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Young People Issue their Challenge: “Revive One Heart, One Life at a Time!”

Pro-Life Youth Conference Set for November 8th 2014 **ON LINE REGISTRATION AT WWW.PROLIFEYOUTH.COM**

Come to the 9th pro-life youth conference put on by Building Bridges to a Culture of Life (BBCL) peer-to-peer youth planners, co sponsored with the Archdiocese of Detroit Prolife Ministry. This year Shrine High School will be hosting the conference on November 8th at 3500 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak 48073.

Cost is \$15 pre-registered, \$20 at the door. Registration begins at noon, conference at 12:30 pm concluding at 5:00 with Praise, Worship and Holy Mass. Action continues with dinner, and a double headliner concert with Tori Harris and Attayboy, closing at 9:30. Attendees receive an all-new 2014 pro-life T-shirt. For more information visit our website at www.prolifeyouth.com.

The team of youth Planners chose their theme of “Revive One Heart, One Life at a Time” because they want to be the generation that revives and reaffirms the dignity of every person. This is particularly relevant today because, although too many lives have been wounded and ended by abortion, countless young people want to abolish abortion and promote a culture of life. They want to encourage their peers to join in their mission to value and defend each life. The BBCL conference, organized by local teens and lead by adult moderators, equips high school and college students with the knowledge and passion to defend life and empowers them to joyfully live out Christian values. Through music, captivating speakers, and liturgical services, their conference promotes community, hope, and dignity of life. Young people will have the opportunity to grow in their knowledge and awareness of what it means and why they are needed and called to be pro- life in today’s society.

Anna Purzycka, first year medical student at Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis had this to say about her past involvement as a planner: “Attending and planning the conferences in high school had a great impact on me. The speakers gave many pro-life issues a face and a voice, moving beyond statistics and public policy measures. We expanded our understanding of various life issues, such as adoption, stem cell research, post-abortive healing, life as someone conceived in rape, and disabilities resulting from failed abortions. These people radiate such joy, love, and mercy. Many of us grew up in pro-life families but had little contact with people who had personally wrestled with these issues. The conferences made these issues more personal and real to us. Absolutely worth it! “

Many motivational and empowering speakers will be presenting different reflections and testimonies to the youth. Some of these captivating speakers include Monsignor Tim Hogan, Chaplain with Rachel’s Vineyard’s retreats; Michelle Schmidt, post abortive counselor who currently works on the front lines at Mother and Unborn Baby Care with parents in crisis pregnancies; Meagan Weber who as a teenager was confronted with the decision between

choosing abortion or life for her child; Tori Harris, young vibrant Catholic Nashville singer who will entertain along with giving practical advice on fighting the four most common pro choice

arguments. Vicki Thorn, founder of Project Rachel, will share fascinating information on the chemistry of relationships. Travon Clifton, who was conceived in rape, will speak about the value and dignity of each life regardless of its beginning or conception.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to view Michigan's first mobile ultrasound van dedicated to provide free ultrasounds to abortion minded women in the metropolitan Detroit area.

All metro Detroit youth – from 8th grade through college are invited to experience our Keynote speakers, middle school break out and Workshop sessions. Those attending will be invited to help build the Culture of Life through their talents, strengthened through the sacraments. Confession and Eucharistic Adoration will be available throughout the day concluding with 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass celebrated by Father Patrick Gonyeau and Fr Edward Prus.

Concert only tickets may be purchased for \$10. For more information see www.prolifeyouth.com.

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“We must never allow the throw away culture to enter our hearts. No one is disposable!” ~Pope Francis

“It is not ‘progressive’ to try to solve problems by eliminating a human life” -Evangelii Gaudium”