

Respect Life Media Kit Instructions

October is Respect Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



Because there are so many invaluable life issues, the Office for Human Life, in collaboration with the Diocesan Social Action Office, is highlighting different aspects of life each week throughout the month of October in order to help build and celebrate the culture of life. We have provided for all the parishes and schools:

1. A petition for each week's right to life highlight that can be included in your parish's/school's Prayers of the Faithful.
2. A bulletin announcement that highlights each week's respect life focus. It can be inserted into your weekly bulletin and/or weekly school newsletter/constant contact.
3. A posting for your parish/school social media platform

October 2/3: Support for families affected by abortion

October 9/10: Death Penalty

October 16/17: Adaptive Needs

October 23/24: Human Trafficking

October 30/31: End of Life Issues

Petitions and bulletin announcements can be found organized as weekly word documents. Images for social media posts are also available for download, or you can share our Facebook posts throughout the month. Visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/respectlifemonth to download our resources.



In every heartache, in every loneliness and discouragement, in every struggle which threatens to drown us, Christ is there, offering His hand. We have only to reach out and take it, and He will pull us up. But, we have to choose to take His outstretched arm!

Share your Respect Life Month celebrations on social media!

#respectlifeCLE

Follow us on Facebook, and feel free to share our posts throughout the month!

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A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,

At the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of all human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.



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