

A background photograph of a crowd of people at a wedding. A man in a black shirt is visible on the left, and a woman with long brown hair in a patterned dress is on the right. The text is overlaid on this image.

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Hello and welcome to the 2nd Annual Viva la Vida Pro-Life Youth Conference! We're delighted to be coming together again this weekend with young people from right around the world and from all walks of life, to be informed, be inspired and be together against abortion!

We're hosting internationally-renowned speakers this weekend, who'll share powerful testimonies and expert knowledge with us here, so please feel free to ask questions, or share your own thoughts. If you've attended a Youth Defence conference before, you'll know it's going to be a blast: if not, take the opportunity during the weekend to unwind, have some fun and get to know everyone else here.

The next few pages gives you background on our speakers, as well as some information on pro-life events over the coming year, including the 3rd Viva la Vida! conference, which will take place in Madrid during World Youth Day 2011 – see page 10 for details! Thanks again for coming, we hope you enjoy the weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the near future
Viva la Vida! Organising Committee.

JILL STANEK

is a registered nurse who blew the whistle on the terrible practise of leaving aborted babies, born alive, to die without care. Her testimony assisted the passing of the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, and has led to many babies being saved.

Jill has spoken out against President Obama's support for abortion - pointing out that he was the only Senator to testify against the Born Alive Act. She is now a leading pro-life voice and a popular blogger on life issues.



DR. COLIN MCGUCKIN

is an Irish scientist who made medical history when he led a team who created the world's first 'mini liver' from umbilical cord blood in 2005. He is now one of the world leaders in this field.

He does not use stem cells obtained from killing human embryos; instead his research focuses on stem cells derived from the umbilical cord of new born babies. His groundbreaking work has proven that adult stem cell research is both an ethical and successful alternative to embryonic stem cell research, which destroys human life and offers no cures.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



ANDY POLLARD is one of the world's leading experts in demographics, focusing his attention on the question of population. Nowadays, we hear so often that the world is 'over-populated', but Pollard points out that Europe's population is shrinking and ageing at a disturbing rate.

What happens to a country when the number of children being born simply collapses? What will the future contain for Europe? Andy answers these questions and more in his enthralling presentations.



SR. ROSEANN REDDY is the driving force behind the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative in Glasgow. The mission of the Initiative is to help women facing a crisis pregnancy, and Sr. Roseann has worked tirelessly to assist countless women and their families who have been faced with crisis pregnancies whether they need help practically, financially, emotionally or spiritually.

A good-humoured, lively speaker, Sister Roseann has an enormous enthusiasm for life, and for helping to protect and cherish the lives of others.



ERIC SCHEIDLER is the Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League, founded in 1980 by his father, veteran pro-life leader Joe Scheidler, also known as the 'father of pro-life activism'. The Scheidlers successfully fought the might of the abortion industry and won a historic victory in the US Supreme Court after a ten year legal battle.

Since August 2007, Eric has headed the grassroots pro-life group Fox Valley Families Against Planned Parenthood, which is dedicated to shutting down the nation's largest abortion facility, opened in Aurora, Illinois.



IRENE VAN DER WENDE When Irene was raped, she aborted her child. Later, she discovered she herself was conceived in violence, and is grateful her mother let her live. Irene is now a passionate ambassador for the unborn.

Irene heads up her own organization, educating about the unborn, abortion and its effects. She also helps women who want to keep their baby, and offers comfort to women who regret the loss of their child through abortion, along with leading Silent No More in Holland – people who speak out about their abortion experience.



ANDREW STEPHENSON & KATHRYN SLOANE are both active members of the U.K. based organisation, Abort67 (the public education project named after the 1967 U.K. Abortion Act) that seeks to change the way the public thinks about abortion. They are unfaltering and courageous in their efforts to protect Life.

Abort67 are on the frontline of the pro-life movement in the U.K., and are not afraid to show the horrific truth of abortion. Andy and Kathryn have garnered national public interest and are respected as courageous witnesses by pro-life activists throughout the world.



BRYAN KEMPER is the founder and president of Stand True Ministries, a Christ-centered pro-life group determined to awaken the youth of his country and share the message of life.

Bryan has stood on many stages and shared his testimony with a variety of audiences around the globe. Bryan has been featured on MTV, radio shows, newspapers, and magazines including the cover of the New York Times. He released his first book earlier this year entitled, "Social Justice begins in the womb".

Also speaking over the weekend:



HILARY WHITE - works as a senior journalist with LifesiteNews.com and is based in Rome.



NIAMH UÍ BHRIAIN - was a founding member of Youth Defence in 1992 and is now President of the Life Institute.



CAROLYN O'MEARA - a young mother, paediatric nurse and a national co-ordinator with Youth Defence.



DR. EOGHAN DE FAOLTE - has been Chairman of Youth Defence since 2002 and is a leading pro-life activist.



BERNIE SMYTH - is the director of Precious Life, the leading pro-life organisation in the North of Ireland.



MONICA MC GHEE - is a young mother and an active member of SPUC Scotland.



JOE LEE - is the Development Officer for SPUC Scotland.



VIVA LA VIDA!

FRIDAY

1.00pm

ACTIVISM HOUR

Demonstration at
Abortion Referral
Clinic in Dublin
City Centre.

