**Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Support Group of St. Peter’s RC Parish Morningside, Edinburgh – March 2022**

The Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Support Group in St. Peter RC Parish was established 12 years ago. It was and hopefully will be an active group even though the Group itself did not organise very visible social events in the Parish.

The idea behind the establishment of the group was to support and emulate the work of The Gospel of Life Sisters in Glasgow. The group have a modest but live relationship to The Gospel of Life Sisters in Glasgow.

**Previous events we have organised:**

1. Collection of cloths and other goods (prams, baby baths, cots etc) - and delivery to their Glasgow office

- St. Peter’s regularly collected for the Sisters

- there were also special collections

2. Following their website for prayer for crisis pregnancies.

When an instant message arrived about a crisis pregnancy the prayer request was shared between the group members, and we prayed. The number of that kind of occasion is very unpredictable.

3. Monthly prayer at St. Peter’s

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month is currently a “Cardinal Winning Pro-life prayer day”. Those who supported the pro-life cause came down to that mass especially. It is a “private” event, there is no coffee or socialising.

4. Participation of Archdiocese’s Pro-life Office events

The Archdiocese’s Pro-life Office organised and managed outdoor events in Edinburgh.

 - pro-life chain at Lothian road/Usher Hall

 - 40 days for life at Royal Infirmary & Health Clinic (Chamber street)

5. Fundraising

We have organised some small fundraising events. The most successful fundraising was selling football boots and balls at St. Peter’s School Fair and sent the money to the Sisters. It was also a good opportunity to talk about the pro-life movement and invite people to join us.

We regularly took part of SPUC’s White Flower appeal what is a collection once a year after a Sunday mass.

6. Parish website

The Parish website has a page for pro-life topics which are updated regularly with news and general information. *https://stpetersrcchurchedinburgh.org.uk/pro-life-initiative/*

**Plan for the future**

**We would like to continue the work what was started 12 years ago. We would like to highlight the respect and dignity for human life from conception to natural death. Therefore, our activity and programs would cover all these topics.**

* We would like to invite people to go to the Parish’s website and visit the pro-life page where we will supply relevant information on pro-life activities as well as other articles and information about every aspect of human life.
* We invite everybody to join us at the 3rd Wednesday of the month’s Mass. It will be advertised a week before of the date in the Parish newsletter. Please come along and “have an extra mass” every month and pray for the respect of life and human dignity.
* If you would like to be in touch and pray for crisis pregnancies, please send your email address or WhatsApp details to this email: *prolife@stpetersrcchurchedinburgh.org.uk*
* We would like to invite people to join the “**Powerbank for life**” movement: <https://powerbank4life.org/en/home-gb/>
* This is “Spiritual adoption”. Anybody can join in any time. It is on many languages.
* The rule is who joins in should say a decade of the Rosary every day for nine months for a life (a baby).
* There is an app with a “timer” so you can always know where you are (at which day so you can’t miss it). There is a daily prayer & reflexion to help the prayer. There are weekly testimonies. The whole application is completely secure and private.

**Personally, I think the primary cause of abortion is “poverty”. The fear that the person financially or economically cannot upbring a child. I know there is many other factor and reason why people choose abortion, but I believe if we can alleviate a person’s economic doubts over the future we can help to save a life.**

* At the moment, there is information on the website to contact the Gospel of Life Sisters in case of crisis pregnancy. We can always connect a person-in-need with the Sisters.
* We would like to offer support on Parish level too. I am sure the parish can collect enough money or goods to help support the starting of a new life and/or help someone to solve her problems (advice where she could go or contact). I know this is very ambitious, but I think we should try. If you would need help any time as you think you are in a crisis, please send an email with total confidentiality to this email address: *prolife@stpetersrcchurchedinburgh.org.uk* (or drop a sealed envelop to Fr. Kevin’s letterbox) with your contact detail and we will contact you and will try to help you. In case we could not find a shoutable solution at parish level we can connect you to the Gospel of Life Sister’s in Glasgow or
* Other organisations within the Archdiocese’ Pro-life Office recommendation.

With love,

Agnes