



# *Word of Life*

*July 2013*

# Intercessions for Life July 2013

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## **July 7<sup>nd</sup>      FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For our nation:  
that we may again respect religious freedom, the sanctity of marriage,  
and the dignity of every human life;  
Let us pray:

## **July 14<sup>th</sup>      FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For the sick, the elderly and the dying:  
that the Lord give them comfort and hope  
through the gentle compassion of their caregivers;  
Let us pray:

## **July 21<sup>th</sup>      SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For couples who have been unable to conceive a child:  
that they find consolation in God's tender care  
and trust in his loving plan;  
Let us pray:

## **July 28<sup>th</sup>      SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For mothers broken by the memory of a child lost to abortion:  
that the gentle and merciful love of God may heal their hearts;  
Let us pray:

I would also say emphatically that we must all commit ourselves with clarity and courage to every human person, especially children, who are among the most vulnerable, that they might always be defended and protected.

~ Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli* Address, May 5, 2013

I ask everyone to continue to pay special attention to this most important issue of respect for human life from the moment of conception... safeguarding every human being from the very first moment of his or her existence.

~ Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli* Address, May 12, 2013

Let's pray for life and let's work to defend life. Every human life — from conception to natural death. Especially the lives of those who are weak and most vulnerable — the elderly, the sick, the handicapped, the child in the womb, the hungry and the poor.

~ Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, California, Speech to the Youth Rosary Rally of Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School, May 1, 2013.

“We must lift up the dignity of all human life – even for those convicted of the worst crimes, and work to transform our culture so that it respects the inherent dignity and value of all people.”

~ Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire, Bishop of Stockton and Chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, “Bishop Blaire Welcomes Repeal of Death Penalty in Maryland,” USCCB Press Release May 2, 2013

We are reminded that, as a gift from God, every human life is sacred, from conception until natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. ... The Kingdom of God is recognizing that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and thus are called to respect each other and the dignity of every human being.

~ Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Homily marking the beginning of Respect Life Month, October 4, 2012