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!

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!

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!**

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

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Intercessions for Life

March 4th

Through their work, may lawmakers protect the conscience rights of those who stand up for life; *We pray to the Lord:*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 11th

For health care providers refusing to participate in abortion: May they be protected from coercion and discrimination; *We pray to the Lord:*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 18th

May God create clean hearts in us, that we may see and treat others as His beautiful creations; We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25th

May Christ give us the grace of loving self-sacrifice, as we cherish every person's life; *We pray to the Lord:*

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Bulletin Quotes

March 4^{th}

"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



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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
Video: www.bit.ly/StandWithSandra



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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

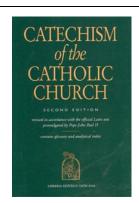


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March 25th

"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



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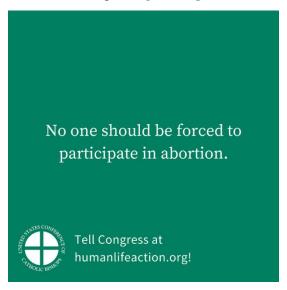
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Sunday, March 4th, 2018

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