St. Alexander Church Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time The Palos Catholic The Palos Catholic

August 31, 2025



St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-4861

Pastor: F	Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223
Deacons: Jim Horton, M	ichael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast
Director Parish Home & Hea	Ith Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232
Operations Manager:	Paula Somers ext. 233
Director of Music:	Matthew Berardi ext. 224
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St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463 Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

Principal: Sharon O'Toole Administrative Assistant: Mary Ann Pellicore School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com School E-Mail: info@stalexanderschool.com

Religious Education Office

7025 W. 126th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org Knights of Columbus:708-448-4861 ext. 400 Knight of Columbus on the Web: www.kofc14057.org

Spreading the Holy Fire

Celebrating Christ Risen from the Dead through the 7 Sacraments

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM

Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church

You should be a registered parishioner of St. Alexander, or willing to register and join our Faith Community. Relatives of St. Alexander parishioners are also welcome.

At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. The other must be a Christian. Parents must register for a class on Baptism **BEFORE** your baby is baptized. Archdiocesan required classes are held once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, and facilitated by trained parishioners.

Baptism contact Joan DeVito 448-4861 ext. 237

CONFIRMATION

Celebration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This Sacrament is normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

Confirmation Contacts:

Tyler Ried - Religious Education 448-6624 Sharon O'Toole - School 448-0408

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact** -

Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

OCIA Celebration of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

This process is for adults who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church and have never been Baptized, or were Baptized in another Christian denomination. There is also a process for children (OCIC) and teens (OCIT).

OCIA/OCIC/OCIT contact - Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

EUCHARIST

Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday) Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, & 6:00 PM Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

On the 1st Wednesday of the month 6:00-7:00PM in the Church

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebration of God's Restorative Love & Forgiveness

Sacrament offers strength to the living. If someone becomes seriously ill, please call the Parish Administrative Center. Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion and/or visit with the sick and homebound.

Also every 1st Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass

RECONCILIATION

Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession

Saturday Morning: 8:30 AM (until all are heard) Saturday Evening: after the 5:00 PM Mass Other Times by Appointment

SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT

MATRIMONY

Celebration of God's Blessings on the Loving Union between Man and Woman

Please call the Parish Administration Center at least 4 months in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana for engaged couples is required by the Archdiocese.

Matrimony Contact:

Fr. Martin Michniewicz or Fr Colm Mitchell 708-448-4861

HOLY ORDERS

Celebration of Ordained Service to the Church

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."

Priesthood Contact - Fr. Michniewicz 448-4861 ext. 227 Fr. Colm Mitchell 448-4861 ext. 223

Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director: Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners.

As we celebrate Labor Day this Monday, let us all remember that God has gifted each one of us. All talents and gifts that people possess are necessary to make our society and Church function. Let us make sure we are always grateful for the talents our Lord has bestowed upon us. We should never boast, look down upon others, or become jealous of the talents others have. We are all equal in the eyes of God.

This Labor Day weekend be sure to say a prayer for those who are unemployed. Many people are struggling to make car or mortgage payments or even put food on the table. We pray that all those who search for employment are successful. Let us also say a prayer for an end to inflation.

Over the past week we have welcomed back our great St. Alexander School faculty, staff, and students for the 2025-2026 school year. We pray that God will bless us all as we continue to educate our youth with a faith filled Blue Ribbon education. We still have openings in some grade levels so I ask that all parishioners please promote our school and encourage friends, neighbors, and countrymen to join our parish and school family. If you know of anybody who is interested please have them call our principal, Mrs. O'Toole, at 708-448-0408.

Please remember our St. Alexander Athletic Association Golf Outing which will be held this Friday, September 5th at George Dunne National Golf Course. Turn to page eight for more information on the outing and how to register.

Once again remember next week Sunday, September 7th is our Parish Picnic. Come enjoy the day with your family and fellow parishioners. Turn to page six for more details and pray for good weather.

Our first Bible Study was held last Thursday and was attended by over forty people. Everybody I talked to enjoyed the presentation and the ensuing discussion. Please note that the bible group will now meet on the second Thursday of the month from 2:00-3:30 PM in our newly remodeled meeting room. Previously it was advertised on the third Thursday of the month but once again it will be on the second Thursday. Also, don't forget that non-parishioners are more than welcome.

