



# On the Home Front

## Training Trainers in the Ventura Area



JFA Newsletter

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Dear Family and Friends,

I recently had the privilege of returning to my hometown of Ventura, California to train high school and college students. One of the highlights of the trip was working alongside Sarah Dufresne.

Sarah is a joy. She is a beautiful woman of God who is fast becoming a strong advocate for unborn children. As a junior at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California, she is one of the key students leading pro-life activities. Among other things, TAC students hold regular outreaches to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Ventura. In April, Sarah recruited her fellow students to attend JFA's training in Santa Barbara, driving them there herself in the Dufresne family van.

Sarah also helped Jon Wagner and I at seminar we held for area high school students. While my alma mater, Saint Bonaventure High School (SBHS), has hosted several Justice For All presentations, this is the first time they've asked us to offer our full training program to their students. Another Ventura high school, Saint Augustine Academy, joined in, hosting the seminar for a total of 17 high school students and six adults. They—and other local volunteers whom we've trained over the past six years—joined us for outreach at UC Santa Barbara the following week. Sarah help mentor students at the seminar, and she even let me yell at her during a skit illustrating how *not* to be a good ambassador for the pro-life position (*thanks, Sarah!*)! How did we find such a gem?



Sarah Dufresne  
begins her JFA  
internship June 11.



The beautiful faces of the pro-life movement! Saint Augustine Academy students taking a lunch break between conversations at UCSB.

I met Sarah in 2006 when my friend Reva Redmond and I spoke to Sarah's religion class at SBHS. She recently wrote about that day: "During my first year in high school, JFA gave a presentation on abortion that focused on the importance of having compassionate and informed dialogue. I was excited to hear about others doing this, **but I needed more training myself.**"

For the next few years, Reva and I returned to SBHS to speak to the entire student body. Each time we were touched by Sarah's desire to get more

involved in the pro-life movement. In 2010, as a high school senior, Sarah took it upon herself to bring her mom and a group of teens to Pasadena for two days to participate in JFA's *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* training program.

About this experience, Sarah wrote: "JFA's seminar (Seat Work) equipped me with the tools that would allow me to have discussions about abortion and other life issues... I also participated in their outreach (Feet Work), where I was able to put into practice the skills that I had gained from the seminar. **Now I have a passion to help others learn to do the same.**"

Turning her passion into action, Sarah has decided to spend six weeks with us this summer in Wichita, Kansas. Starting June 11th, she will join five other college-aged interns from around the country for an intensive, pro-life leadership training program. Sarah will grow as a public speaker, learning to teach the JFA seminar material. She will also mentor others through the training program, guiding new volunteers through seminar and outreach events in Kansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Please pray for Sarah as she finishes raising her funds for this internship.

Having a hand in training high school students as gracious, persuasive leaders for the pro-life movement is easily my favorite part about working at Justice For All. Hopefully Sarah's story gives you a glimpse into why that is; I only wish you could all witness the transformations with me. Consider this an open invitation to [join us](#) in person sometime soon! *Thank you* for your encouraging support of our ministry.

Christ's peace,



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(above left) Reva Redmond (in hat), a member of JFA's Board of Directors, speaking with two women while Saint Augustine Academy student, Nick, and Baby Redmond listen in. (above) Go, Dad! Ed Wurts, in conversation with a UCSB student. (left) UCSB and Thomas Aquinas College students with me at the JFA seminar in April.