

Fellow St Paul's friends,

We are Mark and Mary-Jane Duplin. Some of you know us, but for those who don't, we have been members of the St Paul parish for most of our lives, we are Eucharistic Ministers, and our son Patrick is an altar server.

We have been asked by Fr. Robert to re-engage the Pro-Life ministry here at St Paul's, and we are excited to do so. We have participated in various types of pro-life activities over the years and have a deep commitment to it.



The term 'pro-life', for many today, is synonymous with 'anti-abortion'. But, in truth, it encompasses far more than that. Pro-Life, for Christians, is affirming and advocating for the dignity and sacredness of all human life, from conception to natural death. It includes many well-known issues, some of which are:

- dignity for the elderly and homebound
- termination of life issues, e.g. Suicide, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, Capital Punishment
- contraception
- drugs and substance abuse
- disabilities (physical, mental, developmental)
- abortion

This ministry's emphasis will be to promote the education, respect, faith, and service toward the understanding and acceptance of the Christian culture of life.

We fully understand that some of these issues are very controversial in today's society, even to many Christians. We certainly welcome an open and honest dialogue about them, while at the same time promoting the Christian position on them.

We would like to invite you to join us and help promote the culture of life in our parish, and in our community. In the near future, we will have a ministry kick-off meeting for all interested parishioners. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for the announcement.