Our Lady of Mercy LIFE MATTERS Ministry February 2021 theme "LOVE LIFE"

DAILY REFLECTIONS

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- 1 Life itself is my most precious gift from God--thank You
- I need to live my life according to God's Plan, not mine
- 3 I am thankful for the gift of my family
- 4 My faith in God is a blessing I cherish
- 5 Mothers and their unborn children are wrapped in God's protective arms
- 6 I need to look for God in everyone I encounter
- 7 I appreciate my life every day
- 8 I pray for the Inspiration and strength to always choose life over death
- 9 God's love for me is unconditional; it comes for free with the gift of life
- 10 I live in a country where I am free to worship God; not everyone is so blessed
- 11 May legislators be filled with respect for the sanctity of life and seek God's guidance
- 12 I must speak for those who can't speak for themselves
- 13 Prospective parents are blessed with the most precious gift; may they embrace the idea of new life
- 14 Thank You for the gift of the life of Jesus, Your Son
- 15 In an unplanned pregnancy, the unborn child as a gift from God, not a problem to be dealt with
- 16 I am thankful for the gift of travel to wonder at life in other places
- 17 In times of distress, when life seems a burden, I need to continue to live as a person of hope
- 18 God wants me to live ALL of my life, not cut it short to just the portions I want
- 19 I should never despair--God is at my side in all things
- 20 Thank God on the good days and to turn to Him for strength, comfort, and healing on the bad days
- 21 I need to strive to be the best version of myself each day of my life
- 22 May abortion providers experience a change of heart to promote life, rather than death
- 23 Those in the medical field need to allow God to guide their thoughts and hands in their work
- 24 Life is short--I need to use each day in the service of God
- 25 When I sin, I can always begin again and again and again
- 26 I need to respect the lives and opinions of others, especially those with whom I disagree
- 27 God's Plan is for me to live my life, whatever joys or struggles come my way
- 28 Life on earth is only the rehearsal for eternal life with the Father

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

POINTS TO PONDER:

Our Declarataion of Independence says we have inalienable rights of Life, Liberty, Pursuit of Happiness. Is my personal pursuit of liberty and happiness more important than someone else's right to life itself?

Ever wonder what the impact on the world would be if just one person had never existed? Watch Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life" where George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) wishes he were never born and gets to find out what an impact his life had on those around him. Consider the 63,000,000 unborn babies have been aborted in the USA in the last 48 years. Think of what could have been...

We all celebrate our birthday, one of the most notable times of our life, but what about when God started our life at the moment of conception-shouldn't we also celebrate our "LIFE DAY", the day it all began? Our birthday was just the next step.

LIFE RESOURCES

NH Right To Life (8 N. Main St Suite 8, Concord, NH 03301, 603-230-8136, web: nhrtl.org, email: life@nhrtl.org, Jason Hennessey President)

Leaven for the Loaf--a NH Pro-Life Blog by OLM parishioner Ellen Kolb (facebook, twitter, instagram, www.leavenfortheloaf.com). Great for up-to-date info on legislation under consideration in Concord and Washington

Formed.org website: "The Dignity of Life" with Paul Gray

Formed.org website: "The Fifth Commandment Promote the Culture of Life"Symbolon :pt 2 Session 10 Catholic Social teaching US Conference of Catholic Bishops: USCCB.org

ABORTION-legal in NH with virtually no limits or restrictions

**Abortion --a "choice" of who is allowed to be born and when, or refusing God's will?--God's call, not ours

If 405,000 ACCIDENTAL deaths in the USA over the past ONE year from Covid-19 is a crisis (which it surely is); what should we call 1,300,000 VOLUNTARY deaths from abortion PER YEAR FOR THE PAST 48 YEARS?

Gen 23:7: "the innocent and the just you shall not put to death"

Mt 25:40: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"

https://www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/issues/abortion

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Abortion # 2270-2275

40 Days For Life (pray to end abortion)--NH (web: 40daysforlife.com/manchester, email: 40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com, 978-226-3240

40 Days For Life (pray to end abortion)--Nat'l (Bryan, TX, 888-543-3316, web: 40daysforlife.com,email: info@40daysforlife.com, Shawn Carney, President))
Help for those who have had abortions:

www.hopeafterabortion.com

www.rachelsvineyard.org

EUTHANASIA ("mercy killing"-a person acts to cause another's involuntary death)--currently illegal in all 50 states

**Euthanasia--deciding which lives are "worth saving" and which "aren't worth saving"'?--God's call, not ours

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https://www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/issues/euthanasia

Catechism of the Catholic Church: Euthanasia # 2276-279

Formed.org website: Doctor doctor episode 148 "Euthanasia A Deficit of Love"

Formed.org website: Doctor doctor #46 Voluntary Euthanasia

ASSISTED SUICIDE (person wishes assistance to die)--currently illegal in NH, but brought up each year in Concord

**Assisted suicide--compassion and mercy or ending life on our timetable, rather than God's?--God's call, not ours

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Legal by law in 8 states (Calif, Colo, Hawaii, Maine, NJ, Oregon, Vermont, Wash) and Distr of Columbia. Legal by court ruiing in Montana.

Prohibited by law in 34 states; other states either have not addressed it or are considering.

https://www.catholicnh.org/community/public-issues/issues/endoflife

LEGISLATORS' CONTACT INFORMATION--Look up any NH state rep or senator at gencourt.state.nh.us NH Governor

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CAUSE	DEATHS
UScovid-19 (10 months)	405,000
holocaustjews	6,000,000
US murders(2019)	16,425
US traffic deaths(2020)	16,650
US civil war	500,000
USWWI	117,000
USWWII	405,000
USKorea	37,000
USVietnam	58,000
USall wars	960,000
US-abortions (1973-2020)	63,000,000