God Bless, Father Marty

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely to persevere in your holy will courageously to stay together in charity to surrender our own plans readily to embrace the greater good to hand on your gifts to future generations

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



The following children were baptized by Deacon Francis Pendergast on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

Mae Kathleen Sullivan, daughter of Thomas & Megan We welcome her into the family of the church and offer her parents our prayers and good wishes.



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

III Megan Edwards & Mike Mueller



We ask you to remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. May they forever rest in the Lord's peace. We especially pray for:

Molly Horan, mother of Marilyn Schroeder Kathleen Livingston, wife of Charles

If you want peace, work for justice.

—Pope Paul VI

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we prayers unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

Lisa Krisik Paul Lunter Mary Egan Molly Flynn Hedie Alt Mary Ann Hunt

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office by noon on Friday.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 1-7, 2025

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5,

11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/

Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5 Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



Office of the Archbishop 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030 312.534.8230 archchicago.org

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Daily, we hear heartbreaking stories of suffering from Gaza. So many innocent victims, including those who belong to Christian communities, face violence, dire living conditions, and hunger. Our Holy Father Pope Leo has said "Gaza is starving," as he called for a cease fire. In a particular way, the faces of Gaza's hungry children make an indelible impression on our hearts.

Perhaps we feel helpless to address this complex story that involves international players. There is, however, a pathway for us to respond. Two very reliable agencies of the Catholic Church are already there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded. They are the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

On the weekend of September 6-7, the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will take up a special collection that will be promptly forwarded to CNEWA and CRS.

Whatever you can give will go far to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. I know the compassion and generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In the name of all those who will benefit from your support, I thank you.

Finally, let us pray urgently for the gift of peace in our wounded world, a peace which only the Lord can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

ST. ALEXANDER PARISH PICNIC

Join fellow parishioners in a celebration of faith & family!

Festivities include:

- Dance Factory DJ
- Annual Egg Toss
 Contest
- Bingo
- Hula Hoop Contest

New this year:

- Gaga Ball
- 9 Square in the Air





Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs & B.Y.O.B. Enjoy complimentary water, along with burgers, hot dogs, chips, ice cream and popcorn prepared by the parish staff from 1:00-4:00



All parishioners are welcome!



WELCOME TO ST. ALEXANDER!

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.

—Pope Francis, The Light of Faith

Join us for a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Every first Wednesday of the month 6-7pm in Church Wednesday, September

"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect of God's graces." - St. Faustina



YOU'RE INVITED!

St. Alexander Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Saturday, September 6th—9:00 AM in the SAVE Room

Meetings usually last an hour. Items are made in our homes, and then we gather at our meeting to wrap and label them. We meet once every two months and share the joy of our gifts and prayers with many people in need in our parish and elsewhere.

If you want to see what we are all about, come out and join us. For more information please call Rosemary at 708-293-8884.

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026.



Intercessory Prayer Experience

Call on the Holy Spirit and expect Him to show up! The Father has promised Him to us.

"Jesus said: And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:49

Come join us after Mass at 5:45PM on the first Saturday of each month.

Deacon Mike will offer time to pray with anyone for the intercession of the Holy Spirit regarding individual prayer intensions.

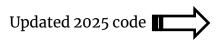
After Mass the Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be available.

St. Alexander Athletic Association Presents The 2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing

George Dunn National Golf Course Friday, September 5th

> 1pm shotgun start \$175.00 per player

All pertinent information including: reservations and payment for golf, please visit the website https://birdease.com/Raiders or use QR Code below
Sponsorship Opportunities also available via website







Includes: 18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, unlimited beverages on the course, 2-hour open bar and pizza after golf



For more information, please contact: Joe Livigni:

<u>LivigniJoe1@gmail.com</u> (708) 296-2175

Brian Enright:
BEnright4@yahoo.com
(773) 398-4656

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.



& Knights of Columbus FOOD COLLECTION

Please donate to our ongoing food collection for St. Blase. Donations should be placed on the bench across from the SAVE room. Thank you for your generosity!

NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit mass-times.org and.findaparish.com.

PRAY DAILY

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

-St. Francis de Sales

New & Exciting Things are Happening at St. Alexander Parish!



Starting in October on the first Sunday of the month we will have **Hospitality** after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Mass. A few volunteers to help with this would also be appreciated. If you want more information, or to offer your assistance, call Paula Somers at 708-448-4861

COMMUNITY DINNER

The first Community Dinner will be on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00 PM in our Parish Center (aka the gym)

We are asking that if you plan on attending please let us know for the food count. If you register and can not attend that is fine. Even if you didn't register and find you can make it, you are still welcome to come.

Please return the form below in the Sunday collection basket or the Parish Administrative Office with your last name and the number of adults and children who will be attending. Or use the QR code to register with the same information. Thank you, The Community Dinner Committee.



Last Name		
# Adults:	# Children:	



September

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8:30AM - 1:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before
donating.



1-800-786-4483

St. Alexander Catholic Church of Palos Heights Blood Drive

7025 W 126th St Palos Heights, IL 60463, Big Room

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED: Call 1-800-786-4483, visit https://tinyurl.com/3abjzx8y or scan the QR Code below

28 Donors Needed at this Drive! Sign Up & Help Supply Lifesaving Blood to 62% Patients at 85 Local Hospitals in IL & NW IN!

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience* to your favorite hometown football team!

Denise Ciciura 630-243-9342 Lisa Pendergast 708-679-4565





SUNDAY 10:15-11:30AM

SAVE orders may also be brought to the Parish Administrative Center.

Orders dropped off by 5:00PM on Wednesday are available for pick-up Thursday after Noon at the PAC. They may also be picked up during sale hours in the SAVE room on Sunday.



E-Giving Made Easy

If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.

Scroll down to "One -Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!

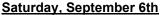


LEGACY PLANNING

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations.

Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact Fr. Marty at 708-448-4861.

COMMUNION MINISTERS



5:00 PM— Rosemary Dziuba, Terry Horvath, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, September 7th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Pat Sobczak. Susan Chillmon

9:30 AM— Melissa Duckett, Guido Cadore,

Caroline Kelbowski, Wendy Loftus (LG)

11:30 AM— Ofelia & Jeff Foreman, Patricia Klaus

6:00 PM— Michael Collins

READERS

Saturday, September 6th

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich



Sunday, September 7th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Linda Buchanan, John Kelbowski

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts, Linda Horton

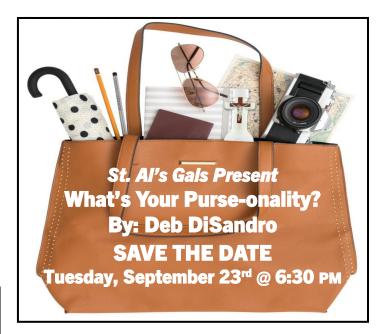
6:00 PM— James Clark

Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Dav

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT

-Religious Ed

-Youth Ministry (JR High/ High School)

-Stay and Play



WWW.TRIED-YM.COM



WED, SEPT 24, 2025

Order Pick-Up AND Cash & Carry
7:30AM - UNTIL SOLD OUT
ST. ALEXANDER PARKING LOT

\$15 each

The annual Mum Sale is back! We will have a variety of Red, Purple, Orange & Yellow large, rounded potted chrysanthamums for sale. Brighten your doorstep and help support our school's newest 8th grade class. The Mums come in 9-inch pots, and the plants are 16-18 inches in diameter.

Send in this form to Pre-Order and guarantee your color, or come visit us on the 24th and choose your favorite blooms in person! There will be a limited number available for Cash & Cary on sale day, so be sure to order ahead! Order forms will also be available in the Church narthex or in the school E-envelope.

COLOR	QUANTITY	PRICE = \$15.00/ea	
Red/Maroon			
Yellow			
Orange/Rust			
Purple			
Cash Check #	TOTAL #	TOTAL \$	



Order forms (w/cash or check payment) are due to the School Office or Parish Center by **Sept 12th**. Make checks payable to St. Alexander School.

