



**Diocese of Lafayette
Centennial Celebration – “A Century of Love”
Pro Life Activities – Jan 19 & 20*
PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

***St. Peter’s has 2 buses going to Lafayette on Jan 20 for those wanting to join the Confirmation class and Youth Group!**

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January 19

7:00 p.m.—Pro-Life Vigil Mass (St. Pius X Church, Lafayette)

January 20

9:30 a.m.—Pro-Life Rally (ULL Quad, Lafayette)

11:30 a.m.—Pro-Life March (from ULL Quad to St. John Cathedral)

12:30 p.m.—Welcome/Prayer Service (St. John Cathedral)

6:30 p.m.—Rose Dinner Honoring Pro-Life Leaders (Petroleum Club)

For more info, please read the following copied from:

<https://diolaf.org/pro-life-walk-and-rose-dinner>

Here in the Diocese of Lafayette, it has been a long-held tradition of our Catholic communities to express their support for the pro-life stance. Over the years, that support has evolved to include multiple pro-life marches, prayer services, and rallies during the month of January, in peaceful yet powerful opposition to the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.

This year in 2018, everyone is encouraged to continue expressing their pro-life support by participating in several celebrations of life to be held in conjunction with the diocese's Centennial Anniversary. It is the ongoing celebration of life, after all, that has made it possible for us to rejoice in the Century of Love that has formed our diocese over the last 100 years.

On the evening of Friday, January 19, the newly dedicated St. Pius X Church in Lafayette will host the celebration of a Pro-Life Vigil Mass, with Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel as the celebrant.

This Mass will be a free ticketed event, with tickets distributed through each church parish in the diocese; those who wish to attend may contact their local church parish for additional ticket information.

On the morning of Saturday, January 20, pro-life supporters of all denominations are invited to gather at the Quad on the ULL campus in Lafayette for a special Pro-Life Rally beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In addition to live music, prayer, and special guest speakers, a proclamation will be read to declare the day as Pro-Life Day in Acadiana. The Spiritual Care Unit, a mobile confessional operated by the Community of Jesus Crucified, will be on the scene to offer the sacrament of reconciliation to all Catholics who wish to receive it. Water will be provided, but participants may want to consider bringing their own snacks and homemade pro-life signs for the rally and the following march.

Those who wish to take part in the Pro-Life March will depart from the Quad at 11:30 a.m. and proceed down St. John Street to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Upon arrival they will be greeted by Bishop Deshotel, who will lead the procession into the Cathedral for a special prayer service and Benediction. Transportation will be available for those who may be unable to walk the entire distance from the ULL campus to the Cathedral, or those who need a ride back to the campus afterwards.

Commemorative t-shirts will also be sold in advance of these events and will be available for purchase through <https://diolaf.org/events/pro-life-rally-2>.

Last but not least, the Diocese of Lafayette will hold its very first Pro-Life Rose dinner on the evening of January 20.

This ticketed event will be held at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette, beginning with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner's purpose is to honor the community's long-time supporters of the pro-life ministry, with Bishop Deshotel giving special recognition to five individuals (names to be announced at a later date) by presenting them with a pro-life award and Centennial Coin.

Tickets for the Rose Dinner will be available for purchase through the diocesan website at <https://diolaf.org/marriage>, at the cost of \$75 per person or \$600 per table. Those who are interested may also contact the diocese's Office of Marriage & Family Life at 337.261.5653 for further details.