

PATRICIA PITKUS BAINBRIDGE



On June 30, 2010 Patricia retired from the Diocese of Rockford where during 10 years she set up a fully functioning Respect Life office, served as Director of that Office, as the Natural Family Planning Coordinator, and as a columnist for *The Observer*— the official newspaper of the Diocese of Rockford. For seven of those years she also served as chairman of the Department for Life of the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

A former professor at Michigan State University, Patricia is co-founder and executive director emeritus of Life Decisions International and presently serves as the chairman of Human Life International—the largest international pro-life, pro-family, and pro-woman organization. She is on the board of advisors for a number of organizations including: Pro Vita Advisors, Life Decisions International, and The Haven (a perinatal hospice). She also serves as a "contributing editor" for Veritatis Splendor at witnessworks.org

Patricia has spoken to numerous Catholic and Evangelical churches, pregnancy care centers, schools, community groups and Pro-Life conferences in the United States, Canada, Eastern Europe, and the West Indies. She was a speaker on five different occasions at the Kingdom Bound Festivals, American Collegians for Life annual conferences, and the Florida State Respect Life Conferences. Patricia has been interviewed on Family News In Focus, USA Radio (as well as numerous other Christian radio stations), and the Talk Radio Network.

She has been a guest on Family Forum Live (National Empowerment Television), The Gil Gross Show (WCBS), and Management Today (CNBC). She has been quoted in many publications including *World*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *US News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, and *The National Catholic Register*.

In September 2002 Patricia was a guest on EWTN's "The Journey Home" where she discussed her journey to the Catholic faith.

In August 2010 Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, presented the "People of Life" award to Patricia for her "lifetime commitment to the pro-life movement."

A popular speaker on a variety of topics, Patricia is best known for her expertise on Planned Parenthood, the refutation of the arguments typically offered to justify abortion, the pro-life image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and her spiritual journey.