

# THE INNOCENTS

## Love Life Conference

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Motherwell Football Club,  
17 Firpark Street,  
Motherwell. ML1 2QN

9.30 - 9.45	Registration.
9.45 - 10.00	Welcome and Introduction
10.00 - 10.45	SPUC - 'The Human Experience'
10.45 - 11.00	Refreshments
11.00 - 11.35	Workshops
11.35 - 12.20	Fr Michael Kane - Theology of the Body
12.20 - 12.30	Questions.

## A Short History

Our Society grew from a seed sown by Mgr. Philip Flannigan. He was parish priest at Sacred Heart Parish in Bellshill where he also looked after the spiritual welfare of staff and patients of the then largest maternity hospital in Lanarkshire, Bellshill Maternity. This was around the time of The Abortion Act (1967) of David Steel and the Mgr. and his assistant priests experienced first hand some of its worst effects.

As a result of his concerns and with the support of Bishop Thomson, the Bishop of Motherwell, the Society of the Innocents was formed in Lanarkshire in 1977.

Two Sisters of the Franciscans of the Immaculate Conception were deployed to work alongside volunteer counsellors.

Bishop Thomson initially made available the old Parish house in Laird St in Coatbridge. Three moves later we find ourselves back in Laird St. Coatbridge.

Over forty years, on the Society is supported by Right Reverend Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell; Fr Hugh Kelly, Chaplain; our Franciscan Sisters, Sr. Rosaria & Sr. Maria Goretti, and volunteer counsellors.

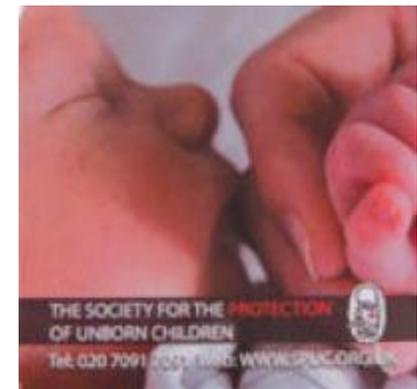


Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

SPUC was founded in 1966, prior to the implementation of the Abortion Act in 1967. Its objective is to uphold the principle of respect for human life, in particular the life of the unborn child. The society's constitution was, and remains, non-religious, endorsing the recognition by the world community in the 1959 United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child that the child "needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

Further information is available on the SPUC website:

[spuc.org.uk](http://spuc.org.uk)



# What we do!

We are a Pro-Life group who provide a range of services available to any woman or girl who thinks they may be pregnant, and for whom this pregnancy is likely to cause a problem.

These services include:

- Free pregnancy testing
- Confidential counselling
- Practical help

IN ADDITION:

Counsellors also speak in schools on the development of the baby in the womb and the long term effects abortion can have both emotionally and physically for the mother.

We are supported by Pro Life Cells which have been formed in schools, parishes & local communities. These groups offer support both practically, by providing layettes, and spiritually by praying for the pro life cause.

'Fertility Care Scotland aims to help women to understand and appreciate their fertility

The Billings Ovulation Method teaches women to recognise the fertile and infertile phases of their menstrual cycle by observing external signs and reading the body's natural sensations. We believe that everyone has the right to full knowledge of human fertility This knowledge promotes self-respect and fosters a positive view of self-worth and sexuality.'

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<http://www.fertilitycare.org.uk>



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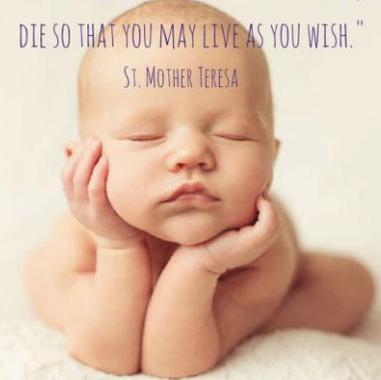
Abortion Recovery Care and Help  
75 Bothwell St, Glasgow, G2 6TS  
0141 226 5407

<http://www.archtrust.org.uk/>



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"IT IS A POVERTY TO DECIDE THAT A CHILD MUST  
DIE SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE AS YOU WISH."  
ST. MOTHER TERESA



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*Grant us, Oh Lord, a new appreciation  
of the sanctity of human life.  
Show us how to make our Society,  
one in which no child is unwanted,  
no adult feels abandoned,  
and the pressures which lead to abortion  
no longer exist.  
Grant Lord that those who acknowledge  
the sanctity of life,  
will be inspired by your son to lead a life  
of sanctity,  
Amen*

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