



Respect Life Leader Tips & Tricks

Do's

1. Get other's involved. Make sure it doesn't all fall onto a few people. The more there are, the more you can accomplish with less work for each person.
Accomplish your agenda, one invitation at a time
2. Make an annual agenda so there is a game plan in place and publish it far in advance
3. Develop a working relationship with your pastor as well as the administrative staff to help you get your message out
4. Plan a fund raiser for a local mother's shelter or pregnancy center. Get younger people involved in the effort and they can log service hours.
5. Plan group prayerful witness at an abortion mill. It can save a life, and you cannot help but be changed by participating
6. Promote pro-life issues to legislators and help parish become educated on legislative issues
7. Devote 1 hour per week to eucharistic adoration as a group for the unborn
8. Do a quarterly newsletter. Make it short, simple and easy (or have a presence on parish website)
9. Participate in the annual Right to Life March in Washington DC
10. Join and use the Pro-Life Union and their resources to help grow your mission
11. Read and learn about being a strong and successful leader

Do not's

1. Do all activities and tasks yourself because "it's easier" than getting someone else involved
2. Arrange activities at the very last minute
3. Be combative with your pastor. You need worker bees and help from parish.
Use *honey* to implore Father's help
4. Fail to challenge others to step out of their comfort zone with fund raising to support the mission and help women, children and families
5. Fail to make someone comfortable starting out as a pro life activist
6. Think that everyone knows who the pro life candidates are and what the issues are
7. Fail to recognize the importance of prayer in our mission
8. Forget to get everyone informed about activities and accomplishments
9. Minimize the importance of standing up for life on a local and national stage – especially with young students
10. Fail to ask for help and guidance from the Pro-Life Union or other organizations