Respect Life - “Called to Serve Moms in Need”
USCCB Respect Life Program 2022 - 2023

Respect Life Reflection: “Respect Life - Called to Serve Moms in Need” - The witness of our Blessed Mother, while pregnant with Jesus, travels to the hill country in haste (Lk 1:39) to help her cousin Elizabeth is an example to all of us to help moms in need. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how we can lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God’s gift of life? (USCCB)

The USCCB Respect Life theme for the 2022-2023 year is “Respect Life - Called to Serve Moms in Need.” With the overturning of Roe v. Wade on June 24, came much excitement from many, but also worry and concern in the hearts of some. An unplanned pregnancy can bring feelings of fear and despair. Like our Blessed Mother, we are called to help those in need. The Bishops have put together a great program called Walking with Moms in Need. With this program and the theme for this year, we will focus on helping moms with unexpected pregnancies. While October is Respect Life Month and this will be our greatest focus, we can also focus on these efforts throughout the year. This guide will help your school easily integrate prayer and action to help moms in need.

As Catholics, we are called to serve moms in need ~

Respect Life Mass
The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese encourages every school and parish to hold a Respect Life Mass during October or some other time during the year. For more information, talk to your Pastor, Principal or Campus Minister.

Resources
USCCB Respect Life Program Information
- Information, Posters
- “Prayer for Pregnant Mom” Prayer Cards, and Monthly Prayer Guides featuring different prayer intentions, short reflections, suggested actions, and more can be found here -
  “Called to Serve Moms in Need” - https://nolacatholic.org/usccb-respect-life-program
Additional Resources

Unborn/Abortion and Healing After Abortion
https://nolacatholic.org/protecting-the-unborn

Adoption
https://nolacatholic.org/adoption-foster-care

Speakers

Contact:
- Respect Life Office - Michelle Black, Respect Life Director - 504-885-1141, mblack@ccano.org
- Louisiana Right to Life - Ashley Gilliam, Youth Programs Director - 504-754-8807, ashley@prolifelouisiana.org

Footprints for Life is a program designed to cultivate a culture of life in our children and educate them on how a simple act of love can make a difference in their community. This program builds on a foundation of dignity, compassion, and truth. The program covers USCCB Culture of Life topics age-appropriately, and incorporates discussions, activities, and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy into the study of these issues. It is designed to be easily integrated into an already existing program. On April 1, 2019, the program received the Imprimatur from Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans.

ChoosetheChild.com or scan to access the website - ntkissinger@gmail.com or 504-339-5384

PULSE (Louisiana Right to Life)
The PULSE Youth Initiative is a multi-faceted initiative to educate and empower the students of Louisiana to be pro-Life agents of change in their communities. Through the initiative, schools, teachers, or student groups can request speakers for free pro-life presentations or pro-life persuasion crash courses and they can seek advice and materials for various activities and events for their campus! Off campus, there are a variety of youth-involvement and club-networking
opportunities. Students can represent their high school and engage with the community at our regional PULSE Team meetings or become trained as a pro-life leader at our jam-packed pro-life advocacy retreats, PULSE Immersion (1 Day) and PULSE Leadership Institute (1 Week)! See upcoming dates at ProLifePulseLA.com or visit our High School Website for information on all of our high school resources. Contact Ashley Gilliam for all of these opportunities and resources by emailing Ashley@ProLifeLouisiana.org or calling 504.754.8807.

Louisiana Right to Life

Louisiana Right to Life (LARTL) works through education, legislation, activism and service to restore the right to life in Louisiana by opposing abortion, euthanasia, and other life destroying actions. By building and serving local Right to Life Chapters throughout the state, providing pro-life presentations and trainings to churches or groups, and creating educational materials, LARTL strives to educate all people in the truth about abortion and other life issues. In order to start a chapter, request a presentation, or learn how your parish can support moms in need, please contact Alex Seghers by emailing Alex@ProLifeLouisiana.org or calling 1.866.754.8807.