



Fall 2025

### **A Prayer for Hope**

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life.  
Through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, you have made us  
your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection  
and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in  
the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to  
be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from  
your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Proudly Pro-Life Spotlights!



### **St. Charles Borromeo Respect Life Ministry**

The Ministry hosted an "End-of-Life" Presentation with the Sisters Servants of Mary and Deacon Gerry Gautrau.

Sr. Angelica Ramos spoke about the Servants of Mary and their Ministry to the Sick. They have 7 sisters who go into the homes of the sick and dying overnight to care for them and pray with them. They have medical training and their services are free of charge.

Sr. Angelica described their ministry as being like Mary at the foot of the cross with Jesus. Much of the grace of their ministry is in just being there so that the sick and dying are not alone. She said it is very beautiful and peaceful spiritually to be with those who are soon to be with God.

Aloma Lykes, a lay member of the Fraternity of Lay Sons and Daughters of St. Maria Soledad, spoke about how the Servants of Mary lovingly ministered to her husband as he was dying in 2018, and how this led to her joining the sisters in their ministry to the sick as a lay person. She gave her testimony about how her work with this ministry is spiritually fulfilling to her and to those to whom she ministers.

The lay fraternity currently has 13 lay members and is looking to form a new class. The lay If you want to help the sisters short of becoming a lay fraternity member, they also need volunteers to drive them to and from the homes of their patients when the families cannot provide transportation.

The sisters also asked for our prayers for their ministry and for more vocations to their Congregation.

## **MONTHLY TOPICS**

**Our website is full of resources and information for your parish**

July — Conscience Protection

[Click here for Resources](#)

August - Capital Punishment

[Click here for Resources](#)

September - Stem Cell & Human Cloning Awareness

[Click here for Resources](#)

**October - USCCB Respect Life Program**

[Click here for Resources](#)

November - Adoption & Foster Care Awareness

[Click here for Resources](#)

December - Peace on Earth/End Violence

[Click here for Resources](#)



### **Calling all Respect Life Coordinators!**

We are working on updating our list of Coordinators! If you are a Parish Respect Life Coordinator, please email us at [respectlife@ccano.org](mailto:respectlife@ccano.org) with your name, Church parish, email address, and phone number.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

### **JAZZED for Life!**

**August 16, 2025 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

We are hosting our "Jazzed for Life" event again and hope you can join us! Feel free to share with others in your parish who may benefit from attending. The theme for this year's event is "Life: Our Sign of Hope." As always, we will offer engaging speakers, time for food and fellowship, and a vendor area with relevant resource information for your parishes. Hope to see you there!

Location: Schulte Auditorium - 2901 S. Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA

*Registration:* <https://www.ccano.org/jazzed-for-life/>

*Vendor Registration:* <https://www.ccano.org/jazzed-for-life-vendor-registration/>.

### **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

Saturday, September 23rd, 10am - 11am

Visitation of Our Lady Church - 3500 Ames, Marrero, LA 70072

RSVP to [info@westbankpregnancy.org](mailto:info@westbankpregnancy.org)

### **"Pro-Life Youth Leadership Summit September 23, 2025 9:00 am-2:00 pm Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge**

Hosted by Louisiana Right to Life together with Secretary of State Nancy Landry and Speaker of the House Phillip DeVillier, the Pro-Life Youth Leadership Summit is a dynamic training event designed to equip student club leaders with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to lead effectively. Through interactive workshops and expert-led sessions, participants gain practical tools for organizing, advocating, and building a strong campus presence. This summit empowers the now generation to lead with conviction and make a lasting impact throughout the school year and beyond.

More info: [www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/yls](http://www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/yls)

### **October - Respect Life Month**

Life: Our Sign of Hope

For more details, [click here](#)

**Gala for Life and Woman's New Life Clinic's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary kickoff celebration!**

**Friday, October 3, 2025**

**6:30 pm Patron Party | 8:00pm Gala**

Club XLIV next to Champions Square in New Orleans

Fine Food & Open Bar | Silent Auction | Live Music by The Peyton Falgoust Band

Honoring Former WNLC CEO Angie Thomas

Make your reservation today at [www.womansnewlife.com/gala](http://www.womansnewlife.com/gala).

**Metairie Life Chain**

**October 5th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Meet at the Blue Dog statue, catty-cornered from Shake Shack to show passersby that Louisiana is proudly pro-life! Call 866.463.5433 or email Kacie Hoerner at [kacie.hoerner@gmail.com](mailto:kacie.hoerner@gmail.com) for more info. [ProLifeLouisiana.org/lifechains](http://ProLifeLouisiana.org/lifechains)

**Student Respect Life Meeting**

**October 7, 2025, 4:30 - 6 pm**

Meeting for Catholic high school respect life club officers and moderators, sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life Office.

Please call 504-885-1509 for more information or to register.

**CBIB "Cruisin for the Cause" Fundraiser**

October 19th, 1:00 pm

Mandeville Yacht Club - Car Show, Live Music & Food

Lise Naccari - 504-202-3111 or [lisejnaccari@yahoo.com](mailto:lisejnaccari@yahoo.com) [cbibinc.com](http://cbibinc.com)

**God's Special Children's 21st Anniversary Mass**

November 2, 2025 2:00 P.M.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will be the main celebrant, concelebrated by Fr. Mike, Fr. Joe, Fr. Raymond and Fr. Frank

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

**November 7 - 9, 2025**

Contact Pam Richard for more information at [richj504@bellsouth.net](mailto:richj504@bellsouth.net) or 504- 460-9360

**New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Gala  
January 16, 2026**

Experience an evening of Purpose and Hope as we “Love Them Both”

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Registration opens on September 29th at [www.ProLifeGala.com](http://www.ProLifeGala.com)

Gala Chaircouples: Stacy and Jim Pellerin and David and Mary Beth Metz

**LA Life March South in Baton Rouge  
Saturday, January 24th - 10:00 am**

Meet in front of the Louisiana State Capitol lawn to “protect the unborn and love their mothers!”

