

"You are called for the victory of justice"

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Blacks make up 32% of the population in Louisiana and 66% of the Prison/Jail population.

The economic gap between African Americans in Louisiana remains stark and significant. One in three African American Louisianans lived below the federal poverty line in 2015 and were almost two and a half times as likely to live in poverty (32.2 percent). The average worker earned more than twice as much as an African-American worker — \$56,093 compared to \$27,537.

The outlook for African American children is even more dire, with close to half (46.4 percent) living in poverty across the state.

Of 8,097 abortions in Louisiana in 2018, 61% (4,958) were obtained by Black women, and that abortion kills more Black people every year than the combined total of deaths from HIV, cancer and heart disease.

21.7% of Blacks living in Louisiana do not complete high school

78.3% of Blacks living in Louisiana have a high school diploma or higher

14.6% of Blacks living in Louisiana have a Bachelor's Degree or higher

12.5% of Infant Morality for Blacks living in Louisiana

Issues related to education, healthcare, crime and criminal justice affect the Black community in a disproportionately negative way. These issues affect members of your congregation every day.

Pro-life advocacy in the Black community is critically necessary to both raise awareness of issues, and to identify solutions and resources for our men, women and children.

We know that as a church leader, you have many demands on your time. We are offering support to help reach your congregation on these life issues. More importantly, we need your help in identifying the issues that are affecting *your* congregation, so that we can develop a definition of "pro-life" for the Black community that include the needs of your community.