

F.L.C. Notes – February 3, 2020

Thanks to all of you - through your prayers and financial support - from January 22 through January 25 Family Life Council was able to reach hundreds of pro-life activists and leaders from all over the country with some excellent materials, messages and ideas!

For the first time ever, Family Life Council had an information booth in the Exhibit Hall at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. together with scores of other national pro-life organizations. This was a great way to engage with many of those who had come to participate in the massive March for Life (January 24) and the various related pro-life meetings in the days before and after the March.



For three days we shared our Toda América con Cristo vision and information on the importance of pro-life solidarity among all the countries of the Western Hemisphere. Together we are all stronger. (See enclosed booth handout.)

We also displayed one of our replicas of the famous post-abortion sculpture which was the first time many had seen this incredibly powerful work of art. (See photo above.) The reactions from those stopping by the booth were very positive. Many had seen the image on Facebook and other Internet sources, but few had actually seen the replica itself. Please read the separate report (reverse side) of their amazing comments and the results.

Our booth also served as a meeting point for pro-life leaders from Latin America who had heard about the March for Life and were finally able to attend. Many of these leaders are old friends of Family Life Council with whom we have worked on many projects over the years. They were able to meet scores of leaders, pick up valuable materials and insights, and share their work in Latin America with US leaders, including in a special meeting with Congressman Chris Smith. (Photos: www.4life4family.org/latin-leaders-march-for-life-2020.)

In addition, the day after the march, Saturday, January 25, we were invited to have a table at the Congreso Pro-Vida in Arlington, Virginia for Latino activists from many parts of the country. It was a great opportunity to distribute our materials, display the sculpture, and talk with committed pro-lifers from the Latino community in the U.S. Family Life Council is committed to encouraging and strengthening the involvement of Latinos in the pro-life cause. Recently, we created a separate webpage for Latinos who are not fluent in English, so they can have easy access in Spanish to some great pro-life images, pamphlets, videos, etc. dealing with the preciousness of unborn life, the destructiveness of abortion, post-abortion healing and other aspects. Please check it out: www.4life4family.org/vida (Brief English descriptions accompany each item, as well as links to the same materials in English.)

All of those with whom we had contact during these days are more enriched by the materials and ideas we provided them, and will now be able to integrate these things into their pro-life work in the future. Again, thanks to all of you for your prayers and support which made this possible!

Response in Washington, D.C. to our replica of the post-abortion sculpture by Slovak artist Martin Hudacek was phenomenal! Hundreds of people stopped at our Family Life Council booth at the 2020 March for Life Exhibit Hall to view and contemplate this powerful work of art.

Many were already familiar with our photographic image of the sculpture by seeing it on Facebook or elsewhere on the Internet. Some had seen our cards and mini-posters with the photo, but very few had ever seen an actual replica of the sculpture. Their reaction was incredibly positive and enthusiastic.

About half-way through our three days with the exhibit, we decided to start writing down some of the many comments.

Here are a few:

"Amazing!" "I love it...Thank you!" "That's awesome!"

"This is spectacular!" "That's beautiful!" "Phenomenal!"

"Beautiful...Absolutely beautiful!"

PERHAPS THE MOST COMMON RESPONSE was: "Wow!"

PEOPLE AGREED THE SCULPTURE AND PHOTOS COMMUNICATE IN WAYS WORDS CANNOT:

"This is strong!" "This is the most striking thing I've seen here."

"This really touches your heart!"

MORE THAN ONE PERSON HAD TEARS IN THEIR EYES when they came up to talk to us. One man had been involved in an abortion. A few women after contemplating the sculpture commented that they had had an abortion, and now were working in the post-abortion ministry to help others to heal. Numbers of women have commented to us in the past that the sculpture represents them, and their story of pain, hope, forgiveness and healing.

WE SHARED THAT OUR "DREAM" WAS TO HAVE OUR MINI-POSTER OF THE SCULPTURE IN THE BACK OF EVERY CHURCH *IN THE WORLD*, telling them it takes 5 minutes to ask the pastor to allow its placement, and then to let the Holy Spirit touch those who see it, and lead those in need to the healing offered by the post-abortion ministries mentioned on the mini-poster. The response to this "dream" was "Yes! I can do that..." "I'll do that!" ... "Our pastor will certainly allow that!".... "I'll take some for the churches in our area...Great idea!" – "That is cool!... I love it!" "It needs to go beyond just churches, to bulletin-boards everywhere..."

Family Life Council thanks you for supporting this work with your prayers and donations. IF YOU ARE SO MOVED, PLEASE TAKE THE MINI-POSTER TO YOUR PASTOR TO SEE IF IT CAN BE POSTED. (These mini-posters can be downloaded free from our website in different formats and sizes: www.4life4family.org/sculpture Or better yet, we can mail you a few higher quality posters free in a mailing tube or reinforced envelope to protect them in shipping.) And please also contact us if your parish or pro-life group would like to borrow one of our replicas.

