

Office for
Human Life

Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

RLM 2026

Weekly Intercessions



Please feel free and copy the following intercessions to use during the
Prayers of the Faithful.

Respect Life Sunday (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 4th)

For our community: that, recognizing every person as created, willed, and loved by God, we may defend the dignity of the unborn, support mothers and families in need, and extend Christ's mercy to all who suffer from the wounds of abortion; *let us pray to the Lord.*

For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy; *let us pray to the Lord.*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 11th

For our community: that, following the example of Mary, who freely said "yes" to God's will, we may choose what is good and true, uphold the dignity of every human person through our words and actions, and accompany with compassion those seeking the grace of conversion and healing; *let us pray to the Lord.*

For victims and survivors of human trafficking: that through the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita, they may find safety, healing, and renewed hope, and that those who suffer exploitation may be restored to the fullness of their God-given dignity; *let us pray to the Lord.*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 18th

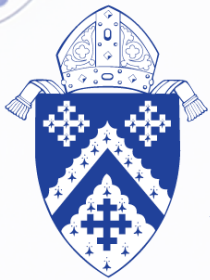
For our community: that, through the intercession of Mary, Intercessor and Advocate, we may recognize the dignity of every person, welcome those pushed to the margins, and work together to build a community in which all can flourish; *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those affected by poverty and for immigrants and refugees: that they may be welcomed as our brothers and sisters, protected from exploitation, and supported in building lives of safety, stability, and hope; *let us pray to the Lord.*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 25th

For our community: that, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Sorrows, we may draw near to all who suffer, uphold their dignity in times of illness and vulnerability, and become instruments of comfort and hope; *let us pray to the Lord.*

For those approaching the end of life: that they may receive compassionate care, relief from pain, and the loving accompaniment of family and community; and that our society may reject assisted suicide and affirm the dignity of every life until natural death; *let us pray to the Lord.*



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Weekly Bulletin Blurbs

(Pulpit Announcements)



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Month-Long Use (could be used at any time throughout October)

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

It's Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's Office for Human Life for resources, prayers, and service opportunities: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices-departments/catechetical-formation-parish-life/marriage-family-human-life/office-for-human-life/overview

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a beautiful time to pray for the dignity and protection of every human life. Through the Rosary for Life, we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries while lifting up the unborn, mothers and fathers in need, the elderly, and all who are vulnerable. May Our Lady of Sorrows help us cherish and defend life from conception to natural death. Scan the QR code to access this Pro-Life Rosary and join us in praying for a culture of life.

Stay Connected with the Office for Human Life: Consider subscribing to our twice-monthly newsletter to stay informed about opportunities to PRAY, LEARN, SERVE, and ADVOCATE throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Scan the QR code and select "Human Life" from the subscription options.



QR Code for OHL Newsletter

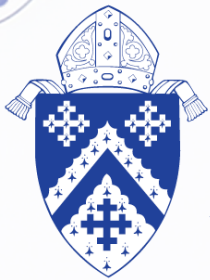


QR Code for Rosary for Life

Respect Life Sunday | October 4th

Every human life is a gift from God and possesses inherent dignity. This week invites us to learn about the realities of abortion, pray for those affected, support mothers and families in need, and offer Christ's healing mercy to those who have experienced abortion.

Bethesda House of Mercy Weekend Healing Retreat: Have you or someone you know been impacted by a past abortion? Bethesda House of Mercy invites women to a **private and confidential Healing Retreat, October 23-25**, offering a peaceful space to encounter God's mercy, healing, and hope alongside others on a similar journey. For more information, **call 800-482-4100 or email bethesdahouseofmercy2008@gmail.com**



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Every human life is a gift from God and possesses inherent dignity. This week invites us to reflect on how our choices can honor or obscure that dignity, learn about the reality of human trafficking, pray for those who are exploited and vulnerable, and respond with compassion, awareness, and action to protect the dignity of every person.

Save the Date: Transformed by Accompaniment Young adults ages 19–39 are invited to connect with ministries and organizations from throughout the Diocese and discover meaningful ways to live out their faith, serve others, and uphold the dignity of every human person. Join us for this Young Adult Ministry Fair & Meet and Greet on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Forest City Brewery in Cleveland. Come ready to connect, discover, and take the next step! RSVP on the Diocese of Cleveland's "Events Page." *Hosted by the Office of Young Adult Ministries and the Office for Human Life.*

Save the Date: Recognize, Respond, Restore

Human trafficking remains one of the most pressing threats to human dignity in our world today. During Respect Life Month, join fellow clergy, parish leaders, educators, and ministry professionals for a special awareness luncheon, **"Recognize, Respond, Restore: Our Role as Christians in Combating Human Trafficking,"** on Friday, October 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Founder's Hall, Center for Pastoral Leadership. Through expert panel discussion, conversation, and networking, participants will learn how our faith calls us to recognize vulnerability, respond to exploitation, and accompany survivors on the path to restoration. Registration details can be found on the Diocese of Cleveland's "Events Page." *Hosted in collaboration with local anti-trafficking advocates, such as Teleios and the Order of Malta (Cleveland Area Association), as well as the Diocese of Cleveland's Office for Human Life.*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 18th

Every human life possesses a social dignity that calls us into relationship with one another. This week invites us to learn about the realities of poverty and immigration, pray for those facing hardship or displacement, serve our neighbors in need, and advocate for communities in which every person is welcomed, protected, and able to flourish.

Join thousands of Catholics praying **the Respect Life Month Novena, Thursday, October 22 – Friday, October 30.** Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 25th

Continue the Journey with Catholic Social Teaching: As Respect Life Month concludes, our journey does not end. Beginning the first week of November, join Catholic Charities' Diocesan Social Action Office in celebrating Catholic Social Teaching Month. Having explored issues that threaten human life and dignity throughout October, we will now consider four principles that help us discern a faithful response: Rights and Responsibilities; Preferential Option for the Poor; Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; and Life and Dignity of the Human Person. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Every human life retains its God-given dignity amid suffering, illness, and vulnerability. This week invites us to learn about end-of-life care and assisted suicide, pray for those who are suffering or approaching death, accompany them and their families with compassion, and advocate for care that protects life and upholds human dignity until natural death.



QR Code for CST Month