

# Adult Education Notes

- ✠ The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells of Jesus's continued help to the followers of 'The Way' (the description of the Apostles and disciples preaching) proclaiming His life, death, and resurrection. Saul has been redeemed by Jesus on the road to Damascus and has preached boldly in Jesus's name there but the disciples in Jerusalem are skeptical of him because of all the evil he did to the Christians there before. They sent him out of the city to Tarsus to preach to the Gentiles which was God's plan for him. The church was thriving and at peace.
- ✠ John is giving instruction to truly show our love for others telling us "Actions speak louder than words". It is in living and loving as Jesus did that we truly show the Spirit of Truth through his commandments; for his commandments are love in action.
- ✠ "I AM the true vine and my Father is the vine grower." We are all from farm families or we garden some and even have the simple knowledge that if a branch breaks off from a tree, or a leaf is broken off your house plant, or you pick or cut a flower from its main plant it will eventually die. There is no more sap or life giving nourishment flowing from its main trunk, root, or 'vine'.
- ✠ So it is when we sin and "break off" or "cut ourselves off" from God. Without the Sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist, Jesus tells us plain and simple many times "You have NO LIFE in you". We won't bear fruit. We have no nourishment for living and we will wither and become as dead inside. We need His life giving body and blood to keep us alive and strong to remain in Him and He in us.
- ✠ Becoming a disciple of Jesus sounds scary at first hearing, but it's really easy to bear fruit and glorify the Father. Discipleship is living the life Jesus calls you to as best you can, where you are and with what you have, keeping the commandments and giving examples of love to others so they will want your joy for themselves too. 'The Way' to bear fruit is with joy in Jesus and sharing with others why you have that joy!

**\*\*Adult Ed will be offering something for ANYONE who would want to come and especially for the parents/grandparents/adults who will be waiting on or picking up the youth who attend Totus Tuus both morning and evening sessions. Would love input on what you would like to do. Book discussion? Bible study? Video series? Saints? Fathers of the Church? Catechism? Prayer? Sacraments? Topics are endless. Each day can be a different subject if you want also. If you have a suggestion, in the back of church on the right bulletin board is a small box with pen and paper. Please give us your input and ideas. Will consider all ideas. Watch for more information.**

**Come and see and let us share with you our joy!**

**Birthright of Marble Hill is celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!**

**105 Church St., Marble Hill**

We have had 350+ visits this year, serving 85 area families, providing pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, layettes for brand new babies, diapers & wipes, formula & baby food, baby clothes & supplies, and groceries.

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

**for the Blessing of Birthright of Marble Hill**

**by Pastor Mark Graham & Bishop Edward Rice.**

**A reception will follow.**

**Attention: Adult Catholic Men**  
You are invited to the Southeast Missouri

**CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT**   
*Men Meeting Jesus*

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30-9:00pm  
Old St. Vincent's, Cape Girardeau, MO  
An evening of Adoration, Confession,  
& a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.  
To help plan for food please RSVP to  
SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com  
'SEMO Catholic Man Night' on Facebook  
or 573-275-5214

## **Diocesan Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation to develop and implement diocesan policies and programs related to Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. It is preferred that applicants have a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Religious Education/Catechesis. Bachelor degree will be considered. Experience at a parish or diocesan level is required. This is a full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving across the diocese will be required. Position start date of July 1, 2021. Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines. To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841

### Important Bulletin Correction:

The Rosary with Bishop Rice on Sunday, May 9 will begin at 6:30 PM, not 5:00 PM like it is listed in the announcement and under the Look Ahead section.

***Fr. Coon will return from his Spiritual Renewal Program this Friday afternoon and will be with us next weekend.***



Forming young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

id Cape (Young Adults in their 20-30's) will meet at the Old Convent @ St. Vincent in Cape **on Thursday May 6th** for our Monthly Disciples Night. We will gather at 6:15 pm and the live stream will start at 7 pm.

