



*Office of Marriage and Family Life  
Office of Human Life & Dignity*

### **Bulletin Announcements for May 2019**

Included in this mailing, please find the bulletin announcements and fliers for the **month of May for the Offices of Marriage and Family Life & Human Life and Dignity**. Please consider adding any announcements to your bulletin that your parishioners may be interested.

If your parish has Marriage and Family Life or Human Life & