# Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

# UPDATE: Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – Pregnancy Support Service

**Timings are now confirmed: 10:30am – 1pm**, **please do update your diaries**. The format – online or in person – still depends on the Covid 19 situation so we'll make a decision on that nearer the time.

## **GOOD NEWS this month**

## Online Pro-Life Workshop

Last Thursday we ran the "Write for Life" workshop. You've written so many great letters to MPs and MSPs recently that I decided to share what worked along with a few tips and trips. It went really well – lots of people attending on Zoom and many more asking for the slides afterwards. For now, I have 2 questions for you:

- 1 Would you like a copy of the slides? email me for this
- 2 What else would you like to know about? I have a couple of ideas, but open to your <u>suggestions by email</u>



#### Success on Cell lines:

The world's largest company dedicated to vaccines has stopped using fetal cell lines derived from an aborted baby in all of its polio vaccines. Read the story here

I'm not sure Oxford University have got the message on this yet...

#### **Wow moment**

If you attended the excellent online March for Life on 14<sup>th</sup> June (and 15,000 people did ©) you may have seen this excellent talk by **Dr Kristin Collier – 'The Science of Pregnancy'** Dr Collier explained the fact of fetomaternal microchimerism (easy for you to say, I know). Put simply, it means that, after pregnancy, <u>and whatever the outcome</u>, there can be cells of the unborn child remaining, and accepted, in the mother's body for decades. Dr Collier's fascinating talk is here:

https://vimeo.com/429387636 (skip to 06:50 mins if you're short of time) More on microchimerism here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microchimerism

## Supporting the Pro-Life Office

If you wish to support the Pro-Life Office financially, the Archdiocese now has a link so you can donate online. This is separate from the recent Day for Life collection & is something you can use – or give to others - throughout the year.

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\_id=1086319&type=2&hidden\_amount=&amount=&reference=PROLIF

### Thank you – Day for Life collection

Thanks for encouraging your Parish to support the Bishop's conference Day for Life collection. Quite a few cheques came in and I'm waiting to see the online donations. Our share of this will go towards the Pregnancy Support Service with the rest going to Bishop's Conference of Scotland pro-life work.

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