

Justice, Peace and Life

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH



St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” -Pope Francis

During this Respect Life Month, let us work hard to protect life at all stages, from the first moment to the last.

Speak Out Against Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

“Taxpayer dollars should NOT pay for abortion. The majority of Americans agree with this - both Democrats and Republicans.

For 45 years, the Hyde amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortion.

The Hyde amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976, whether the Congress and the White House were led by Republicans or Democrats.” -U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Please sign the online petition asking Congress to use taxpayer funds to pay for abortion. www.notaxpayerabortion.com

End the Federal Death Penalty

Ask President Biden to

- Declare an official moratorium on executions at the federal level
- Commute the sentences of all those currently on the federal death row
- Advocate to end the death penalty in law with Congress and the states

Sign the petition here:

www.catholicmobilizing.org/biden-end-federal-dp

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

“If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn’t ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? The answer can be summed up in an old adage: We have two ears and one mouth, and should use them in that proportion.

Although the first instinct may be to convince her that abortion ends a baby’s life, hearing facts is not the first thing she needs. Research shows that many women in a pregnancy crisis think, “This is the end of my life as I know it.” To face the challenges before her, your friend needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone.

First listening to your friend will help build trust and facilitate openness. Eventually, when she knows you truly care about her and she trusts you, you can share the truth in love. You can share facts about abortion, her own intrinsic worth, and the practical help and support available so she can choose life for herself and her baby.” **Read more on this at: www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e**

MAKE THE CALL!

Don’t just sign petitions—that’s easy! Take the next step and call your elected officials to express your opinion on these issues.

U.S. Capitol switchboard
202- 224-3121

White House comment line
202-456-1111



**WE'RE ALL PART OF
GOD'S PLAN(ET)**



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

**September 1– October 4
(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)**

Respect Life by Protecting our Common Home

We can't claim to "respect life" if we don't work to protect the future of the planet and all its inhabitants. The climate crisis is already taking the lives of hundreds of thousands of people through extreme weather and drought and causing the suffering of millions more.

Join with Christians around the world in reflecting and acting on the call to protect God's creation. See www.seasonofcreation.org

*Sign the Catholic Climate Petition for individuals

Send a message to U.S. leaders: A Catholic appeal to work together to boldly protect our common home and our future by clicking here: godsplanet.us/catholic-climate-petition-individuals

*Learn about Carbon Fee and Dividend, also called **Cashback Carbon Pricing**, on YouTube at this [link](#). It's a brilliant policy to place a steadily increasing fee on fossil fuel while then distributing the money collected to U.S. households. It incentivizes industry to transition to clean energy sources and encourages all of us to reduce our use coal, gas and oil. That's a huge step towards addressing climate change.

And one more reminder..... Racism is a Life Issue

"The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life.



It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness.

As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue."

-Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

A "novel" way to be anti-racist- Buy books for yourself, your kids, and your grandkids that educate on the experiences of people of color. Go to: [28 great kids' books about Black history](#) and mahoganybooks.com

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