



RESPECT LIFE NEW ORLEANS

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*America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!*
Katharine Lee Bates

Respect Life Topics

July—Conscience Protection
August—Mercy Behind Bars/Capital Punishment
September—Stem Cell and Human Cloning

Calendar

July —

June 29-July 2 - Annual Fast and Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty (see Capital Punishment topic)

2 - CMN First Friday Prayer Vigil to bear witness and grieve upcoming executions 3pm Online
<https://catholicismobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils>

5, 12, 19, 24 - Holy Rosary for America 6:30pm
St. Matthew the Apostle in River Ridge

6 - Feast Day of St. Maria Goretti patron saint of chastity, rape victims, teenage girls and forgiveness

11 - God's Special Children Mass 2pm St. Francis Xavier Church

12-16 - LA Right To Life PULSE Leadership Institute at Timothy Retreat Center in Baker. Contact Alex Seghers 866-463-5433 or ProLifePulseLa.com

15 - Rosary for Life 6pm St. Francis Xavier

25-31 - National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week "To Have, To Hold, To Know" <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

30-31 - CYO's Rose Rally For Life St. Angela Merici 504-836-0551 cyo@arch-no.org or www.cyo-no.org/

August —

1 - God's Special Children Mass

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Holy Rosary for America

19 - Rosary for Life

September —

6, 13, 20, 27 - Holy Rosary for America

9 - Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities
<https://www.usccb.org/events/2021/day-prayer-peace-our-communities>

12 - God's Special Children Mass

15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

16 - Rosary for Life

22-Oct. 31 - 40 Days for Life 40daysforlife.com/en/

25 - World Youth Day <https://www.cyo-no.org/>

Parish/School Spotlight

Congratulations to the students and families of **St. Clement of Rome School** for being highest fundraising school in the Woman's New Life Born To Run event. Team captain teacher **Jessica Macaluso** led the 176-member team to victory in raising \$4400 in this year's virtual run held in April. And this isn't their first time rising to the top as they have been either the top fundraising school or have had the largest team for the past four years! Way to Geaux!

We'd love to hear what your school and parish are doing for Life! Send us the details and you could be spotlighted in the next issue.

Announcements

Our Respect Life Symposium is back and we are **Jazzed for Life!**

Mark your calendars for October 30th as we come together with Respect Life parish coordinators, pastors, vicars, deacons, parishioners and all who are interested in pro-life issues.
8:30-11:30am CYO Gym 2241 Mendez St. in New Orleans behind Transfiguration of the Lord Church

Prayer and Liturgy

Do you know someone who is homebound? They can play a critical role in creating a culture of life. Prayer changes things. United in prayer, we can bring about God's kingdom on earth. "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

Please pray for the precious children awaiting adoption from our foster care system in Louisiana <https://www.adoptuskids.org/states/la/browse.aspx>

Pray for victims, their families, and those on death row and their families. Scheduled U.S. executions www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/upcoming-executions

Lord God, you alone have power to instill the spark of life, yet, you have made us stewards of creation. Help us to be faithful to this sacred trust so that we protect and promote the dignity of every human life from the moment of conception, particularly those human lives in their embryonic stage who are forgotten by society and used by modern science. May they be given full respect due all human life; may those entrusted to care for them protect them fully from all harm; and may they be given the opportunity to grow to the fullness in this life. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Conscience Protection & Religious Liberty

Respect Life webpage on Conscience Protection — nolacatholic.org/human-cloning-stem-cell-research

USCCB Conscience Protection — www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/conscience-protection

USCCB Religious Liberty — <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty>

USCCB Action Center — Needed actions on life policy issues votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns

USCCB Religious Freedom Week — Observed in June. Site provides prayers, reflections and actions to promote religious freedom in your parish throughout Conscience Protection month. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

USCCB Fortnight for Freedom — Educational video on religious freedom. usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/fortnight-freedom-videos

Human Life Action — Alerts on pro- and anti life policies and legislation. <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/>

International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance — Network of 32 countries (to date) committed to advancing freedom of religion around world. state.gov/international-religious-freedom-or-belief-alliance/

July 5, 12, 19, 26, . . . — Holy Rosary for America — Prayed 6:30pm every Monday St. Matthew the Apostle in River Ridge. Stephanie at 504-737-9776

