



Word of Life

November 2012

Intercessions for Life November 2012

November 4th THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all elected officials:
that they support laws and policies
that respect the life, liberty and fundamental rights of all people;
We pray to the Lord:

November 11th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For military veterans,
especially those who have been killed or gravely injured while serving:
that their heroism and sacrifices will be honored
and the needs of the families of the fallen and disabled vets will be met;
We pray to the Lord:

November 18th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the poor:
that their physical and spiritual needs will be abundantly met
in ways that reflect their inherent dignity,
this Thanksgiving Day and always;
We pray to the Lord:

November 25th THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

For all educators:
that they lead others to the truth and love
that can only be found in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King;
We pray to the Lord:

“Our human dignity is inseparable from the sacredness of life as the gift of the Creator. In God’s plan, each person is unique and irreplaceable. A person comes into this world in a family, which is the first locus of humanization, and above all the first school of peace. To build peace, we need to look to the family, supporting it and facilitating its task, and in this way promoting an overall culture of life. The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!”

~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

Address at Meeting with Members of the Government in Lebanon, September 15, 2012

“It’s important for our own integrity and the integrity of our country that we stand up today against these and other attacks on our religious freedom. History affords many examples, both before and since America’s founding, where restraints on religious liberty presaged the denial of other human rights. By standing up for religious liberty now, we can begin to renew the soul of America and strengthen our nation’s commitment to all the rights and freedoms we enjoy as children of God. In so doing, we may also discover in our own lives what it means to be fully human.”

~ *Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia*

“Life Matters: Religious Liberty and the American Soul,” Respect Life Program 2012

“Relying only on charitable donations, the Christ-centered response of a pregnancy center is able to accomplish much even beyond saving a child’s life, a child who is created in God’s image and likeness and is destined for eternal life. No small thing! The daily work and ministry of the pregnancy center also channels God’s love to the child’s parents and family, bringing about an opportunity for evangelization, healing, restoration, better parenting, more marriages and adoptions, and, in the long term, healthier families.”

~ *Margaret H. (Peggy) Hartshorn, Ph.D.*

“Life Matters: Responding to Unplanned Pregnancy,” Respect Life Program 2012

“Catholic teaching recognizes the inherent value of all human life. We are indeed made in the image and likeness of God. As Catholics we celebrate and defend the sanctity of life in all of its natural stages. Each of us—regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability, or economic status—is inherently valuable. There is no stage of life that is insignificant. When every life is respected, when physicians, family members and other caregivers respond generously to the needs of vulnerable persons in their care, we all benefit.”

~ *William L. Toffler, MD*

“Life Matters: Doctor-Assisted Death by Suicide,” Respect Life Program 2012