NAME:			

Phone: Email:

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SAFE START

ACTS

- 1 in 12 US high school students experience physical and sexual violence in a dating relationship.
- 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys experience physical and sexual violence in their intimate relationships.
- 1 in 3 homicides of girls aged 11-19 are carried out by an intimate partner.
- Young women aged 16-24 are three times more likely than the general population to experience dating abuse.

Safe Start is a teen dating violence prevention program that educates 6th through 12th grade students on prevention techniques and healthy relationships.

Safe Start collaborates with local schools to educate young people about dating violence and encourage healthy relationships.

We are raising funds August 1st thru September 30th for Safe Start.

DONATE BY CHECK

Mail To:

Crisis Center Auxiliary P.O. Box 174 Palos Park, IL 60465

DONATE ONLINE



https://crisisctr.org/donate-to-ccss

CLASS OF 1965 HIGH SCHOOL REUNION ACADEMY OF OUR LADY HIGH SCHOOL—CHICAGO

Silver Lakes Country Club—Orland Park Sunday October 19th — 12 Noon Please contact Margaret Coyle at 708-870-0579 or email mcoyle17@hotmail.com

Home Bound or III?

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion in their home, please call either Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.



Low-Gluten Hosts

At the 9:30AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with low-gluten hosts. The Extraordinary Minister will be located at the entrance of the ramp which leads to the sanctuary on the side where the statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.



Mass Intentions For The Week

TWENTY-SECONDSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **AUGUST 31. 2025**

Saturday, August 30th

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan

Catherine Wells Raymond Schwaller

Dale Yukich

Brian & Barbara Chwierut—50th Anniv.

Sunday, August 31st

7:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix

Chet & Thomas Chwierut

Irene Brajner

Vincent & Mary Hoban Dr. Ronald Feldner Jeffrey Williams Mary Ahern Beth King

Dennis King Sr.

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt

Fr. Thomas Nolan, MM—39th Anniversary Joan Bagniewski—15th Anniversary

Don & Mary Tadda

Dan Nicholson

11:30 AM— Helen Carroll

Ed Obiala

Anthony Costello

Anne Marie & Dave Vasil—Anniv. Blessing

Robert Utterback Tom Scanlon

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, September 1st

8:30 AM— John & Dorothy Janik

Jim Flanagan Colleen J. Nix

40th Anniversary Blessing

Mary & Don Tadda

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:30 AM— James Barry—1st Anniversary

Colleen J. Nix

Joseph & Dorothy Feldner

Jennifer Aparo Albert Collins

William Macey—Healing Intention

Wednesday, September 3rd (St. Gregory the Great)

8:30 AM— Toni Johnson

Dale McClain—7th Anniversary

Dorothy Janik Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, September 4th

8:30 AM— John Janik

Colleen J. Nix Tom Lenihan Mary L. Moore

Friday, September 5th

8:30 AM— Helen Carroll—1st Anniversary

Joe Hickey Colleen J. Nix

Ann & Joseph Malacina

Paul Stancato

Saturday, September 6th

8:00 AM— Ted Healy Colleen J. Nix

Mike Sweeney

Thomas & Chet Chwierut

Don Tadda

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey

3:00 PM— Wedding Megan Edwards & Mike Mueller

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

Saturday, September 6th

5:00 PM— Frank A. Narel

Class of 1975 50th Reunion

Dale Yukich Jim Foskett Matthew Janicki Eleanore Reilly

Sunday, September 7th

7:30 AM— Thomas & Chet Chwierut

Colleen J. Nix Regina Rekruciak Irene Brajner Beth King Catherine Hoban Aurelie King

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Huntt

Maurice D. McClure James Lamoreaux John & Emily Opiela Bruce Schmiedl Don & Mary Tadda

Joan Barry

11:30 AM— Rosemary McGee

Dolores Gorski

Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt George Lombard Tom Scanlon

Ed Obiala Linda Pocius

Arthur & Pearl Wittbrodt

John & Emily Sotak

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

MERCY HOME SUNDAY MASS 9:30am on WGN-TV Channel 9

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities