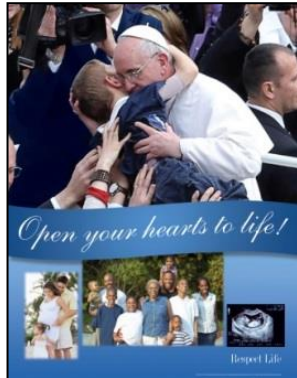


WORD OF LIFE



November 2013

Intercessions for Life

November 3rd THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the elderly, the sick and the homebound:
that the Lord might inspire others to
support them and renew their spirits;
Let us pray to the Lord:

November 10th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those nearing the end of life:
that they will place their faith in Christ,
and be strengthened in hope for eternal life with Him;
Let us pray to the Lord:

November 17th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all those who stand for justice for the unborn:
that they may have the grace to speak with courage and charity;
Let us pray to the Lord:

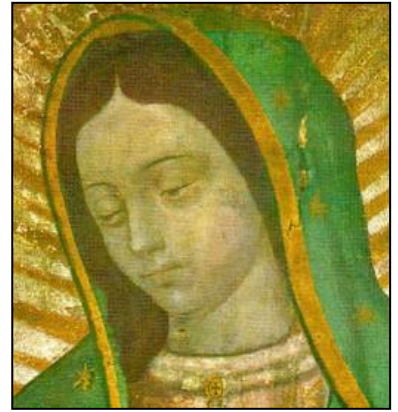
November 24th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

For all people:
that they will accept and adore Christ as their King
and recognize His image in each and every human life;
Let us pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

“Show, by your life, that it is worth giving your time and talents in order to attain high ideals, it is worth recognizing the dignity of each human person, and it is worth taking risks for Christ and his Gospel. It is he that we have come to seek because he first sought us.”

~ Pope Francis, World Youth Day Farewell Ceremony at Galeão/Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport, Rio de Janeiro, July 28, 2013



“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. . . The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

~ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)* no. 99, March 25, 1995

“There is nothing more powerful than prayer and fasting in the battle for true justice in our country. It is the hope of the bishops that these efforts will encourage real solidarity among all people who are standing for the precious gifts of life, marriage and religious liberty.”

~ Bishop Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs, “The Bishop’s Voice: A Battle for True Justice”, *The Colorado Catholic Herald*, January 18, 2013

“No accidents, these lives of ours, created by a loving God with magnificent precision. The care and intricacy with which each human life is created — or as Isaiah and the psalmist tell it, knitted together in our mothers’ wombs — are God’s loving work. These basic spiritual truths — these basic human truths — bring the tragedy of abortion into sharp relief. To snuff out any life desired, created, loved and given a purpose by God is an unspeakable tragedy.”

~ Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, “We are to be ‘people of life, people for life,’” *The Catholic Northwest Progress*, January 24, 2013

A Witness to Life

In April of 1962, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a young Italian wife and mother, placed the life of her unborn child ahead of her own. Despite her medical condition and the advice to abort her fourth child, she chose to remain pregnant. When doctors had to perform surgery to remove a uterine tumor, she told them, “If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child - I insist on it.” Months after the successful surgery, St. Gianna gave birth to a healthy girl, but died from complications seven days later.

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