

# Respect Life Speaker Series

Christ The King Catholic Church  
Little Rock, AR

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All presentations will be in the CTK Family Life Center

Time: 1:30

Masks must be worn and all social distancing protocols  
must be followed.

# October 3, 2020: Abortion

## Topics:

- The reality of women who seek abortions in our local community
- Information on ways to get involved to help win the war on the unborn

## Speakers:

**Catherine Phillips** is the Respect Life Director for the Diocese of Little Rock and a member of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Booneville.

**Tucker Raney** is Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center. Tucker spent 25 years working in the Legal Department of Entergy Services, Inc. Tucker has been active in her church and in community service, including Christ the King Catholic Church Parish Council and the Ecumenical Lecture Series, where she served as Chairman. She received her undergraduate degree in 1973 from St. Louis University where she graduated magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated in 1978 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law where she was a member of the UALR Law Journal Editorial Board and served as President of the Student Bar Association. Tucker developed an interest in St. Joseph's Helpers/Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center early on as the result of her mother's, Anne Raney's, great commitment and years of volunteer service to the organization. Tucker joined the Board of St. Joseph's Helpers upon her retirement from Entergy in 2018.

**Malleson Emmerling** is the Executive Director for the Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center. She sees first hand the destruction that abortion brings to women. Her work at the pregnancy center is a daily reminder of the 3000+ women who seek surgical abortions each year. Malleson is a member of Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock.

# October 11, 2020: End of Life/Euthansia

## Topics:

- Explanations of terms used in end of life issues
- Current status of euthanasia and assisted suicide
- Information to help plan for end of life
- Personal experiences from end of life challenges
- Summarization of the grief journey
- Call of the Christian community to grief ministry

## Speakers:

**Rose Mimms** is the executive director of Arkansas Right to Life, a position she has held since 1996. She first became involved in the pro-life movement in 1988 when she began volunteering at the Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center, where she eventually served as Executive Director. She is the official spokesperson for Arkansas Right to Life and is considered the leading expert on pro-life issues in Arkansas. She has organized many public events to educate others on the sanctity of human life. Rose is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

**Philip Savage** was born in Los Angeles California. At the age of 10, his parents made the decision to move back to Arkansas. He graduated in 1979 from County Line High school in Branch, Arkansas and attended the U of A in Fayetteville for a year. He has a diverse work history working at Fort Chaffee for a year when the Cubans were housed there; on a drilling rig for a year; at Motive Parts Warehouse when Green Light jobbers were big in the auto parts game; Rheem Manufacturing in Fort Smith for 29 years and for the last 5 years currently working for Ferguson Enterprises formerly known as Bruce-Rogers company. Philip married the love of his life, Cindy Locknar Savage in 1982. In November they will celebrate their 38th Anniversary. They have two children and one granddaughter.

**Deacon Mike Rector** was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2012, ministering at Christ the King parish in Little Rock. He has served the grief ministry "Companions on a Journey" for eight years. He and his wife Roz have been married for 46 years and they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He is the retired owner of Penepime of Arkansas, an asphalt construction company.

# October 18, 2020: Capital Punishment

## Topics:

- Life on Death Row
- Theology and personal reflection
- Introduction to Catholic Mobilizing Network
- The need to transform the US criminal justice system and build restorative practices

## Speakers:

**Furonda Brasefield** is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (ACADP). Prior to joining ACADP, Furonda worked on a number of social justice issues, including economic equality, criminal justice reform, and raising the state's minimum wage (2014). A licensed attorney, Furonda received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and her Juris Doctor from UALR's William H. Bowen Law School. In addition to numerous volunteer and civic involvements, Furonda is a member of Decarcerate, the Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System Steering Committee, the NAACP, WAND, The League of Women Voters, and Longley Baptist Church.

**Msgr. Jack Harris** was ordained a priest in 1974. For over 20 years, he assisted in area parishes in Fort Smith while teaching in the local parochial junior high and volunteering for juvenile justice by developing alternative sentencing programs in the Twelfth Judicial District. From 1996 to present, he has served as pastor in various parishes and is currently assigned to Sacred Heart Church in Morrilton. After the Jonesboro school shootings in 1998, Monsignor became a certified crisis responder through the National Organization for Victim Assistance, which led to deployment to New York after 9/11 and various other emergency callouts. He has worked on death row since 1997 and ministers to supermax and death row inmates at the Varner Unit of the Arkansas Department of Correction.

**Karen DiPippa** has been the Director of Westside Free Medical Clinic of Catholic Charities since 1989. Karen has always been oriented towards social justice issues and her position at Westside puts into action her background in health along with her interest in social work and theology. In the late 70's it was the Diocese of Richmond with Bishop Walter Sullivan along with reading the Maryknoll magazine which helped form her stand against the death penalty. Karen developed the first Pax Christi interfaith group in Lexington VA and is now a member of Pax Christi Little Rock and current board member of the Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. A native of Philadelphia, Karen has a BS in Health and a Masters in Pastoral Studies. She considers her most significant roles to be wife to John, mother to four sons, and grandmother to seven.

# October 25, 2020: Race Relations

## Topics:

- “Blackness” as a sticky and sometimes messy subject
- Nomenclature of black people
- History of black Catholics in the DOLR
- Exploration of the wounds of our past with hope to heal

## Speakers:

**Fr. Warren Harvey** was ordained as the first African American priest for the Diocese of Little Rock in 1988. From that point, he has served as the Bishop’s Liaison to the Diocesan Council for Black Catholics. Until 2016, he was assigned as pastor in several parishes and now serves as Catholic Chaplain at CHI St Vincent. A native of Conway, Fr. Harvey is the youngest of 14 children and attended an all black Catholic elementary school and an integrated St. Joseph high school. He earned his LPN license from UCA and worked as an ER nurse before attending Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology.

**Fr. Joseph Friend** was ordained a priest on August 15 of this year. His interest in black Catholics in the DOLR was sparked by a conversation with a black friend, which made him wonder why he had never encountered black Catholics. Subsequently, Fr. Friend wrote his final thesis for his Bachelors in Sacred Theology entitled *The Diocese of Little Rock and the Struggle for Desegregation: 1952-1972*. He was appalled at what he discovered, in which he believes the DOLR embraced domestic tranquility at the expense of a conversion of heart in regard to the race problem. Fr. Friend grew up in Little Rock and attended CTK school. His father is a pediatric dentist and his mother passed away while he was in seminary. He has a brother who is a fellow priest and a sister who teaches at CTK.

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