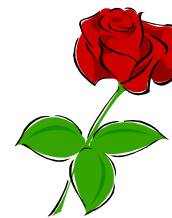


Life News



The Diocese of Little Rock

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“. . . the entirety of Catholic Social Doctrine rests on the understanding of the dignity of the human person.” John Paul II

Welcome!

This is the first of what is hoped to be a regular feature of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock. Our very own newsletter! No word yet on how often it will appear, but hopefully you will see us at least four times a year.

First and foremost, the Mass for Life this year is Sunday, January 20, again at the Little Rock Convention Center at 12:00 noon with Adoration and Rosary preceding the Mass.

Second, we have a date for this coming year’s Respect Life Conference: August 22 & 23. I have requested Fr. Pavone as a speaker. More on that later.

Point to Ponder

"If a principle is established by which some indisputable human lives do not warrant the protections traditionally associated with the dignity of the human person—because of their size, location, dependency, level of development, or burdensomeness to others—it would seem that there are numerous candidates for the application of that principle, beginning with the radically handicapped, both physically and mentally, not to mention millions of the aged and severely debilitated in our nation’s nursing homes."

Fr. Richard John Neuhaus

Look What We Have For You!

The Respect Life Office has a number of publications you might want to make use of in your work. Below is a list of some of them.

- The encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*
- A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions
- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Assignment for Arkansas
- USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities

In addition there are numerous pamphlets on all respect life topics, as well as videos and books in the pro-life library including new ones on stem cell research and end of life issues.

If there is something you are interesting in that is not listed, let us know and we can try to obtain it for you.

Speaking Engagements

If any of your parishes have need of a speaker for any meetings or events and would like to hear about any of the many issues addressed by the Respect Life Office, please let the Respect Life Office know and we will try to schedule a speaker for your group. It could be an RCIA group, a K of C event, school event, women’s group, etc. The talk can be tailored to the audience.

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Mass for Life 2008

Here is the information you will need:

Date: Sunday, January 20, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon

Celebrant and Homilist:

Msgr. Gaston J. Hebert
Diocesan Administrator

Place: Statehouse Convention Center Ballroom
Markham & Main in Little Rock

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
11:00 a.m. to noon

Rosary for Life: 11:30 a.m.

Prayer vigil and Exposition Saturday, Jan. 19
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sunday at
Cathedral of St. Andrew

Followed by the 30th Annual March for Life at
2:00 p.m. sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life at
Capitol and Louisiana in Little Rock

Chili Supper following the March, hosted by the
Knights of Columbus Council 6253 at 6253 Camp
Robinson Rd. in North Little Rock.

Note: If your parish participates in the vigil at
the Cathedral, please be sure that people know in
advance to sign up and that there will be a
number of worshippers for the two hours of
adoration assigned to your parish.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel support groups for those who seek
support, counseling, and/or reconciliation follow-
ing an abortion are offered through the Diocese.
Meetings are once a week for 11 weeks and pro-
grams begin in February and October. There are
three separate locations in the Diocese where the
program is offered in English and plans are
underway for Project Rachel to be offered in
Spanish in the future. Literature is available at
the Respect Life Office.

For information, call 501-664-0340, ext 357. All
messages and information are confidential.

Call for News!

If you have any Respect Life activities going
on in your parish, please let the Respect Life
Office know about them. We do like to know
what is happening and can help promote
them through this office and/or the Arkansas
Catholic if we know in advance. Even if we
are not aware in advance, please let us know
so we can keep track of them. Many of your
ideas are terrific and worth promoting to the
rest of the Diocese.

On the topic of activities, there are two
things I would like to take the opportunity to
promote.

The first is the Spiritual Adoption Program
which we talked at length about at our work-
shop in August. The Respect Life Office has
the program written up with good sample
cards for the program which are free for the
asking. The Spiritual Adoption Program costs
only the amount of printing the prayer cards.

The other program is the Crosses for Life
program which is made available, also for
free, from Benton County Right to Life. They
will schedule the display of 4,000 crosses
(the number of abortions performed each
day in the U.S.), deliver them to you any-
where in Arkansas, and help set them up for
a period of one month. Parishes which have
participated in the past are St. Raphael in
Springdale and St. John's and St. Mary's in
Hot Springs. Other parishes have helped
with the display when it was brought to their
area by other right to life groups. Christ the
King had a display of 4,000 pink and blue
flags provided for them by another group.
Both displays feature a large outdoor poster
explaining the meaning of the display. If you
are interested and need more information on
either of these programs, please contact the
Respect Life Office.

*** If you know anybody who should be on this mailing list, please contact the Respect Life Office
with the information. ***