

AFFIRMING LIFE SYMPOSIUM

A CATHOLIC PASTORAL RESPONSE TO UNEXPECTED PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS



Affirming Life Initiative

Archdiocese of Washington

Department of Special Needs Ministries & Department of Life Issues

Tuesday | October 5 | 2010 | 2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

- Follows NCPD Webinar on Prenatal Diagnosis; more at www.ncpd.org -

The Catholic University of America: Pryzbyla Student Center

co-sponsored by: CUA Campus Ministry

Msgr. Charles Pope, Pastor, Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church, Capitol Hill

Dan and Cubby LaHood, Co-Founders of Isaiah's Promise

Nancy Mayer-Whittington, Co-Founder of Isaiah's Promise and author of *For the Love of Angela*

Theresa Bonopartis, Director of Lumina: Hope and Healing After Abortion, Bronx, NY



recommended for:

- Clergy
- Seminarians
- Medical Professionals
- Birthing and Care Specialists
- Disability Service Providers
- Pastoral Care Staff

includes:

- Panel Discussion
- Break Out Sessions on Pastoral Care Plan
- Disabilities Services Information Tables
- Wrap Up and the Way Forward

Every person is willed and loved by God, and has inherent gifts and dignity. However, with new technologies in prenatal testing, this dignity is being called into question. Upon receiving an unexpected prenatal diagnosis, about 90 % of women decide to terminate their pregnancies. The Church upholds that all human beings have infinite value regardless of any medical conditions or disabilities, and seeks to support families during this time.

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