Mercy Behind Bars

Respect Life Mercy Behind Bars — <https://nolacatholic.org/capital-punishment>

Archdiocese of New Orleans Prison Apostolate — Resource center and facilitator for those ministers involved in prison chaplaincy and education. Contact John Messenheimer jmessenheimer@ccano. 504-267-9727 nolacatholic.org/prisons-apostolate

CCANO Cornerstone Builders — Cornerstone Kids needs mentors, especially men, to help children with an incarcerated parent/relative and at-risk youth ages 9-17 build self-esteem. Re-Entry Services works with those at-risk for re-offending to reduce recidivism rates. Kristina Gibson kgibson@ccano.org 504-310-772 ccano.org/cornerstone/

Cornerstone Bus Project / NOLA to Angola — Stay tuned for future bus ride information. info@nolatoangola.org or nolatoangola.org/about-cornerstone-builders-bus-program/

Catholic Mobilizing Network — Watch video “Dignity and the Death Penalty” Sister Helen Prejean joins RENEW President Sister Terry Rickard, OP to discuss Catholic teaching on death penalty. <https://catholicmobilizing.org/dignity-and-death-penalty>

Mercy Behind Bars continued

USCCB Death Penalty — <https://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development/death-penalty-capital-punishment>

Catholic Prison Ministries Coalition — promotes ministry to those affected by incarceration. Recruits, trains, and supports those called to this ministry. <https://www.catholicprisonministries.org/>

Women Determined — Get your parish to adopt-a-lot or make start-up bundles for released prisoners. Rhonda Oliver rhonda@womendetermined.org 504-320-8352 womendetermined.org

Re-Entry Mediation Institute of La. — works to decrease recidivism rates and improve a person’s transition home from incarceration with sustainable support. ReEntryMediationInstitute@gmail.org 504-323-4590 <https://www.reentrymediation.org/>

Every Friday — Rosary on Death Row — Join death row inmate Eric Williams at 8pm as inmates around the nation pray the Sorrowful Mysteries catholicmobilizing.org/resource/rosary-death-row

June 29-July 2 — 28th Annual Fast and Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty — In-person on steps of SCOTUS and on-line facebook.com/fastandvigil/. Info at <https://catholicmobilizing.org/event/starvin-justice-annual-fast-vigil-abolish-death-penalty>

Stem Cell Research & Human Cloning

Respect Life on Stem Cell Research and Cloning — nolacatholic.org/human-cloning-stem-cell-research

USCCB on ethical stem cell research and dignity of the human person usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/stem-cell-research/adult-stem-cells

USCCB on morality of vaccines — usccb.org/prolife/vaccines-and-biomedical-research

LA Right To Life — Learn about protecting embryos, human cloning, ethical stem cell research and more prolifelouisiana.org/learn/protecting-embryos/

Stem Cell Research and Cloning Laws — prolifelouisiana.org/laws-elections/louisiana-pro-life-body-of-laws/stem-cell-research-cloning-related-laws/

Charlotte Lozier Institute — Stem Cell Research Facts — Resources and factual scientific info on how adult stem cells can address life-threatening/changing diseases and conditions stemcellresearchfacts.org/

Family Research Council — Research / educational organization providing policy research and analysis about family issues that affect the nation from a biblical worldview. Biotechnology info at frc.org/stem-cells-and-biotechnology and for the Report “Stem Cells, Cloning, and Human Embryos: Understanding the Ethics and Opportunity of Scientific Research” at <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF13E47.pdf>

Upcoming Events

- Sept 19 — **ACCESS Jazz Brunch** 11:30am
Audubon Tea Room. Make your reservations now!
Michelle Black 504-885-1141
- Sept 23 — **Respect Life Student Meeting** for high school pro-life club leaders and moderators 4:30–6pm Archbishop Aymond's residence
- October — **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**
- Oct — **Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month**
- Oct — **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- Oct 3 — **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**
- Oct 5 — **St. Vincent Infant and Maternity Guild Fall Luncheon and Mass** Doors open 10:30am Mass 11am Chateau Country Club
- Oct 8 — **Woman's New Life Gala for Life** 8-11pm
Riverboat City of New Orleans 400 Toulouse St.
<https://womansnewlife.com/life-gala-2021/>
- Oct 30 — **Jazzed for Life** Respect Life symposium for parish coordinators 8:30–11:30am CYO Gym
- Oct/TBD — **Aging Out of Foster Care Shower**
St. Joseph the Worker's Respect for Life Ministry
Brenda Williams 504-931-6990
- Nov — **National Adoption Month**
- Nov 5-7 — **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** for those hurting from abortion or miscarriage. All faiths are welcome. Cost \$230/person. Financial assistance is available. Full and partial sponsors for retreatants are always needed. Contact Pam Richard 504-460-9360 richj504@bellsouth.net or Donna Scheuermann 504-258-9183 donnas@1791.com
- Nov 5-7 — **PULSE Immersion Weekend** for Acadiana at Camp Stillwater. Contact Alex Seghers 866-463-5433 or ProLifePulseLa.com
- Dec 1 — **St. Vincent Infant and Maternity Guild Christmas Luncheon and Mass** Doors open 10:30am Mass 11am Metairie Country Club
- Jan 15 — **New Orleans Proudly Pro-Life Gala**
Hyatt Regency. Patron opportunities available.
<https://prolifelouisiana.org/gala>
- Jan 18-23 — **Archdiocese Youth Trip to March For Life** in Washington DC <https://www.cyo-no.org/>
- Jan 21 — **March For Life** in Washington DC
- Jan 24 — **Memorial for the Unborn** 12noon
St. Patrick No. 1 Cemetery
- Feb 1 — **St. Vincent Infant and Maternity Guild Bingo** Doors open 10:30am/Bingo 11am St. Matthew the Apostle Parish Center
- Spring — **ACCESS Springs To Life 50+ Years Ago Jubilee Celebration**

Action Alerts

Abortion Pill Reversal Disclosure Act HB 578 — Contact (Call AND Email) Governor John Bel Edwards to ask him to sign the Abortion Pill Reversal Disclosure Act to give hope to women who regret their chemical abortion decision. The Act gives a woman hope that could help her save the life of her baby! To date, Gov. Edwards has not signed the bill into law. Remind him he ran for office on a pro-life platform. He can be reached at 225-342-7015/866-366-1121 tweet [@louisianagov](https://twitter.com/louisianagov) / complete email forms at <https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/form/home/4> or <https://prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#/10> and Office of the Governor PO Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. Learn more about the Abortion Pill Reversal Disclosure Act at www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/apr

Hyde Amendment & Hyde-Related Policies — Week of June 28 the House Appropriations Committee will mark-up two bills which eliminated three decades-old bipartisan policies preventing taxpayer dollars to be spent on abortions. USCCB Pro-Life Activities Committee chair Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann and International Justice & Peace Committee chair Bishop David J. Malloy stated "... [We] call on Appropriations Committee and all members of Congress to protect taxpayers from having to pay for the evil of abortion, and to instead use our tax dollars for the common good and welfare of all." Over the next few weeks, the Committee will vote on other bills namely the Labor/Health and Human Services bill that is expected to exclude the Hyde Amendment which along with other Hyde-related policies, keep *billions* of taxpayer dollars from being used for abortions in U.S. and worldwide. Do NOT let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life! Call, email, and sign petitions today telling the Biden administration, your Congressman and Senators to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies in these appropriations bills, and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/abortion> - and <https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion> - <https://www.sba-list.org/newsroom/press-releases/house-dems-latest-spending-bill-funds-abortion-overseas-pros-up-global-abortion-industry> - prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#/6 - and <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/>

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act H.R. 619 — Bill has been introduced again in the House to protect babies from infanticide who are born alive after surviving an attempted abortion but a vote is being blocked. Your action is needed - urge Congress to sign the discharge petition that will allow this vote. Track the Act on Rep. Scalise's site: republicanwhip.gov/endinginfanticide/ Learn more usccb.org/prolife/born-alive-abortion-survivors-protection-act Send email www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/

The Equality Act — is coming up for a vote in the Senate soon and must be opposed; it will discriminate against people of faith and punish faith-based organizations, force girls/women to compete against boys/men in sports, and more. Tell our senators to oppose it. www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/

Respect Life on Public Policy — <https://nolacatholic.org/public-policy>

Resources

Respect Life Program — The 2020-2021 Respect Life program theme is “**Live the Gospel of Life**”. We are “to imitate Christ and follow in His footsteps”. For resources www.respectlife.org.

