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Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

• November is National Adoption Awareness Month!

This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption. Resources are available to assist you in supporting and praying for all whose lives are touched by adoption:

Accompanying Expectant
Mothers Considering Adoption



An Adoption
Love Story



Novena to St. Joseph:
For Those on the Path of Adoption



• The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 24, 2019)

Resources are available and will continue to be added to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King and its connection to religious liberty. These materials include:

- 1. Lectionary Notes
- 2. Christ the King Bulletin Insert
- 3. Social Media Graphics
- 4. Reflections on the Meaning of Christ the King
- 5. A Video from Bishop Robert Barron



Bulletin inserts and social media graphics are anticipated to be posted by the end of the last week of September. The reflections will be posted later in October. Please continue to check the website for updates! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

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Intercessions for Life

November 1st

For all Christians:
May we look forward to
the resurrection of the dead
by preparing now, in hope,
for our passage from this life into eternal life;
We pray to the Lord:

November 3rd

For those who fail to protect the gift of human life: May they abandon their sin, turn to the Lord, and receive His mercy; *We pray to the Lord*:

November 10th

For all victims of human trafficking: May they be delivered from their captivity and treated according to the great dignity which God confers on all his people; We pray to the Lord:

November 17th

For our lawmakers: May they strive to govern with the justice and equity of God, protecting life from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord:

November 24th

On this feast of Christ the King and always, May all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His priceless gift; *We pray to the Lord:*

Solemnity of All Saints

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Bulletin Quotes

November 3rd

"God never stops offering each of us his mercy, 'a concrete reality with which he reveals his love' (MV 6)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Reflection: Moved by Mercy

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November 10th

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. ... Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

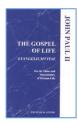


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November 17th

"There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights. Nor can there be true peace unless life is defended and promoted."

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November 24th

"He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone" (*Quas primas*, 33).

USCCB Office of Religious Liberty

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Bulletin Art

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Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion

he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of God's grace abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless

ways it is affecting their lives. It is

can bring true

scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(é) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

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Sunday, November 17th, 2019

How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at respect life program. org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that

begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth daily life. and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given

Our mission field is

dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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