GUIDING STAR



The Guiding Star Tampa honors the Natural Law ethic; a way of life which is given to us by the Creator and is evident through the natural order of creation and human reason, therefore:

We Believe:

- In the inherent dignity of every human being beginning with natural conception and ending with natural death;
- That every life is unique and holds potential; every life deserves celebration regardless of the circumstances of conception, status, or health;
- That life naturally begins at conception within women and requires a "yes" on the part of women to be realized. Therefore, women are at the heart of the Culture of Life;
- In holistic, women-centered solutions to the many challenges women face in our society today;
- In each woman's innate ability to nourish life, either physically or spiritually;
- That fertility and childbirth are natural, healthy biological processes and that knowledge of them empowers women;
- That abortion and contraception interrupt natural, healthy biological processes;
- That women should not feel forced to choose between their children and their education and/or career; and
- That our bodies were created beautifully and deserve respect, understanding, and care.

We seek through the establishment of Guiding Star Tampa:

- To overcome all forms of violence, discrimination, exploitation, and injustice towards women and children;
- To provide opportunities for community-wide education and discussion on the many complex issues challenging a life-giving society;
- To create a space dedicated solely to the protection and promotion of Life; and
- To connect organizations that offer services that build up a Culture of Life, providing;
 - Emotional, physical, spiritual, and financial support for life-affirming choices;
 - ✓ Alternatives to contraception and abortion and will neither provide nor refer for these measures;
 - ✓ Innovative services that honor Natural Law in difficult circumstances involving fertility, pregnancy, family life, medical treatments, and end of life issues;
 - ✓ Special assistance to women and families experiencing an unexpected pregnancy; and
 - ✓ Education necessary to guide women and families in the *natural* process of life and fertility.

