**Word of Life: March 2018**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Featured this Month…**

**Conscience Protection**

Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortions or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don’t provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

In March, Congress will likely decide whether to address the problems in current law by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **No one should be forced to participate in abortion. Members of Congress need to hear from their constituents. Please help us spread the word!**

**Please consider using one or more on Sunday, March 4 and/or Sunday, March 11.**

1. **Bulletin Graphic(s) on Page 4**
2. **Bulletin Announcement(s)**

**Option A (95 words):**

Congress needs to hear from us! Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don’t provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **No one should be forced to participate in abortion. Tell your representatives TODAY at** [**humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option B (56 words):**

Health care providers, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans, in violation of federal conscience laws. Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **Voice your support TODAY at** [**humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option C (40 words):**

Health care providers, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide health care coverage for it. Urge Congress to stop this coercion by passing the Conscience Protection Act. **Send your representatives a message TODAY at** [**www.humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option D (16 words):** Urge Congress to pass the Conscience Protection Act. Send your representatives a message TODAY at [humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)!

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**Intercessions for Life**

**March 4th                                                                Third Sunday of Lent**

Through their work, may lawmakers

protect the conscience rights of

those who stand up for life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**March 11th                                                             Fourth Sunday of Lent**

For health care providers

refusing to participate in abortion:

May they be protected from

coercion and discrimination;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**March 18th                                                             Fifth Sunday of Lent**

May God create clean hearts in us,

that we may see and treat others

as His beautiful creations;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

**March 25th                                                              Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

May Christ give us the grace

of loving self-sacrifice,

as we cherish every person’s life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

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**Bulletin Quotes**

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| **March 4th**  “O God our Creator… give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”  USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty” [www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer](http://www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer) | [Order](http://store.usccb.org/prayer-for-religious-liberty-card-p/7-328.htm) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/conscience-protection-prayer-resources.cfm#prayercard) | |
| **March 11th**  “When I voiced my objections to do abortion-related services, I was terminated. It’s against my conscience. I became a nurse to protect lives, not to take lives.” – Sandra Mendoza, L.P.N.  Take Action: [www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)  Video: [www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra](http://www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra) | C:\Users\AMcGuire\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\sandra snip.jpg  [View Online](https://youtu.be/brskY4CvWn4) | |
| **March 18th**  “When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose… let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is.”  USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  Respect Life Flyer: “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation” [www.bit.ly/GodsMasterpieces](http://www.bit.ly/GodsMasterpieces) | [Download](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/Flyer-RLP2014-Color.pdf) | |
| **March 25th**  “Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that ‘everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as “another self,” above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.’”  *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1931. [www.bit.ly/CCC1931](http://www.bit.ly/CCC1931) | | H:\PLB\3 -- Word Of Life\1-WOL2018\catechism-of-the-catholic-church-200.jpg [Order](http://store.usccb.org/catechism-of-the-catholic-church-p/5-110.htm) | [View Online](http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html) |

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**Bulletin Art**

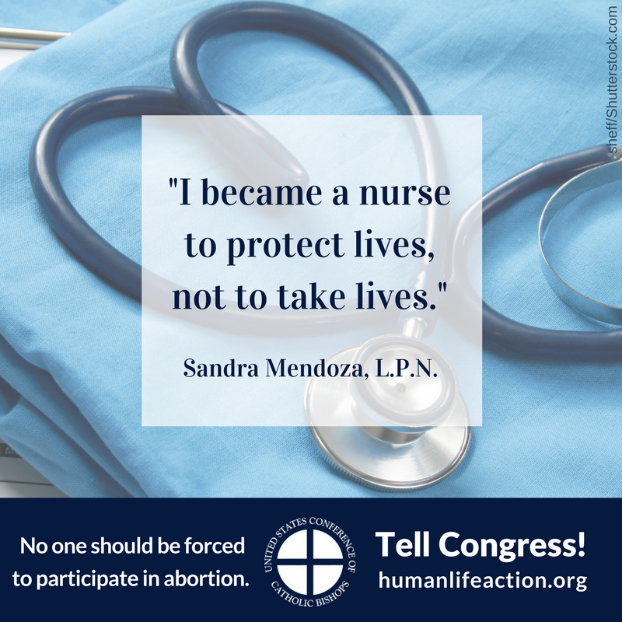
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**Sunday, March 4th, 2018**

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**Sunday, March 11th, 2018**

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