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## Walking with Moms in Need

The Catholic Church has a rich history in helping women with unplanned pregnancies so it is no surprise that we would embrace Walking With Moms In Need.

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, who spearheaded the launch of the initiative as past chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said **the goal is to identify gaps or areas with insufficient resources.**

"... then to take concrete steps to expand the help available to mothers, not only during the pregnancy but for months and even years after the child's birth," he said.



## OUR PROGRAMS

### *Marriage & Pre-Cana*

The Diocese of Charleston offers many opportunities for marriage prep and marriage enrichment. Also, programs that explain the **truth about sexuality** and the real meaning of love.

### *Natural Family Planning*

NFP is based upon the couple's own knowledge of their naturally occurring cyclic phases of fertility and infertility. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy.

**Natural Family Planning** is not contraception; it is true family planning. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP enriches the bond between husband and wife.

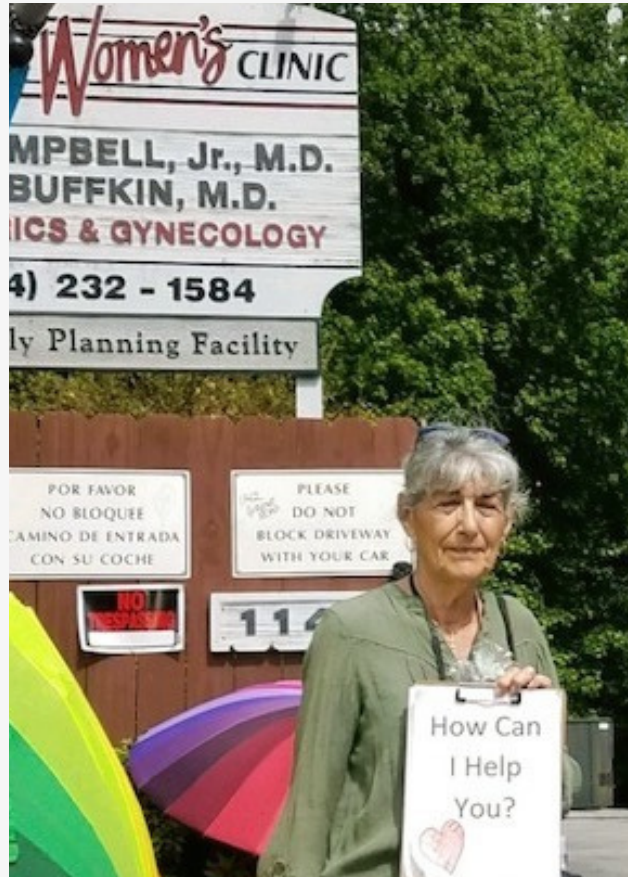
# Family Life



## Your baby @ 12 weeks in the womb

By now, baby has a head with ears, eyes, mouth, nose and chin, and the brain and spinal cord are well-formed. Arms, legs, hands and feet, fingers and toes are there and fingernails are forming. Your baby can even open and close his or her fists. All the organs are present and developing. The heart is beating strong. Your baby is exploring his or her new world.

## Praying for life at the abortion clinic



The presence of people praying and sidewalk counseling at the abortion clinics across the state have proven to save unborn lives and protect the moms from a life of pain and regret.

**Sidewalk Advocates for Life** will train and equip you to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering loving, life-affirming alternatives to all present at abortion facilities. Visit [sidewalkadvocates.org](http://sidewalkadvocates.org).

## AT THE POLLS

MAY 2022

A Fox News poll found **Americans are pro-life on a 54-44% margin** and majorities want abortions banned after either 6 weeks or 15 weeks.

JANUARY 2022

A Marist poll found **71% of Americans want abortions to be made illegal** or for more limits to be placed on them, all essentially supporting overturning Roe v. Wade.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 14** — Novena for Life — [usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena](http://usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena)

**June 20** — Hispanic Ministry meeting — Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia — [mromero@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mromero@charlestandiocese.org)

**July 15** — Be Not Afraid training in Charlotte, NC — [cbrown@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestandiocese.org)

**July 16** — Fully Engaged — St. James the Younger in Conway — [mromero@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mromero@charlestandiocese.org)

**July 23** — Marriage Prep in Charleston — [cbrown@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestandiocese.org)

**Aug. 26-28** — Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Charleston — [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com)

**Coming Soon** — Culture of Life Conference in Columbia (September); PATHWAYS program - steps needed for Marriage convalidations [mromero@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mromero@charlestandiocese.org)