

CENTER FOR LIFE

The Center will act as the pro-life center, which will coordinate and animate all pro-life activities within the Parish/Mission. Constituted by pro-life families in the Parish/Mission, the center will provide factual information, moral teaching, and motivation to young people on various life issues. The center will reach out to families; provide support especially with difficult end-of-life decisions. The center will provide counseling and spiritual assistance that supports those facing difficulties related to pregnancy and parenting, including engaged or married couples who may have concerns about the health of their future offspring.



MISSIONARIES FOR LIFE

The main objective of this program is to identify and train individuals who are ready to commit for the value of life. Through their life witness and dedicated efforts, these individuals make a deep impact in the society in a profound way. They assume missionary roles by spreading the message of life in their parish and to a broader community. They exercise their responsibility "in season and out of season" (cf. 2 Tm 4:2)

LIFE SUNDAY

Life Sunday will be a time of prayer specifically for those threatened by the culture of death and a day to acknowledge and defend the right to life. "The celebration of this Day should be planned and carried out with the active participation of all sectors of the local Church. Its primary purpose should be to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church and in civil society a deep rooted recognition of the the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition." (Evangelium Vitae)



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Organize Adoration and Intercession for Life
- 40 hour Adoration starting on Friday evening ending Sunday morning.
- Rosary for life, procession to grotto if possible
- Show pro-life video and short movies like Tree of life.
- Poster exhibition, PowerPoint presentation,
- Debates and discussion on Life issues
- Decorating Holy Family picture in families
- Decorating Church and homes with Bible versus on value of Life
- Doing a Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary immediately after/before Mass
- Circulating leaflets or CDs or other prolife materials
- Having thematic presentations to build the culture of life: value of unborn life, contraception, NFP, need for more children, respecting and taking care of elders.
- Circulating our lady's or Holy family's statue in Ward prayers / family units.
- Group study on Humanae Vitae and Evangelium Vitae.
- Appreciate people with more kids.
- Youth group, kids and families could go visit abortion clinic and involve in their activities
- Distribution of pro-life books like "Unplanned", "The Hand of God".
- Raise money for local women's center; bake sale with the involvement of parish youth
- Poster exhibition on pro-life.
- Introduce Pro life Saints:
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe • St. Gianna Molla
 - St. Elizabeth • St. Maximilian Kolbe • St. Joseph
 - St. Gerard Majella • Blessed Miguel Pro
 - St. Faustina



"To have life and have it abundantly" Jn.10:10



All together, we must build a
Culture of Life
Evangelium Vitae

Respect
Protect
Love
Serve **Life**



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LIFE IS ALWAYS GOOD

Life is a gift, a great gift of the Creator. It is the very life of God which is shared with us. It is a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility. The life of every individual, from its very beginning, is part of God's plan. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5)

Life is always good. This life which God offers to man is a gift by which God shares something of himself with his creatures. Life is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory. In Jesus, the "Word of life", God's eternal life is thus proclaimed and given.

God therefore is the sole Lord of this life: man cannot do with it as he wills. The deepest element of God's commandment to protect human life is the requirement to show reverence and love for every person and the life of every person. To defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for it, is a task which



God entrusts to every man, calling him as his living image to share in his own lordship over the world.

We too are called to give our lives for our brothers and sisters, and thus to realize in the fullness of truth the meaning and destiny of our existence. So, the Church issues a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!

“Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.”

~ Pope Francis ~

YOU SHALL NOT KILL

Unfortunately, we live in times in which life has been robbed of this great mystery. Contraception, sterilization, abortion, and euthanasia are great evils that threaten the glorious gift that God himself breathed into us. We face a culture of death that promulgates a disordered meaning of life and living. The eclipse of the sense of God and of man. This is an era of massive attacks on life, an endless series of wars and a continual taking of innocent human life: "a conspiracy against Life"...



"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

~ Blessed Mother Teresa ~

4LIFE MINISTRY

"What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life" (Evangelium Vitae). In an effort to answer this call, Jesus Youth USA under the patronage of the St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago and the SyroMalankara Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in the USA, present the 4Life Ministry.



The ministry is envisioned to build a community that celebrates, respects and defends the fullness of life entrusted to us by our heavenly Father.

4life ministry aims to train 'Missionaries of Life' by enabling families to be 'Sanctuaries of Life' and accompanying youth to

“I CAME SO THAT ALL MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.” JOHN 10:10

NEW CULTURE OF LIFE

However, we are “the people of life and the people for life”, and thus we have a responsibility to promote and proclaim life.



Pope Francis says, “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 for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you.”

"The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies.

~ Blessed John Paul II ~

'walk as children of light.' “The role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable. As the domestic church, the family is summoned to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of life” (Evangelium Vitae). Young people also have an important place, “trained in true freedom, they are to preserve for themselves and make known to others new, authentic ideals of life, and grow in respect for and service to every other person, in the family and in society” (Evangelium Vitae). The ministry is also determined to coordinate the efforts to protect, sustain, and nurture human life, and provide leadership for pro-life education within the Catholic community and society as a whole.



"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves.

~ Vatican Council II ~