-long advocate for the unborn and served as a Deacon at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Pagosa Springs. Nearly without fail, Pat and the other "Pagosa guys" have made the trip to Durango every week for the past 14 years to stand vigil outside of Planned Parenthood. They have bravely taken the abuse of passersby with grace and patience, and simply by their faithful and consistent presence have made an impact on innumerable young women who might have otherwise chosen abortion.

Pat will be remembered as a kind, gentle, compassionate, and highly intelligent man of faith. His quest for justice ran deep, and his sense of right was inspiring. He was fiercely proud of his family, and often shared stories about his travels to see family and long-time friends. Vigil mornings always started with a hug and a little chat in the office to share the events of the week, and to anticipate exciting things coming up on the calendar. Pat was a wellspring of resources and information, and often brought a book to share or the name of a new speaker who might have an exceptionally dynamic message.

There was so much more to learn about the life of this amazing man, and none of us was ready to say goodbye. Knowing that he is resting in the arms of Jesus is our great consolation. Please pray for Pat's wife, Sheila, and for the family he loved so dearly.



14th Annual Banquet and Auction



After a very long year away, we are once again able to share our annual banquet and auction fundraiser in-person on Friday, February 25th, at the Fort Lewis College Ballroom. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6

p.m. The amazing Bar D Wranglers will provide a musical evening for all ages to enjoy. Please plan to bring your family and friends to join us for a fun filled evening of good food, good friends, good music, and a great cause. As always, we will have hundreds of items in our silent and live auctions, with the very popular kid's auction for the younger members of the group. Tickets are \$30 ea. (\$100 per family of 4) with an increase to \$35 (\$120 per family of 4) after Feb. 18, 2022. Buy a table for 8 with preferred seating, advertising, and priority placement in the serving line for \$500.

***If you are interested in donating a pie or other auction item, please contact the office as soon as possible.**

***Many of you have asked about the Covid policy at the college. Officially, there is a mask mandate in place, however when an off-campus group comes in, the decision of whether or not to wear a mask is left to each individual.**



When several hundred young people come together with a Bishop; dozens of priests, nuns and other religious; dedicated youth ministers; and two of the most respected and admired youth speakers and musicians of our time, the result is bound to be extremely impactful. God had His hand in every moment of SWCYC "Genesis" and that was obvious from the start. Even a double

booked venue and cancelled flights couldn't slow the enthusiasm of those who attended. Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart held the crowd in the palm of their hands as they delivered their messages and kept the kids involved and engaged through music. Our deepest appreciation goes out to all of the many support staff, volunteers, donors, youth directors, and parishes that helped to make it all happen. It was such a joy to be able to hear the excitement again in person, and to see the smiles on the faces of the youth as they moved through the day. We would like to especially thank Fr. Josh Meyer for being our MC Extraordinaire, and Bishop James Wall for his steadfast support of our youth.



As most of you already know, the Supreme Court is currently deciding the legality of the Roe v Wade decision of 1973. Although a positive outcome appears to be on the way, the fight to end abortion is far from over. Even though many states are poised to immediately ban abortion either entirely or at least prior to 22 weeks, Colorado and New Mexico are in danger of becoming "abortion sanctuaries" for women seeking abortion at any point throughout pregnancy. We need your help! Please stand vigil with us on Tuesdays outside Planned Parenthood to offer help and pray for the babies losing their lives inside.

The LifeGuard office will have reduced hours from April 17–May 11. Please call ahead to be sure the office is open. In case of emergency, call 970-903-7440.