

WORD OF LIFE: OCTOBER 2022

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

Respect Life Month 2022: Called to Serve Moms in Need



The 2022 Respect Life Month resources are to assist you in helping Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life.

A variety of materials are available to order in print or to download online. Visit [respectlife.org/respect-life-month!](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-month)

Featured Resources

- [Respect Life Month Action Guide](#)
(a sample timeline, action ideas, & more!)
- [Respect Life Reflection](#)
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Sample Pulpit Announcements

Option 1: Respect Life Sunday (October 2)

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why *every* human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

Option 2: Respect Life Month (any weekend in October)

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why *every* human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

Sample Bulletin Announcement

Option 1: Respect Life Sunday (October 2)

Today is Respect Life Sunday!
Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! respectlife.org/celebrate

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Intercessions for Life

October 2nd

For all Catholics:
On this Respect Life Sunday,
may we resolve anew
to protect the gift of every human life
and consider how we can serve moms in need;
We pray to the Lord:

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
*(Also observed in the U.S. as
Respect Life Sunday)*

October 9th

May God grant us the wisdom and courage
to lovingly protect His gift of human life
at every stage, in sickness and in health;
We pray to the Lord:

**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 16th

That the life of every person,
from conception to natural death,
will be protected in our laws
and cherished in our hearts;
We pray to the Lord:

**Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 23rd

For women and men suffering after abortion:
May the Church's abortion healing ministry,
Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing
through Christ's endless mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

**Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 30th

For those nearing the end of life:
May they receive care that respects their dignity
and protects their lives
as they place their hope
in the promise of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord:

**Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Bulletin Quotes

October 2nd

“The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God’s gift of life?”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: “Called to Serve Moms in Need”



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October 9th

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End



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October 16th

“Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

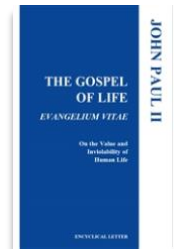


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October 23rd

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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October 30th

“The mystery of the redemption of the human person is rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because ‘remaining’ by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



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Bulletin Art

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Sunday, October 2nd, 2022

Featuring Reflection: “Called to Serve Moms in Need”



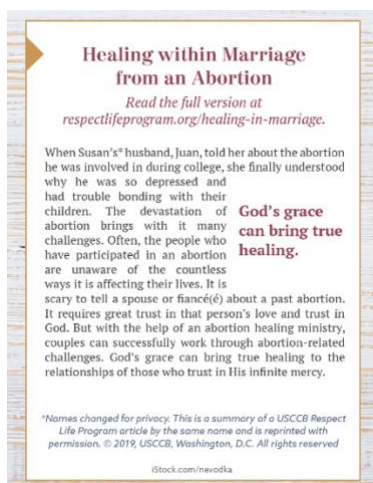
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Sunday, October 23rd, 2022

Featuring “Healing within Marriage from an Abortion”



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