

## BUILD ON ROCK!

**"Every one who comes to me and hears my words and does them... is like a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon rock... But he who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the sand without a foundation... and the ruin of that house was great."**

- Luke 6: 47- 49



**For 3,000 years, God has been telling us that He requires us to put our faith into action:**

1935 A.D.	Jesus told Saint Faustina, <b>"Even the strongest faith is of no avail without <u>works</u>.... If a soul does not <u>exercise mercy</u> somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment."</b>
35 A.D. to 65 A.D.	<b>Be <u>doers</u> of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.... Faith apart from works is dead. - Letter of Saint James: 1:22 &amp; 2:26</b>
30 A.D. to 33 A.D.	<p><b>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." - Matthew 5:7</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Let your light so shine before men that they may see your <u>good works</u> and give glory to your Father who is in heaven - Matthew 5:14</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>As you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. And they will go away into eternal punishment - Matthew 25: 45/46</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>"<u>Do</u> whatever he tells you." - Mary, the Mother of Jesus - John 2:5</b></p> <p><b>Fill the jars with water - John 2:7</b></p>
200 B.C. to 175 B.C.	<p><b>Water extinguishes a fire - so almsgiving atones for sin - Sirach 3:30</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>God judges a man according to his <u>deeds</u> - Sirach 16:12</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>No good will come to him who persists in evil or to him who does not <u>give alms</u> - Sirach 12:3</b></p>
600 B.C. to 570 B.C.	<p><b>Cursed is he who <u>does the work</u> of the Lord with slackness - Jeremiah 48:10</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>I, the Lord, search the mind and test the heart to give every man according to his way, according to <u>the fruit of his doings</u> - Jeremiah 17:9</b></p>
1400 B.C.	<b>I command you: You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and the poor - Deuteronomy 15:11</b>



The Miracle at Cana: The finest wine was created when men acted on Jesus's word.

**You can build on rock: Pray about the merciful missions on pages 3 and 4 to discern which one God is calling you to, then help with your volunteering time or with alms.**

**FIRST, PRAY: IN THE LORD'S PRAYER, WE ASK GOD FOR HIS DIRECTION:**

<b>PRAY ALOUD:</b>	<b>PAUSE AND REFLECT (SILENTLY or ALOUD):*</b>
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.	Out of Love, You created us at conception, and You love us steadfastly. We love You. We glorify You. We adore You.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...	Your will be done - in and by each of us, through our prayer-driven <u>works</u> , and in our nation, through Your providence, in which we trust.
Give us this day our daily bread.	We depend on You for everything. You give us all we need, when we ask in the name of Jesus. We thank You! We praise You! We trust in you.
Forgive us our sins...	... our personal sins, and the sins of our nation, especially the grave sin of taking the lives of unborn babies. For all these sins, we repent and make reparation. Lord, have mercy on us and our nation!
<p>as we forgive those who sin against us</p>  <p>as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me - Jesus Christ (Matthew 25:45)</p>	<p>As "us" means all of us in the body of Christ, so we forgive* those who sin against our unborn sisters and brothers, praying for the conversion of their mothers and all who fail to defend these babies.</p> <p><b>"Whenever you stand praying, forgive,** if you have anything against any one."</b> (Mark 11:25)</p> <p><b>But, we must "warn the righteous person not to sin " and, "if they do not sin, they shall surely live because they took your warning, and you will have saved your life " - Ezekiel 3:21</b></p>
<p>Lead us...</p> <p>not into temptation...</p>	<p>Lead us through inspirations by Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary, and our guardian angels, <u>leading us to works of mercy</u> done for people of all ages, from conception to natural death, from unborn babies and their mothers to the elderly and dying, as we work under the protection of Saint Joseph, our spiritual father and terror of demons.</p>
<p>but deliver us from evil.</p>  <p>The babe leaped in her womb - Luke 1:41</p>	<p>Deliver us, personally, and deliver our nation, especially from the evil of taking the lives of unborn babies.</p>

**AMEN**

\* You will soon know these reflections by heart - and can bring each one to mind in seconds.  
 \*\* THE FORGIVENESS PRAYER: "Jesus, I release (offender's name) from his debt to me and I give that debt to You. In place of this debt, I ask You to give (offender's name) a blessing, instead." As a result, God will be at work within the offender in a new way." - Father Carlos Martin, CC ... Pray thus for the conversion of abortion workers and abortion supporters.  
 \*\*\* After praying, "as we forgive those who sin against us", pause and be at peace, trusting in Jesus, who reassures us, **"if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you"** (Matthew 6:14)



## Be a part of Jesus's C.O.L.T., Culture of Life Team:

Jesus had need of a colt to carry Him into Jerusalem on His way to His Passion (Luke 19:31) Now, Jesus needs us to be His COLT ( Culture of Life Team) carrying on His work of salvation with Him. God requires us to put our faith into prayer-driven action. You can do this by choosing one of the missions listed below and volunteering your time or giving alms. To which mission is God calling you?

### PRAYER MISSIONS:

**"You ought always to pray and not lose heart."**

Luke 18:1 ...

