



Live the Gospel of Life

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Pro-Life Office

-Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Taxpayer Funding of the Abortion Industry

Recently, Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of **daily** prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

The prayer will invoke the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, and begins now and continues until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. The invitation and prayer may be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer>. Please place it in your bulletins and social media sites.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen

Nebraska Catholic Conference

-Capitol Update. On the third anniversary and a 'double feast' By Marion Miner, July 25, 2025
(<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/legislative-update/18935-on-the-third-anniversary-and-a-double-feast>)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

-How to Celebrate Respect Life Month in Your Parish, Thursday, August 28, 7:00 PM (CT)

Learn how to help your parish celebrate Respect Life Month in October! Get easy ideas and ready-to-use digital resources during this one-hour webinar.

USCCB staff will walk through this year's new materials, as well as the perennial Respect Life Month action guide. This introductory-level webinar is perfect for parish staff and volunteers, but anyone is welcome to join. Although developed with parishes in mind, the materials are adaptable to a variety of settings, such as Catholic schools, youth ministry, and more.

Register

- Protecting Pro-Lifers

Recently, Bishop Thomas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, [co-wrote a letter](#) endorsing the FACE Act Repeal Act. This bill in Congress would repeal a law that has historically discriminated against peaceful pro-life protesters. In the letter, the chairmen affirmed that to answer abortion “with more violence cannot bear fruit nor build a culture of life.”

Abortions Rise in US Post-Dobbs

A [recent analysis](#) by the Charlotte Lozier Institute shows over 1.1 million abortions took place in the U.S. via licensed providers from July 2023–June 2024. [CLI noted](#), "While this is the best estimation of total abortions taking place in that timeframe, researchers cannot definitively calculate how many abortions occurred because there's no federal abortion reporting requirement and there's no verifiable way to track certain abortions, such as abortion drugs mailed into the U.S. by foreign abortion organizations."

-Word of Life

The [August](#) and [September](#) editions of [Word of Life](#) are available in English and Spanish. Word of Life is a monthly resource for dioceses and parishes that includes monthly special features, intercessions, bulletin quotes, and graphics. Previous editions can be found in [the archives](#).

Walking With Moms in Need

-Newsletter

Check out the most recent [newsletter](#) here.

-Mental Health Support Needed for Young Moms, Women

[OSV News reports](#) that "self-reported mental health was found to have significantly declined for mothers of minor children. ... the self-reported physical and mental health status was significantly lower among mothers who were U.S. born, single parents, less educated, and those with publicly insured or uninsured children." Kat Talalas from the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities shared how Walking with Moms in Need answers St. John Paul II's call to “radical solidarity” with mothers.

-Bishop Golka Encourages Parishes to Walk with Moms in Need

[In this short video, Bishop Golka shares](#) how the Diocese of Colorado Springs is serving mothers in need through a maternity home and parish-based ministries offering outreach and support to mothers and their children.

Pro-Life Calendar

Aug 22	State Fair Pro-Life Booth. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA8A92AABF8C70-57427811-state#/
Sep 1	
Aug 28	Respect Life Month Webinar, 7:00 PM. https://usccb.zoom.us/webinar/register/3317540630501/WN_tYMeOBQ0SbiO0kyehGB6cw#/registration
Sep 13	Shoot4Life, Sporting Clay Charity Event, GI http://www.shoot4life.org/
October	Respect Life Month, USCCB Action Guide https://www.respectlife.org/
Oct 05	Respect Life Sunday, Life Chain http://www.lifechain.org
Nov 21-22	Bishops' PL Banquet and Conference, Lincoln