



**JOHN PAUL II
CENTRE FOR LIFE**
SUPPORTING LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

2024

YEAR PLAN

Proclaiming the Gospel of Life to help
build a culture which affirms life, marriage
and family in the Christchurch Diocese

VISION

We hold a vision for an authentic civilization of truth and love wherein the dignity of human life and each person's right to life is protected from conception until natural death. Our vision is that the Gospel of Life¹ is proclaimed to the heart of every man and woman and child to make it penetrate every part of society. This ensues a society which safeguards and promotes marriage between one man and one woman, and upholds the natural family as the basic cell of society.

MISSION

The Christchurch John Paul II Centre for Life Charitable Trust is a Catholic organization dedicated to building an authentic civilization of truth and love through prayer, education and service.

HOW WE CARRY OUT OUR MISSION

In order to promote and build a Culture of Life, we must first start with prayer.

Prayer is the foundation for everything which we do. Whether publicly advertised through organised prayer vigils or quietly whispered in our own homes, prayer is our first appeal to change our culture.

In order to encourage behaviours that form a Culture of Life – education and the understanding of the “why” must first be taught. Therefore, emphasis is given to our second principle: education. All life issues (including abortion, contraception, natural fertility awareness, sexuality, chastity, marriage, pornography and euthanasia) are addressed and explained with fidelity to the social and moral teaching of the Catholic Church.

Finally, we are called to put our words into action and offer loving assistance to all those in need, regardless of their beliefs. The John Paul II Centre’s services offer practical support to those suffering from grief and the loss of a loved one, infertility, post abortion trauma, fertility awareness methods, adverse prenatal diagnosis, euthanasia and support for those struggling with pornography addictions.

The John Paul II Centre is a charitable trust under the patronage of the Bishop of Christchurch. Our funding comes from grants, donations, fundraising and bequests.

1 – PRAYER

"it is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life"₂

- Promoting prayer for the cause of Life in the Diocese of Christchurch
- Prayer Support Network
- Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a child.
- Remembrance garden at the community of the Beatitudes
- Prayer life vigil
- Eucharistic procession for Life
- Annual Mass for Life

2 – EDUCATION

"To be truly a people at the service of life we must propose these truths constantly and courageously"₃

- Informative articles in newsletters, website and social media
- Visiting Speakers (Chris Stefanik?)
- Parish Missions (West Parish)
- JP2 Library
- Inform priests and pastoral workers of what JP2 offers.
- Parish Road Show - talk In parishes about what the John Paul II Centre does.

3 – SERVICE

3.1 – MARRIAGE

- Joy-filled marriage preparation for engaged couples
- Dio Date Night
- Marriage Retreats
- Marriage Unplugged workshops
- Parent Support Night

3.2 – FERTILITY AWARENESS METHODS

- Natural Fertility Awareness (Billings Ovulation Method) promotion and support

3.3 – ADVERSE PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT

- Supporting families who's unborn child is diagnosed with a genetic disorder, disability or life-limiting condition.

3.4 – POST ABORTION HEALING

- Helping those who are suffering from the experience of an abortion find healing and hope.

3.5 – GRIEF SUPPORT

- Grief Retreats
- Mass of Remembrance
- Book of Life – A book where people can write the names of children lost to miscarriage, still birth or abortion
- Garden of Remembrance – A memorial garden for all children lost to abortion and other infant and pregnancy deaths.
- Letters to Heaven - A letterbox In the garden of remembrance where people can write letters to their child.

3.6 – INFERTILITY SUPPORT

- Supporting those who carry the cross of Infertility by building up a community with monthly catch ups.

3.7 – EUTHANASIA

"And when earthly existence draws to a close, it is again charity which finds the most appropriate means for enabling the elderly, especially those who can no longer look after themselves, and the terminally ill to enjoy genuinely humane assistance and to receive an adequate response to their needs, in particular their anxiety and their loneliness."

- Form a group to help provide support and guidance for priests and pastoral workers

3.8 - PORNOGRAPHY OUTREACH

"Pornography use is the greatest impediment to evangelisation that the Church faces today"⁵

- Support the training for qualified coaches for sexual addiction recovery support
- Run small groups for sexual addiction recovery
- Run small groups for spousal betrayal due to sexual addictions
- Offer Individual coaching for those struggling with sexual addictions or spousal betrayal.
- Support parishes by running safe Haven Sunday - Awareness for pornography additions.
- Run training workshops for priests and other pastoral workers around pornography and how they can make a difference In their ministry.
- Provide parishes with resources and flyers to use In foyer or confessionals.
- Promote books and other resources for pornography addition recovery.

4 - NETWORKING

- Collaborating with other groups and individuals who share our vision – Loving for Life, Womb NZ, Right to Life, Voices for Life, Theology of the Body NZ, Evangelion, etc
- Supporting the local and national March for Life

2024 CALENDAR

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| TBC | Mass of Remembrance |
| 17th Feb | Marriage Preparation |
| TBC | 5 Week Lenten Grief Journal |
| TBC | Monthly Infertility Meet up |
| 23rd Mar | Marriage Unplugged |
| 20-21st Apr | Billings Workshop |
| 18th May | Marriage Preparation |
| 25th May | Marriage Unplugged |
| 5th Jun | Priest Workshop |
| 8th June | Grief Retreat |
| 15th Jun | Parrish Mission on Pornography |
| 15th Jun | Safe Haven Sunday West Parish |
| 22nd Jun | Dio Date Night |
| 10th Aug | Marriage Preparation |
| TBC | Chris Stefanik Talk |
| 6th Sep | Race Night |
| 18th Sep | AGM |
| 21st Sep | Marriage Unplugged |
| 27th Sep | Mass for Life |
| 28th Sep | Eucharistic Procession for Life |
| 28st Sep | March For Life Christchurch |
| 5th Oct | Grief Retreat |
| 23rd Oct | Priest Workshop |
| 9th Nov | Marriage Preparation |