6.00pm

Registration

7.00pm

WELCOME

KATY ROBINSON
Youth Defence

7.30pm

SAVING LIVES: ONE BABY AT A TIME

SR. ROSEANN REDDY

8.30pm

Entertainment
in GCD Bar

SATURDAY

10.00am

WALKING THE WALK, NOT TALKING THE TALK!

BERNIE SMYTH
Precious Life

10.50am

CHOOSING LIFE:

JOE LEE
MONICA MCGHEE

11.40am

Break

12.10pm

PRO-LIFE ON CAMPUS

BRYAN KEMPER Stand True

1.00pm

Lunch

2.00pm

A PRO-LIFE JOURNALIST GIVES THE SCOOP

HILARY WHITE
LifeSitenews.com

2.45pm

TAKING ON THE ABORTIONISTS AND WINNING!

ERIC SCHEIDLER
Pro-Life Action League

4.00pm

Dinner

EVENING SESSION

6.00pm

JOINING THE DOTS

NIAMH UÍ BHRIAIN
Life Institute

6.30pm

HOPE NOT HYPE: THE AMAZING POWER OF ADULT STEM CELLS

DR. COLIN MCGUCKIN

7.20pm

EXPOSING THE ABORTION INDUSTRY

JILL STANEK

8.30pm

Céili in GCD Bar

Your time to relax and
have the craic!

SUNDAY

9.50am

Mass in GCD Auditorium

11.00am

ON THE FRONTLINE

CAROLYN O'MEARA
Youth Defence

11.40am

LAST MAN STANDING: THE POPULATION IMPLOSION

ANDREW POLLARD

12.30pm

Lunch

2.00pm

PRESENTING THE EVIDENCE IN BRITAIN

KATHRYN SLOANE &
ANDY STEPHENSON
Abort 67

2.45pm

ABORTED WOMEN: SILENT NO MORE

IRENE VAN DER WENDE

3.30pm

CLOSING ADDRESS

DR. EOGHAN DE FAOITE
Youth Defence

SCHEDULE

1. Volunteer for our 'You. Me. Everybody' Campaign. Help collect signatures to protect Life from conception, and help us distribute our beautiful new postcards. Ask at the YD stall for more information.

2. If you are a student, join your college Ultrasound Life Society. If there isn't one, start one! We'll help.

3. Help out at a Youth Defence Street Information Session each Saturday all over the country. Ask a YD member for more info.

4. Sign up for the YD Summer Roadshow next July and have the time of your life while doing some really important work.

5. Volunteer to help out in the YD office every now and then, it's great craic!

6. Give up a couple of hours to help our 'sidewalk counsellors' outside of abortion referral agencies.

7. Sign up for our ezine and keep yourself informed on upcoming campaigns, events and pro-life news.

8. Help spread the pro-life message online; join us on facebook (facebook.com/YouthDefence) and ask your friends to join too.

9. Watch our short movie clips on YouTube (www.youtube.com/youthdefence) and help us spread the message by sharing them with your friends and family.

10. Fill out the membership form in your pack and join Youth Defence today. Best decision you'll ever make!

ROADSHOW 2011

6th-16th July

Youth Defence's annual information Roadshow has become a major national event. Every summer, during the first two weeks of July, Youth Defence volunteers set off for towns and cities throughout Ireland with a simple and powerful message - abortion kills babies and harms women.

"The Roadshow was an experience that I'll never forget: travelling around Ireland, meeting so many new people, and potentially changing lives. Helping with the pro-life work in Ireland was one of the most rewarding experiences I have had."

Gareth, Roadshow 2010

RALLY FOR LIFE 2011

SATURDAY, 2nd JULY, DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

Saturday July 2nd, 2011, is the most important date on the pro-life calendar. That's when thousands of pro-life people will come together to celebrate life, and to send a strong message to the rest of the world that Ireland is pro-life and proud! Ireland - north and south - is one of the last remaining places in Europe where abortion is still illegal, but it would be naive of us to think that the threat of abortion has gone away.

That's why it's so important we show our support for Life. On 2nd July 2011, in Dublin, let's do that together. Keep an eye on www.rallyforlife.net for more details. Follow the Rally for Life on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-All-Ireland-Rally-for-Life> and watch the Rally for Life movies at www.youtube.com/therallyforlife. See you then!



17th August 2011

The Viva La Vida! Conference for 2011 will take place in **Madrid** as part of **World Youth Day 2011!** The magnificent Circulo della Belles Artes De Madrid, in the centre of Madrid city, will be host to the 3rd International Youth Conference on the 17th of August next year.

We are excited to join with hundreds of thousands of young Catholics to directly answer **Pope Benedict's urgent call to protect Life.**

The Viva la Vida! Pro-Life Festival will be one of the main pro-life events taking place during the week, and promises to be a great day out, with inspiring speakers, live music, and a festival atmosphere. We have already been in touch with pro-life organisations throughout the world, who will join us to celebrate life, and to be united in what the late Pope John Paul II called "the most important work on earth".

If you're thinking of heading to Madrid next August, be sure to get in touch with us for what will be our biggest and best international event yet!

Ask at the YD stall for more information!



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