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A Positive Message of Life for Young People

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The Respect Life Committee was thrilled to host a powerful speaker from Students for Life at Our Lady of Victory in Floral Park in December 2022. Taylor McGee, Northeast Regional Coordinator, a dynamic speaker, spoke to over 40 of our youth as they enjoyed their Chick-fil-A. Taylor has been involved in missionary work and has a background of speaking to youth in the tri-state area about pro-life issues. Numerous young people of our parish came to hear about the value of life from conception on to natural death. Taylor spoke about the dignity of everyone and the amazing development of life in the womb. She also spoke of the challenging message that we all face when promoting the dignity of all of life and used beautiful media resources to elaborate on this message.



Many of the youth asked great questions and were engaged and enthusiastic about learning more. Some comments on the night were **“It was good to hear about facts about this, it helps when the topic comes up at school”** and **“she was really good”** and **“really interesting!”** All of the young people appreciated having information that gives them more of an understanding of why we believe what we believe. They are all hearing so many negative messages in the media. The evening gave them an opportunity to learn how to help their peers and be a strong presence for life in their schools.

We were thrilled to have Taylor present our message in such a powerful and effective way while at the same time getting our teens talking and asking important questions. We are grateful for her presentation and look forward to having her come again in the future. It is so refreshing to have such a young enthusiastic and dynamic speaker give our youth such a positive message.