**Prayer Service for the Unborn  
Monday, January 26th, noon**

**Holy Innocents Prayer Garden, St. Patrick Cemetery # 1**

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will lead this annual prayer service dedicated to the memory of those lost to abortion.

**If your organization has an event or information that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please email [respectlife@ccano.org](mailto:respectlife@ccano.org)**



## **Ongoing Respect Life Activities & Events**

1st Saturdays - St. Cletus Monthly Respect Life Rosary - 11:00 am - Mary's Garden  
in case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Adoration Chapel

1st Sundays — God's Special Children Mass — Mass for children with disabilities, their families,  
and friends on 1st Sundays of each month at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church,  
504-834-0340 [godsspecialchildren.org](http://godsspecialchildren.org)

1st Thursdays - Pro-Life Rosary - Divine Mercy Church - 8:00 am

Every Monday — Holy Rosary for America — Rosary prayed in church or at the statue of Mary  
in front of the church at 6:30 pm every Monday at St. Matthew the Apostle, River Ridge  
Stephanie 504-737-9776.

2nd Thursdays - Adoration & Rosary for Life - Annunciation holds Adoration from  
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Chapel for Respect Life.  
During the 6:00 pm hour, prayers and the Rosary for Life are said.  
Donna at 504-258-9183 or ([donnas@1791.com](mailto:donnas@1791.com))

2nd Thursdays - "Pro-Life Rosary" - Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chalmette  
The rosary is held at 5:00 pm in the Church. (May and October it is every Thursday)  
Kenna VanCourt - [keenavancourt@yahoo.com](mailto:keenavancourt@yahoo.com)

3rd Thursdays - Rosary for Life -St. Francis Xavier, Metairie  
The "Rosary for Life" is held monthly at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Garden for the Unborn  
[cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com](mailto:cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com)

[Click here for all ongoing and upcoming events](#)

## Liturgy & Prayer

On this website you can find monthly parish resources including special features on each month's RL topic, intercessions for Prayers of the Faithful, links to prayers and educational materials, and downloadable quotes/graphics for bulletins, websites, and social media in English and Spanish.

<https://www.respectlife.org/>

## Walking with Moms in Need Resources

To Learn How Your Parish Can Begin Walking With Moms In Need Visit these websites for resources, materials, and educational guides and videos

*Nola Respect Life* — <https://nolacatholic.org/walking-with-moms-in-need>

*Walking With Moms In Need* — <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

*USCCB* — <https://www.usccb.org/respectlife>; <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

Contact the Respect Life Office for hands-on help in starting a Walking With Moms In Need ministry in your parish.

## General Resources

**Pregnancy Services of Catholic Charities** - A life-affirming pregnancy ministry offering FREE and confidential services to women and families with young children including:

- Pregnancy testing and ultrasound services
- Professional counseling services for prenatal, postpartum or post-abortive women
- Education and referrals
- Online Medicaid enrollment
- Material Support (receive diapers, wipes and other baby essentials monthly)

**Woman's New Life Clinic** is a life-affirming medical and mental health clinic providing free and low-cost care for all women.

Services:

- Free unplanned pregnancy support, including ultrasounds, professional counseling, abortion pill reversal, and more
- Free professional counseling for postpartum depression, pregnancy loss, and past abortion
- Instruction in Fertility Awareness-Based Methods
- Low-cost women's health care, including well-woman care, STD testing and treatment, urgent gynecologic care, prenatal care (up to 20 weeks), and Restorative Reproductive Medicine
- *Now offering perimenopausal and menopausal care!*

[www.womansnewlife.com](http://www.womansnewlife.com)



**USCCB Respect Life Program** — The 2023 -2024 Respect Life Program and additional resources can be found here - <https://www.respectlife.org/>

**Catholic Charities CCANO** — Various service programs addressing Respect Life issues including abuse/ violence, adoption/foster care, pregnancy, persons with disabilities, human dignity, and more. <https://www.ccano.org/program-directory/>

**FindHelpLA.com** - Comprehensive list of pregnancy centers standing by to provide free and confidential services. Adoption agencies, financial assistance, food banks, and more are also nearby and can be found here. [FindHelpLA.com](https://www.findhelp.com/)

**Choose the Child** — Footprints for Life K-12 program covers RL topics age-appropriately in discussions, activities, and Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Natasia Kissinger  
ntkissinger@gmail.com 504-339-5384 [ChoosetheChild.com](https://www.choosethechild.com/)

## Policy & Legislation

*USCCB Alerts* [votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns](https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns)

*Congressional Actions Alerts* [https:// www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/](https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/)

*-National Right To Life* [www.nrlc.org/takeaction/](https://www.nrlc.org/takeaction/) L

*A Right To Life* [prolifelouisiana.org/take-action](https://prolifelouisiana.org/take-action)

*LRTL LA Legislature* [prolifelouisiana.org/session/](https://prolifelouisiana.org/session/)

*Live Action Network* [www.liveaction.org/news/](https://www.liveaction.org/news/)

*Heartbeat International* [pregnancyhelpnews.com](https://pregnancyhelpnews.com)

*Susan B. Anthony List* [sba-list.org/action-center](https://sba-list.org/action-center)

*Voter Registration* [www.dmv.org/la-louisiana/voterregistration.php](https://www.dmv.org/la-louisiana/voterregistration.php)

How to Contact Your Legislators and Leaders

[www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/](https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/)

