**October 16/17- Adaptive Needs**

**Petition**

For the sanctity of all human life, that we may better work to support and include all people with different abilities and adaptive needs, so that we can all join together as one family, with inherent dignity, around the table of the Lord. **We pray to the Lord.**

**Bulletin Announcement**

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in a loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."

John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002

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