**"Where two or three of you are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them."**

Matthew 18: 20

- Daily Rosary, - 40 Days for Life\*
- Praying with the sick, dying, and elderly
- March For Life - National and PA\*

\*See page 4 for contacts.

### MERCIFUL HELP MISSIONS:

**"As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me."** Matthew 25:40

- Help women with unplanned pregnancies, before and after their baby's birth.
- Help the elderly and dying.

See page 4: Help local services doing these good works.

**The underlying goal of each of these missions is to help Jesus Christ in His work of saving souls.**

### ADULT FAITH TEACHING MISSIONS:

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom."**

Colossians 3:16

**"If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him."** Luke 17:3

Inform others:

- Church teaching on abortion and end-of-life.
- Life begins at conception: DNA is finalized.
- Loving alternatives to abortion
- Facts needed to vote according to Church teaching

### MISSIONS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:

**"Let the children come to Me..."** Mark 10:13

- Resources for parents to catechize children
- Resources for parenting teenagers
- Theology of the Body
- Church teaching on sexuality and chastity
- Antidotes to harmful public school teaching

**I AM  
THE WAY,  
AND  
THE TRUTH,  
AND  
THE LIFE.  
John 14:17**

### THE TREE OF LIFE

**"I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES... GO AND BEAR FRUIT."- John 15:5 & 15:16**

**BUILD ON ROCK by helping one of these good organizations, with your volunteered time or a donation:**

Organization/ Resource	Mission/Service	Website
Genesis of Pittsburgh	Home for Expecting Mothers, Pregnancy Help, Parenting Help, Adoption, Foster Care, Diapers and other Babies' Needs, Clothing for Babies and Children, since 1973	<a href="http://www.genesispg.org">www.genesispg.org</a>
Choices	Pregnancy Medical Center with Mobile Clinic with Ultrasound	<a href="http://www.choices-for-life.org">www.choices-for-life.org</a>
Women's Choice Network	Pregnancy Medical Center	<a href="http://www.mypregnancycenter.org">www.mypregnancycenter.org</a>
Birthright of Pittsburgh	Pregnancy Resource Center	<a href="http://birthrightpittsburgh.org">birthrightpittsburgh.org</a>
Lifeline of Southwest PA	Pregnancy Resource Center	<a href="http://www.lifelineofswwestpa.org">www.lifelineofswwestpa.org</a>
East Liberty Womens Care Center, 114 North Highland	Pregnancy Resource Center	<a href="http://www.elwcc.org">www.elwcc.org</a>
Little Lamb Resale 951 Liberty Avenue	Maternity & Infant Clothing, and much more! Friendly haven, 5 doors from Planned Parenthood	<a href="http://www.littlelambresale.com">www.littlelambresale.com</a>
Catholic Charities Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services	Pregnancy Resource Center	<a href="http://www.ccpgh.org">www.ccpgh.org</a>
Walking with Moms in Need	U.S.C.C.B. Program: Parish teams connecting local people with pregnancy resource centers: Contact Deacon Frank Bursic: fbursic@diopitt.org	<a href="http://diopitt.org/walking-with-moms-in-need">diopitt.org/walking-with-moms-in-need</a>
Mary's Place	a home for pregnant and parenting women that provides support in an environment of reverence and love.	<a href="http://www.marysplacepg.org">www.marysplacepg.org</a>
Vision for Life (based in Pittsburgh)	Compelling Advertising for Pregnancy Resource Centers, drawing women to the joy of motherhood	<a href="http://www.visionforlifeusa.org">www.visionforlifeusa.org</a>
40 Days for Life	Prayer at Planned Parenthood	<a href="http://www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com">www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com</a>
Sidewalk Advocates for Life	Compassionate counselling outside abortion facilities, helping mothers to keep their babies	<a href="http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org">www.sidewalkadvocates.org</a>
People Concerned for the Unborn Child	Pennsylvania's oldest Pro-Life organization, founded in 1969 : Central source for all things Pro-Life	<a href="http://www.pcuc.org">www.pcuc.org</a>
The Magee Project	Restoring a culture of life at Magee Womens Hospital by ending the practicing of abortions	<a href="http://www.pcuc.org/the-magee-project-2021">www.pcuc.org/the-magee-project-2021</a>
Rachel's Vineyard	helping women who have had abortions, emotionally and spiritually, renewing their hearts	<a href="http://www.rachelsvineyard.org">www.rachelsvineyard.org</a>
Angels' Place	Help for single parents and their children	<a href="http://www.angelsplacepg.org">www.angelsplacepg.org</a>
LifePAC (Southwest PA)	Pro-Life voting information, listing candidates who are pro-life, from local to State and Federal	<a href="http://www.lifepac.net">www.lifepac.net</a>
Pennsylvania Family Institute	Restoration of Christian Family Values	<a href="https://pafamily.org/">https://pafamily.org/</a>
Pennsylvania March for Life (Annual Rally and March)		<a href="http://www.marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life">www.marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life</a>