

Delegation Submission from Magdalena Cardillo for the 2024-04-23 Board Meeting

Good evening everyone,

My name is Magdalena Cardillo and I am here to express my support for the motion to fly the Pro-Life Flag every year throughout the month of May. I am a mother of five children, number five is currently in my belly, growing and developing, taking the necessary time needed to make his/her appearance. My baby already exists in this world, he/she is a human and a person and has worth and dignity. But most importantly, is made in the image of God. As Catholics, we live in a culture that very much goes against our faith.

Our children are introduced to ideologies and concepts that are confusing, false, self destructive and morally wrong. Finally we have an opportunity to showcase something magnificent that truly represents our faith and values and aligns with what God expects from us. Standing up and defending the life of unborn children in the womb is something we need to teach our children. Our children need to know that the baby in the womb, or tummy, is precious and innocent and deserves our protection. This is something that needs to be engraved in the hearts and minds of our children if we want to make a difference in the Pro-Life movement.

Sadly, there are too many Catholics who support abortion laws. I will often hear, "I wouldn't have one but, if another woman wants one then that's fine." No, that is not fine. These Catholics who think this way were failed by their Church, their Catholic schools, and their parents. We have a chance here to make a difference, let's not waste it. This is not a political issue but a Catholic issue and it needs to be addressed. The hardest thing in life is to do the right thing because it requires some sort of sacrifice. Whether that sacrifice be pleasure, wealth, honour or power.

I pray that you do the right thing and vote yes to flying this beautiful flag that represents the precious life God created. Flying this flag will not only help save the lives of unborn children in the womb but also help save the souls of our children which God has instructed us to do.

Thank you for your time.