

The Diocese of Metuchen
presents...

**The
Critical Life Issues
Conference
2014**

*"Each of us is a
Masterpiece of God's Creation!"*



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**Saturday, October 18, 2014
8:30 AM—3:30 PM
St. John Neumann Conference Center
146 Metlars Lane,
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854**

*In collaboration with
The Archdiocese of Newark, Respect Life Office*

Among the Conference Speakers are:

Dr. Angela Franks has a doctorate in theology and an M.A. in philosophy. She is the Director of the Master of Theological Studies for the New Evangelization degree for the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization at St. John's Seminary. She served, with her husband David, as the coordinator for the Massachusetts Catholic Conference Marriage Initiative, entitled *The Future Depends on Love*. They co-host "Christian Witness" for the CatholicTV Network. Angela is in demand as a speaker, author, and teacher. She is the author of *Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility* (2005) and contributed a chapter to *Women, Sex, and the Church* (2010). Her latest book is *Contraception and Catholicism* (2013). She writes and speaks on abortion, eugenics, the theology of the body, marriage, contraception, and feminism, among other topics.

J.D. Mullane is a daily metro columnist for Calkins Media in Levittown, Pa. His columns appear four times a week in three daily newspapers -- the Bucks County Courier Times, the Intelligencer, and the Burlington County (NJ) Times. Mullane has written commentary for Calkins Media since 2002. In April 2013, he Tweeted a photo of rows of empty media seats at the murder trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia. The picture went viral, causing major media outlets to send reporters to cover the grisly testimony. Mullane has also covered politics, education and crime. He was nominated for a Pulitzer for his series on the 1962 unsolved rape and murder of a 9-year-old girl in Saint Mark Church in Bristol, Pa. He lives in Levittown, Pa. with his wife and three children. He is currently at work on his first novel.

Kathy DiFiore is the founder of Several Sources Shelters for pregnant women in need. In 1981, Kathy decided to turn her own home into a Shelter for mothers and their babies. In a short time the demand became so overwhelming that with the help of other volunteers, she is now operating four residential shelters in New Jersey; a 24-hour national hotline for pregnant women and five informative websites. She has opened a fifth shelter, "Ladies Rest," in Newark for inner city poor women who are homeless and in need of special, daytime help to get back on their feet.

Several Sources Foundation helps the poor, the ill, the lonely and concentrates its efforts on the inner city poor children of Newark and their families. Kathy is the inspiration behind the recent movie, "Gimme Shelter."

ValLimar Jansen has sung sacred music since she was five years old. She trained as a Fine Arts major at Howard University in Washington D.C., and completed her BA at California State University. Val completed her Master's Degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara. ValLimar has sung and toured professionally throughout the United States, Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium and Japan. She played the role of Beneatha, with the Broadway touring cast, in the European Premier of Raisin. ValLimar went on to co-author a one-woman musical about the life of Ethel Waters that received a special commendation from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She is a college/university professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the U.S.

Goals for the Conference

- To explore the legacy of Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, namely, eugenics and the control of women's fertility.
- To raise awareness about the dangerous and corrupt practices of abortion due to a lack of government oversight and regulations/inspections by discussing what happened at the Kermit Gosnell trials.
- To reflect on the hardships faced by young, vulnerable women with unplanned pregnancies and to examine different outreach services which are available to them including shelter, guidance, counseling and education.
- To build an understanding that reaching out to those who are vulnerable, including the unborn, the terminally ill, the frail elderly and those living with disabilities is necessary for a healthy society and helps to build a world where human life is always loved and respected and an environment of hope.
- To consider that each of us is truly a masterpiece of God's creation.
- To gather and celebrate the gift of life in prayer and fellowship.

Agenda

7:30 AM

Doors Open—Registration/Exhibits

8:30 AM—**Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Coffee Break –Visit exhibits

10:00 am Welcome

Margaret Sanger's Legacy: Eugenics and Fertility Control ~ Dr. Angela Franks

Short Break—Visit Exhibits

11 :20 am

What I Saw at the Gosnell Trial ~ J.D. Mullane

Q & A

Short Break—Visit Exhibits

12:30 "Planned Parenthood"—LifeNet—Bakhita Hall

1:00 pm Lunch—Dining Hall

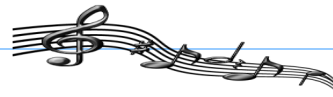
2: 00 pm

Gimme Love, Gimme Hope, Gimme Shelter ~Kathy DiFiore

Q & A and Book Signing

2:50 pm

Each of us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation ~ ValLimar Jansen



3:30 pm Benediction/Closing

Registration Form

Critical Life Issues Conference

Please check one:

- General Admission
- Students**
- Priest/Deacon/Religious
- Parish Pro-Life Representative
- Healthcare Professional
- Educator
- Other

Price

\$25.00

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Please indicate if you have any special needs. Explain:

Please list the name and address of each participant separately.

**Registrations should be received by Oct. 10, 2014.
Space is limited.**

Registration Fee includes lunch and handouts.

To register online visit: <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life>

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