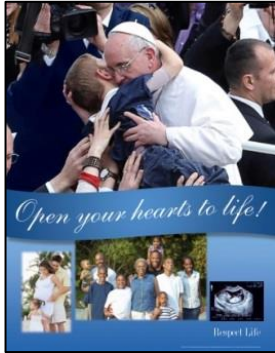


WORD OF LIFE



October 2013 Respect Life Month

Intercessions for Life

October 6th **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

For all those who defend the unborn:
that they may be persistent and faithful in their witness
as they strive to build a culture of life;
We pray to the Lord:

Or

For all women facing an unexpected pregnancy:
may they receive the necessary love and support needed from family and friends
in order to open their hearts to choose life for their child;
We pray to the Lord:

October 13th **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all those who work with the elderly:
that they may be renewed in wonder and gratitude
for those who have been entrusted to their care;
We pray to the Lord:

October 20th **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all bishops and priests:
that they will be renewed in brotherhood with one another
and strengthened in courage and perseverance
as they proclaim the dignity of every human person;
We pray to the Lord:

October 27th **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all those who are weak and vulnerable:
that they will be welcomed as gifts of God and
cared for with reverence and respect;
We pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

~ Pope Francis, for the occasion of the annual Day for Life in Britain and Ireland, which was held on July, 2013



“But at the other end of life, the elderly, they too are the future of a people. A people has a future if it goes forward with both elements: with the young, who have the strength, and things move forward because they do the carrying; and with the elderly because they are the ones who give life’s wisdom. And I have often thought that we do the elderly an injustice, we set them aside as if they had nothing to offer us; they have wisdom, life’s wisdom, history’s wisdom, the homeland’s wisdom, the family’s wisdom. And we need all this!”

~ Pope Francis, Meeting with journalists during flight to Brazil for World Youth Day, July 22, 2013

“Our efforts to heal the wounds of society will depend on our capacity to love and to be faithful to our mission. The Holy Father is showing us very clearly that our struggle is not just a political battle or a legal problem, but that we must evangelize and humanize the culture, then the world will be safe for the unborn, the elderly and the unproductive. The Gospel of Life is a Gospel of mercy. If we are going to get a hearing in today’s world, it will be because people recognize that authenticity of our lives and our dedication to building a civilization of love. We are called to live our lives as a service to others and commit our lives to give witness to the presence of God’s love and mercy in our midst.”

~ Seán Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, “The New Evangelization in the Pontificate of Pope Francis” August 6, 2013

“Pope Francis challenges us to be protectors of all creation, to be stewards of all God's gifts. We begin to exercise this responsibility when we defend human life -- especially the unborn and the vulnerable. When we affirm the sacredness of all human life, we acknowledge God's plan for each human being, and we work to defend the gift of life from every form of abuse. Similarly, when we affirm that everything God made is good and worthy of our reverence and respect, we look differently on all God's creation.”

~ Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, MO, “Caring for God’s creation is good stewardship,” *St. Louis Review*, July 11, 2013

“The courage and grace shown by those women who choose life—in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds—make them today’s heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support, and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love—especially in the face of forty years of “choice”—is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures.”

~ Erika Bachiochi, Esq., “*Life Matters: Roe Plus 40*”, *Respect Life Program 2013*

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