

# WORD OF LIFE: JULY 2021

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

## FEATURED THIS MONTH

### Stop Taxpayer-Funded Abortion: First half of July



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More tools: [www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion)

### National NFP Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021

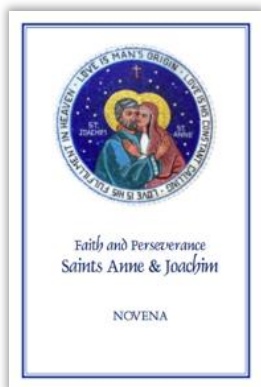


The dates of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood. Couples' [stories](#), sample [intercessions](#), [homily notes](#), [graphics](#), and more can be found [online](#).

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### Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne: July 26, 2021



The Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on June 26. They are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as those who are aging. Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” Novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available for download or purchase. You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.

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### Intercessions for Life

#### July 4<sup>th</sup>

For our nation:

May our laws protect  
the right to life of every human being,  
from conception to natural death;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### July 11<sup>th</sup>

For families considering adoption:

May the Lord guide and bless their journey,  
and grant them peace along the way;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### July 18<sup>th</sup>

For all those nearing death:

That their faith will grow ever stronger,  
as they prepare in hope  
to share eternal life with Christ;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### July 25<sup>th</sup>

May married couples embrace their call  
to total, faithful, and fruitful love,  
and joyful openness to new life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Bulletin Quotes

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

“O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”



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### July 11<sup>th</sup>

“Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“An Adoption Love Story”



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### July 18<sup>th</sup>

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”



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### July 25<sup>th</sup>

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”



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### Bulletin Art

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