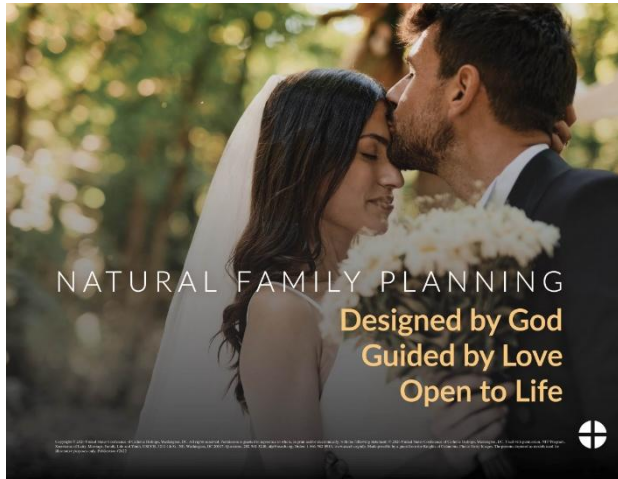


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FEATURED THIS MONTH

National NFP Awareness Week: July 19-25, 2026

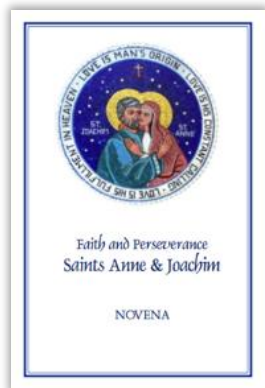


The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Couples' stories, sample intercessions, homily notes, and more can be found [online](#).

The 2026 poster is available to [download or order](#).

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne: July 26, 2026



The Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on July 26. They are powerful intercessors for married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as people who are aging. Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available for download or purchase. You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

July 26, 2026: St. Anne & St. Joachim

St. Anne and St. Joachim became the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary after a long struggle with infertility. They honored God by forming their daughter in the faith, preparing her heart for the coming of Christ. Ultimately, as the grandparents of Jesus Christ, may they intercede for us all in passing on the faith to both children and grandchildren.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, pray for us!

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Intercessions for Life

July 5th

For our nation:

May our laws protect
every person's right to life,
from conception to natural death;
let us pray to the Lord:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th

For families considering adoption:

May the Lord guide and bless their journeys
and grant them peace along the way;
let us pray to the Lord:

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19th

May married couples embrace their call
to total, faithful, and fruitful love
with openness to new life;
let us pray to the Lord:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th

For all those nearing death:

That their faith will grow ever stronger,
as they prepare in hope
to share eternal life with Christ;
let us pray to the Lord:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

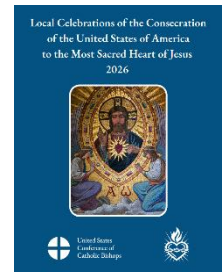
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July 5th

“O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus... We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

“Local Celebrations of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus”



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July 12th

“I greet you with affection, dear parents and children!...To adopt a child is a great *work of love*. When it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts....you have put yourselves with Christ on the side of children. May the Lord fill you with every consolation and sustain you in the difficulties of your journey.”

Pope John Paul II, Address to the Meeting of Adoptive Families, September 5, 2000

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July 19th

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

“Married Love and the Gift of Life”



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July 26th

“Assisted suicide proponents are pursuing an aggressive nationwide campaign to advance their agenda through legislation, ballot measures, litigation, and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message. Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that when the public learns about the dangers of assisted suicide, especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care, their views shift against the practice.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide”



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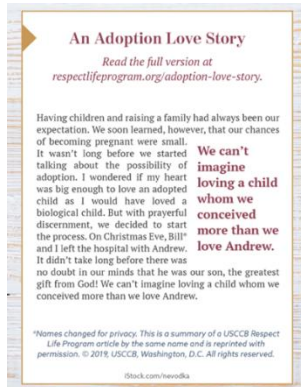
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