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Intercessions for Life

May 6th

For our shepherds: May their example guide us in building a culture that cherishes every human life; We pray to the Lord: **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 13th

May we treat one another with love that reflects the sacredness of human life; *We pray to the Lord:*

Seventh Sunday of Easter (or the Ascension of the Lord, where applicable)

May 20th

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to share in word and show in action respect for God's gift of life; We pray to the Lord:

Pentecost Sunday

May 27th

For all people: May God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances; We pray to the Lord: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Bulletin Quotes

May 6th

"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life," www.usccb.org/culture-of-life



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May 13th

"We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle," www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion



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May 20th

"Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help. ... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Every Suicide is Tragic," www.bit.ly/every-suicide-tragic





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May 27th

"Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid



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