



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2022 • PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Catholic Church in the USA celebrates Respect Life Month in October. This year's theme is, "Called to Serve Moms in Need." Note well that this has always been a part of our efforts.

Archbishop William E. Lori serves the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as its Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities. In his Respect Life Month Statement, "Building a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World," he writes,

... In a post-Roe world, then, we must shift the paradigm to what Saint Pope John Paul II described as 'radical solidarity,' making the good of others our own good, including especially mothers, babies (born and preborn), and families throughout the entire human lifespan. It is a call to friendship and compassion rooted in the truth that we are made to love our neighbor as ourselves....

Archbishop Lori's entire statement is at this link: www.usccb.org/resources/building-culture-life-post-roeworld).

The Catholic Church advocates for respecting the inherent dignity of human life at every stage, condition, and circumstance. The Church in the USA serves millions of people (whether they are Catholics or not) in our network of educational, medical, and social service institutions. Many parishes have social service and social justice ministries.

Our advocacy begins with defending the rights of unborn children. For every child to have a chance in life, they need to have a chance to live.

Our advocacy in the public square does not end at the beginning stages of life. We address issues about caring for the poor and helping them out of poverty, working for racial justice, promoting education, treating immigrants and refugees with dignity, fostering peace with justice at home and abroad, among other things.

These are some of the things that Holy Family Parish has been doing:

- praying for respect for life during Holy Mass daily;
 - the Spiritual Adoption Program;
 - poor box donations for programs that support those at every stage of life;
 - donating to Women's Center West, Catonsville;
 - monthly donations of care packages for the homeless;
 - food pantry donations to help people throughout the year,
 - food donations to at least 60-70 households for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter;
 - supporting Project Rachael, which helps women and men to heal in the aftermath of an abortion;
- among other things.

Respect for the gift of human life is good news! From the moment of conception--and during every stage, condition, and circumstance of life--we have an inherent dignity. The right to life is the fundamental right upon which other rights can be exercised.

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