WORD OF LIFE: MARCH 2017 SPECIAL EDITION!

PLEASE NOTE:

*March 20, 2017: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 2016-2017 Respect Life Program <u>resource guide</u> includes a novena to St. Joseph focused on the issue of adoption. You're welcome to use it any time of year, but in case you'd like to use it leading up to the *Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 20, we've highlighted some resources you may find helpful.

*Because March 19 falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be observed Monday, March 20.



Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption

This noven can be reproduced for free without alteration from the <u>resource guide</u> or from the <u>downloadable version</u> online. The intentions vary each day to include a variety of people touched by adoption. Each day includes a different Scripture passage, as well as prayers and petitions.



Adoption-Related Articles

<u>Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption</u> and <u>An Adoption Love Story</u> can be purchased as brochures or accessed online. (See the right sidebar of each respective webpage for ordering information and free, downloadable formats.)



Simple Supplements: Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption

<u>Each brochure</u> in the 2016-2017 Respect Life Program has a corresponding section in the resource guide called "<u>Simple Supplements</u>." A couple pages each, these sections include related information to assist individuals, clergy, teachers, etc. in learning more and/or incorporating the merciful message of life into their regular programming.



This and That

A brief prayer guide, additional intercessions, and downloadable images with accompanying, social media-length captions can all be found <u>online</u>.

Intercessions for Life

March 5th First Sunday of Lent

For purity of heart: May God grant us the grace to love unselfishly and treat each person with respect; We pray to the Lord:

March 12th Second Sunday of Lent

For couples longing for a child: May God comfort them with the assurance of his steadfast love; We pray to the Lord:

March 19th Third Sunday of Lent

For those suffering after abortion: may they find healing and peace through God's limitless mercy; *We pray to the Lord:*

March 26th Fourth Sunday of Lent

For all Christians: Through the eyes of faith, may we see and treat each other as masterpieces of God's creation; We pray to the Lord:

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Bulletin Briefs

Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these quotes at any time. The QR codes to the right of each quote can be used in bulletins, newsletters, etc. When scanned with a smartphone, the QR codes will direct to the webpage where the referenced resource is located.

March 5th

"It is important to remember that no matter what you have done, you retain your dignity as a son or daughter of God, loved by the Father. What sin has disintegrated, grace can reunite and make whole."



"Wash Me Thoroughly": Healing from Pornography Use and Addiction
Daniel Spadaro / USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

ORDER: "Wash Me Thoroughly" / "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Series
DOWNLOAD: English / Spanish

March 12th

"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."





March 19th

"Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!"

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017 Respect Life Program



ORDER: English / Spanish

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March 26th

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness."



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Program Flyer: Masterpieces of God's Creation

ORDER: Call toll-free 866-582-0943 and request Item No. #1406 (English/Spanish on reverse sides.)

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Bulletin Art

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