

Fall/Winter 2026

A Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

The Response is: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all Life,

help us to respect human life from the moment of conception
to the moment of natural death. R.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,

You showed us how valuable a single life can be;
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,

with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.

Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,

You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. R.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,

Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart;
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. R.

Mary, Full of Grace,

You had a choice in responding to God's call;
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,

Gather within your motherly mantle all who are in need of God's healing,
Especially those who have been involved in abortion;
Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. R.

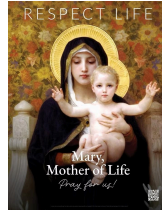
Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,

We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society;
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. R.
Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain;

Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives
And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

All:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.



To download, visit <https://www.usccb.org/resources/litany-blessed-virgin-mary-mother-life>. Order your own Litany cards in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)!

Proudly Pro-Life Spotlight!



In the Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary, **Respect Life Coordinators from the Archdiocese of New Orleans** met for the annual “**Jazzed for Life**” on August 29th. This day is filled with education, hope, and community - all for the purpose of respecting and protecting life from conception until natural death. **Archbishop Checchio** led a prayer and asked for us to all be in prayer for the upcoming case, Louisiana vs. the FDA, regarding mail-order abortion pills. This case will be held right here in New Orleans in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on September 9th. In addition, we had great speakers and vendors providing resources for our parishes' Respect Life Ministry needs.

MONTHLY TOPICS

Our website is full of resources and information for your parish



September - Stem Cell & Human Cloning Awareness

[Click here for Resources](#)

October - USCCB Respect Life Program

[Click here for Resources](#) and [The Unborn](#)

November - Adoption & Foster Care Awareness

[Click here for Resources](#)

December - Peace on Earth/End Violence

[Click here for Resources](#)

January - The Unborn

[Click Here for More Information](#)

February - Human Trafficking

[Click Here for Resources](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

September 12, 2026 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Visitation of Our Lady Church, 3500 Ames Blvd. , Marrero, LA 70072
RSVP: info@westbankpregnancy.org

Louisiana Right to Life Youth Leadership Summit

September 15 and/or September 16, 9:00 AM (Doors Open at 8:30 AM) - 2:00 PM
Old State Capitol
100 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70801
[Register Here](#)

40 Days For Life Begins - September 23, 2026

Gala for Life and Woman's New Life Clinic's 25th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration!

Friday, September 25, 2026

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
Make your reservation today at www.womansnewlife.com/gala.

ECHO Retreat

ECHO Engaged (Folsom, LA) - Sept 25-27, 2026
<https://www.echocommunity.us/echoretreats.html>

Respect Life Sunday - October 4, 2026

October - Respect Life Month

"Mary, Mother of Life - Pray for Us"

For more details, [click here](#)

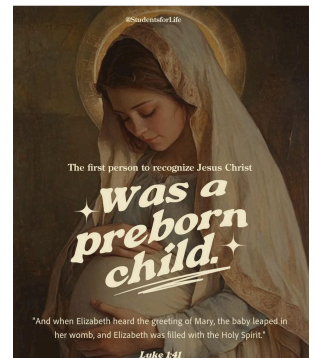
October LIFE Chains
October 1 - 31
Visit Louisiana Right to Life's
List of Life Chains or Learn How to Start One
[Click Here](#)

2026 Greater NOLA LIFE Chain
Sunday, October 4th, 2 - 3 pm
Veterans Memorial Square
1:45 pm - Gather in the parking lot of Veterans Memorial Square
(Across the street from Lakeside Mall)

"Encountering Women in Truth & Love Amid the Lies"
Thursday, October 8th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM &
Saturday, October 10th, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
St. Dominic invites you to hear Allison Daigle, CEO of Woman's New Life Clinic, **speak about the rise of abortion by mail in Louisiana** and how Woman's New Life Clinic is providing truth and love to women through their free and low-cost, life-affirming care.
St. Dominic Parish Rectory - Sienna Room
Light Refreshments will be provided Questions: Leslie Adams - 318-230-9805

