



2014 has been filled with much controversy in our Catholic faith, lives continue to be lost due to abortion, assisted and voluntary suicide, unthinkable scientific experiments of human life, and threats to the family unit as we know it. Yet, through it all, we remain hopeful. The 40 Days for Life Spring and Fall campaigns saved hundreds of lives from abortion, one abortion facility in Indianapolis closed, a new Women's Care Clinic has opened in Indianapolis and your generosity in helping the Holy Rosary Pro-Life Ministry has been most appreciated. All issues of Life Notes are now on the parish website, www.holyrosaryindy.org. Please share with your family and friends. We look forward to 2015 as we continue to present relevant information from conception until natural death.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2015 from all of us of the Holy Rosary Pro-Life Ministry!

January – Abortion For reflection - Where were you on January 22, 1973? What have you done to reverse what happened that day? For those of you not yet born on that date, what are you doing today to promote life from conception until natural death?

February – Chastity The Chastity Project - a ministry of Jason and Crystalina Evert that promotes the virtue of chastity through seminars, resources, clubs, and social media (chastityproject.com). A Promise to Keep - a special program of the Office of Catholic Education that helps to educate adolescents on the benefits of chastity and the gift of human sexuality (<http://oce.archindy.org/a-promise-to-keep.aspx>).

March – A Youth's Perspective – Gabriel Project Prayer for Mothers in the Gabriel Project - Dear Lord Jesus, You said, "Peace is what I leave you. It is my own peace that I give you." We ask you now, dear Jesus, to give us the gift of your Divine Peace. Thank you, Lord. Isaiah said of you, Lord Jesus, "He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young." We pray today, Jesus, that the Holy Rosary Gabriel Mothers may experience your infinite kindness and tenderness towards mothers and children. May they experience your protection and faithfulness, themselves and their babies, every day. May their path today and every day be fragrant with your loving kindness. May they know your great love for them and for their unborn child. Bless all the Holy Rosary Gabriel Angels and all who assist with this project. Send your Holy Spirit to guide all and lead all Holy Rosary Gabriel Mothers and their babies along the best pathway for their lives. Amen

April – Domestic Violence *What does the Catholic Church teach about domestic violence?* The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that "violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form - physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well."

May – Bullying God Loves You - Bullying can make us feel very alone and like no one is standing beside us. Yet, God is always with us. In these moments where everything seems bleak and when we feel most alone, He is there to sustain us.

June – Freedom "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

July – Stem Cells "Science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes. Each can draw the other into a wider world, a world in which both can flourish... We need each other to be what we must be, what we are called to be." - St. John Paul II

August – Cloning Glorious St. Albert, guide to good purpose the inventors and scientists. Intercede for modern science and technology to be used responsibly and ethically in the service of life, justice and peace. Amen.

September – Refugees The Church hears the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land, of families forcefully separated, of those who, in the rapid changes of our day, are unable to find a stable home anywhere. She senses the anguish of those without rights, without any security, at the mercy of every kind of exploitation, and she supports them in their unhappiness. [We are called to work] so that every person's dignity is respected, the immigrant is welcomed as a brother or sister, and all humanity forms a united family which knows how to appreciate with discernment the different cultures which comprise it. - St. John Paul II, Message for World Migration Day 2000

October - Catholic Voting *What does the Catholic Church teach about voting?* Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges (CCC, 240). It is not only civil authorities who have responsibility for a country. "Service of the common good requires citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community" (CCC, 2239). This means citizens should participate in the political process at the ballot box. The 5 Non-Negotiable Issues: These 5 issues concern actions that are intrinsically evil & must never be promoted by the law: 1) Abortion, 2) Euthanasia, 3) Embryonic Stem Cell Research, 4) Human Cloning, 5) Homosexual "Marriage." Please refer to Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics at catholic.com.

November – Ethical Alternatives

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **December 11 - Survivors of Suicide Monthly Support Group** - Second Thursday of Each Month

An ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide and for those who seek to understand the causes and prevention of suicide is held at St. Mark Catholic Church the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held in the Media Center at St. Mark Catholic School, 541 East Edgewood Avenue, Indianapolis. For further information, please contact Judy Proctor at (317) 851-8344 or visit www.hopeandhealing.com.

- **December 17 - Respect Life Mass - Terre Haute**

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, the St. Joseph Pro-life Ministry joins in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:30 pm prior to the 5:15 pm Respect Life Mass. Immediately following Mass, the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry has a bi-monthly meeting in the St. Joseph Parish meeting room from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. All are welcome! The location of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Respect Life Mass is at St. Joseph University Parish, 113 S. Fifth St., Terre Haute. For more information, message Connie Kehl Fitch: email drmeathead@yahoo.com or call (812) 232-6517

- **December 20 - Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigils**

This event is held every 3rd Saturday of the month beginning with participants joining the St. Michael the Archangel Church congregation at 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222 for the 8:30 am Mass. Following Mass, participants will prayerfully proceed to the nearby abortion facility and pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The devotions conclude between 10:30-10:45 am. Those who do not process to the facility may remain in the church to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event is sponsored by St. Michael's Parish. Contact Peggy Geis at peggygeis@att.net for more information.

- **January 22, 2015 - Local Solemn Observance of Roe v Wade**

Please join us on Thursday, January 22, 2015, for the annual Archdiocesan Local Solemn Observance of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Observance will begin with Mass at 12 noon at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral followed by a prayerful procession along Meridian Street. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for those who wish to remain in the Cathedral. The Observance will conclude with Benediction at 2:30 pm in the Cathedral. **Please note:** *There will be very limited parking at the Catholic Center and the Cathedral. Additional paid parking may be available at Methodist Hospital Visitor Center Parking and other nearby paid public parking lots. Please plan to arrive early.* For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ricke at 317-236-1551 or ericke@archindy.org.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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