

## Respect Life Challenges and Opportunities

The Supreme Court overturn of Roe v Wade has returned determination of law regulating abortions back to the states. As you can tell from the news, that does not mean that we have a “Mission Accomplished.” In all honesty, we have a “Mission Just Begun.”

The Good Shepherd Respect Life Committee is active in meeting the opportunities and challenges that come along with the Supreme Court reversal. Two activities begin this month:

**Ministering to Moms in Need Resource List**—This is a diocesan plan to match needs of moms who are pregnant, as well as moms and dads who are parenting, to local resources. Good Shepherd is currently updating the resource list we began last year. We hope to have the update complete by the end of July. We need to know what resources Franklin County already has, as well as what might be lacking, before we determine to do anything.

**INTO LIFE: Love Makes the Difference**—This is a training for walking with women into life. A resource list is not enough to resolve the difficulties of an unexpected or complicated pregnancy. It takes trained, caring people to walk the walk with those who struggle. This video and discussion training by Sisters in Life and the McGrath Institute will prepare us. **An initial training for those who are interested will be Saturday, July 23, from 9 am to 3 pm. Training is free. You can see a trailer of it at <https://intolifeseries.com/>**

We truly have “Only Just Begun.” Plans are underway for educating people on the Human Life Amendment that will be on the Kentucky November ballot (Vote Yes!). We are exploring how we can publicize and implement Ministering to Moms and INTO LIFE.

The Respect Life committee meets each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 pm via zoom. Our next meeting is next Tuesday, July 19. Would you like to join us? We would love to have you.

If you are interested in joining the training on July 23, receive a zoom invitation to the Respect Life meeting on July 19, or becoming an active member of the Respect Life committee, contact Mary Ortwein at [mary@skillswork.org](mailto:mary@skillswork.org) or 859-806-4484.