USCCB Word of Life — Monthly features, bulletin quotes, intercessions for life, and downloadable images. In English and Spanish. Check frequently for new month www.respectlife.org/word-of-life
<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/word-life>

Catholic Charities CCANO — Various service programs addressing RL issues including abuse/violence, adoption/foster care, pregnancy, persons with disabilities, human dignity and more.
<https://www.ccano.org/program-directory/>

Choose the Child — Footprints for Life K-12 program covers RL topics age-appropriately in discussions, activities and Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Natasia Kissinger ntkissinger@gmail.com 504-339-5384 ChoosetheChild.com/monthlyfocus

Ongoing RL Activities

1st Sundays — God’s Special Children Mass — Mass for children with disabilities, their families and friends on 1st Sundays of each month at 2:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Rd 504-834-0340 godsspecialchildren.org/

Every Monday — Holy Rosary for America — Rosary prayed in church or at statue of Mary in front of church at 6:30pm every Monday at St. Matthew the Apostle on Jefferson Hwy. River Ridge. For more information call Stephanie at 504-737-9776.

2nd Tuesdays — Sarah’s Laughter-The Guy’s Side — Support group for men suffering with infertility or loss by miscarriage, stillbirth or adoption. Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly 7:00pm. Contact Brian McCollister mens@sarahs-laughter.com or Philip Dunbar Philip@sarahs-laughter.com for info.

3rd Wednesdays — Sarah’s Laughter Infertility & Loss Support Group — Facilitated meetings for couples and those suffering with infertility or loss of a child. 3rd Wed. monthly 6:30pm Metairie United Methodist Church 3741 Pontiac St. Allison Waldron allison@sarahs-laughter.com or sarahs-laughter.com

3rd Thursdays — Rosary for Life — St. Francis Xavier holds a Rosary for Life on 3rd Thursday monthly 6pm Memorial Garden for the Unborn, 444 Metairie Rd.. Carol cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com

2nd Mondays — HALOS Healing After Loss to Overdose or Suicide — Ministry support group for parents and those dealing with loss of loved one from overdose or suicide. Moderated by Deacon Schneider. Open to all faiths. 2nd Monday monthly 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary Slidell 504-621-7864

Policy & Legislation

USCCB Alerts votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns

Congressional Actions Alerts <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/>

National Right To Life www.nrlc.org/takeaction/

LA Right To Life prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#

LRTL LA Legislature prolifelouisiana.org/session/

Live Action Network www.liveaction.org/news/

Heartbeat International pregnancyhelpnews.com

Susan B. Anthony List sba-list.org/action-center

Voter Registration www.dmv.org/la-louisiana/voter-registration.php

How to Contact Your Legislators and Leaders www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/

Sidewalk Ministries

Please join one or more of these Sidewalk Presence Ministries at local abortion clinics to give witness and pray for babies and their mothers. Learn how to be a prayerful presence at: youtube.com/watch?v=75BmhrHBVml&feature=youtu.be

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer Ministry — 20 decade Rosary March on sidewalk at Planned Parenthood 2nd Saturdays each month 9:00-10:30am. For safety, a detail policeman is there. Pam Richard 504-460-9360 richj504@bellsouth.net

Women’s Health Center, 2701 General Pershing —
* Wilson Breaux’s Pro life Lay Apostolate xr89k@yahoo.com Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8-10:30am; Saturdays either Women’s Center or Planned Parenthood
* St. Edward Confessor Wednesdays 8:30-10:30am
* St. Angela Merici 2nd Thursday each month 9:30-10:30am
* Good Shepherd Parish Saturdays 11-11:30am

Planned Parenthood, 4636 S Claiborne Ave. —
* St. Patrick’s RL Committee Saturdays 9:00am
* Monday Night Disciples (a men’s Catholic group) Saturdays 9:15am Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross
* Immaculate Conception RL Committee 3rd Sat. each month 9:15am on neutral ground across street
* St. Benilde Parish RL Saturdays 9:30am-10:30am
* KCs of St. Ann Catholic Church Saturdays 10am
* Our Lady of Divine Providence RL Saturdays 10:15-11:30am

Deanz Clinic, 5437 Crowder Blvd. N.O. East —
* Resurrection of Our Lord, St. David, & St. Mary of the Angels Wednesdays & Fridays 7:15-8:15am joyce.carriere77@yahoo.com