  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

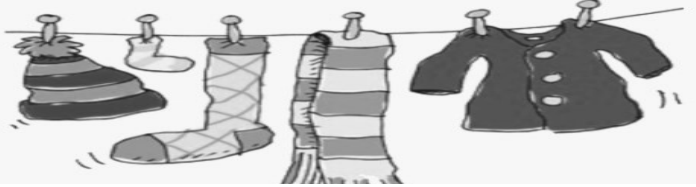
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### WANTED!!!



A resident at Woodland Hills nursing home has requested a few items. If you have these and are not using them anymore, she would be grateful for your donation:

- ♦ Spring/Summer dresses size 3XL
- ♦ 2 half slips size 2XL
- ♦ Brown/Brown dress shoes (low heel) size 8M
- ♦ Dress pants (pull up/no zippers) size 20-22
- ♦ Dress blouses (short sleeve) size 3XL

Please drop off in the vestibule of St. John's.

Thank you!



### 3rd Sunday breakfast

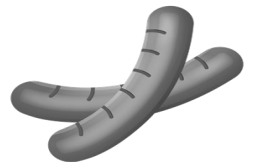
The Scott City Knights of Columbus will host a 3rd Sunday Breakfast on May 16th at the hall from

7:30-10:30 am. They are also taking orders for sausage by calling Gary at 573-576-6451.

Either link or bulk sausage \$3.50 per pound.

### Homemade Bratwurst

Just in time for your Memorial Day cookout, the Scott City Knights of Columbus are making their famous homemade Bratwurst. \$3.50 per pound and can be ordered by calling Gary, 573-576-6451. Pick up will be Sunday May 23rd 11-1 pm at the hall.



# STOP YOUR TAXES FROM PAYING FOR ABORTION



For decades, Congress has protected your money from paying for abortion. Now, some powerful government officials are trying to change that.



## 2.4 Million Babies Saved

### HYDE AMENDMENT

The Hyde Amendment and related laws have kept your tax dollars from paying for elective abortion. Over 2.4 MILLION Americans are alive today because of the amendment [1].



## Bipartisan Legacy

### HALF A CENTURY

Whether led by Democrats or Republicans, Congress and the White House have supported the amendment since it first became law in 1976.



## Broad Public Support

### UNITED AGAINST COERCION

Many opinion surveys show a strong majority against tax dollars paying for abortion [2]. This includes women and men across a range of income levels and racial diversity. It also includes people who are pro-life and those who are pro-choice [3].



## New Extremism

### A FEW COERCING THE MANY

- Once a long-time supporter of the amendment, President Biden is now committed to its repeal [4].
- The chair of the House committee in charge of funding government programs broke with long-standing, bipartisan support. She announced that the amendment will NOT be included in the upcoming funding bill [5].
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi voiced support for this decision [6].



## BILLIONS in Abortion Funding

### WITHOUT THE HYDE AMENDMENT

- Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions in the U.S. and overseas.
- Getting rid of the amendment would likely lead to many more lives lost through abortion [7].
- States' health benefits would likely be held hostage. States would be forced to either include elective abortion in Medicaid or be kicked out of the federal Medicaid program.

# Save a life. Contact Congress.

## WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

## HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

## WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

*Billions* of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

## TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)

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1. M.J. New, "Addendum to Hyde @ 40: Analyzing the Impact of the Hyde Amendment," Charlotte Lozier Institute, July 21, 2020, <https://lozierinstitute.org/addendum-to-hyde-40-analyzing-the-impact-of-the-hyde-amendment/>.  
2. W. Saletan, "Abortion Funding Isn't As Popular As Democrats Think," Slate, June 12, 2019; <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/06/joe-biden-hyde-amendment-democratic-support.html>.  
3. Knights of Columbus, "Marist Poll: Americans' Opinions on Abortion," January 22, 2020; <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/polls.html#/>.  
4. "Vice President Biden supports repealing the Hyde Amendment because health care is a right that should not be dependent on one's zip code or income. And, the public option will cover contraception and a woman's constitutional right under Roe v. Wade." <https://joebiden.com/women-agenda/>.  
5. <https://twitter.com/jenhab/status/129942378900929284>.  
6. <https://twitter.com/rosadelau/status/1333538158433214465>.  
7. M.J. New, "Addendum to Hyde @ 40."