CBIB Compassionate Burials for Indigent Babies Fundraiser
CRUISING FOR A CAUSE Car Show
Sunday, October 18, 2026

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Pontchartrain Yacht Club
Fun/Dancing/Live Music Seafood/Jambalaya/Beer/Wine



ProLife at Parish and State Fairs
October 21 - November 15
[Click Here for More Information about Volunteering](#)

**Dine Out for Life for CCANO Pregnancy Services (ACCESS)
October 28, 2026 at Ye Olde College Inn**

**Sympto-Thermal Natural Family Planning Online Instruction | Fall 2026 Series 3
Monday, November 2, 2026, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

Repeats every Monday until January 4, 2027

This series will teach the SymptoPro method of Natural Family Planning. Courses will be held online through Microsoft Teams on Mondays, November 2, November 16, November 30, 2026 and January 4, 2027, from 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Register at: <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course>

SymptoPro is an effective, scientifically based method of family planning that treats fertility as a normal, healthy process. It is based upon observations of changes in the woman's body that reliably reflect her fertility or infertility. In order to facilitate both the learning and application of the method, the classes are spaced over a couple of months through four sessions.

The total cost of the course is \$175, which includes the cost of all classes and materials.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
November 6 - 8, 2025**

Contact Beth Maillho for more information at beth@matrixrealty.net

National Adoption Day - November 21, 2026

January 22, 2027

**~USCCB Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
~Anniversary of Roe v. Wade - United States Supreme Court Decision**



Louisiana Marches for Life

Shreveport-Bossier: January 9

Festival de la Vie in Lafayette: January 16

Monroe-West Monroe: January 17

Lake Charles: January 22

Baton Rouge: January 23

Alexandria-Pineville: January 30

LALifeMarch.com

We must keep marching to stop dangerous abortion pills from entering our state, teach students about human dignity, help pregnant mothers, and promote adoption.

Louisiana Right to Life Galas

Baton Rouge Gala: January 29 2027

New Orleans Gala: February 20 2027

Acadiana Gala: March 20 2027

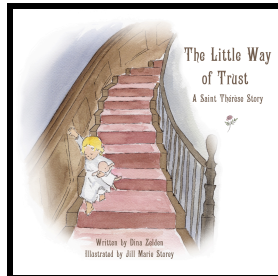
Save the Date: Woman's New Life Clinic "Born to Run"

Saturday, April 3, 2027 Lafreniere Park

Save the Date: ACCESS Joie de Vivre

Thursday, May 6, 2027

If your organization has an event or information that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please email respectlife@ccano.org



Help Place a Message of Hope in a Mother's Hands

A beautiful Catholic children's book, *The Little Way of Trust: A Saint Thérèse Story*, is being donated to local pregnancy centers and shelters for mothers and children.

Your gift of \$25 helps share this inspiring book and a lasting message of hope, and trust in God's love.

Donate here: [**The Little Way of Life Initiative**](#)



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

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)

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

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



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

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

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

Abortion Pill Reversal

If you know of someone who took the abortion pill and immediately regretted it, it can be reversed, but they need to act quickly. Give them this information.

Abortion Pill Reversal www.abortionpillreversal.com

24/7 Helpline 1-877-558-0333 Woman's New Life Clinic <https://womansnewlife.com/>

Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, 504-831-3117

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. www.womansnewlife.com

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!*

USCCB Respect Life Program — The 2026 -2027 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

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

Policy & Legislation

USCCB Alerts - 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/ L

A Right To Life - prolifelouisiana.org/take-action

LRTL LA Legislature - prolifelouisiana.org/session/

Live Action Network - www.liveaction.org/news/

Heartbeat International - pregnancyhelpnews.com

Susan B. Anthony List - sba-list.org/action-center

Voter Registration - www.dmv.org/la-louisiana/voterregistration.php

How to Contact Your Legislators and Leaders -

www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/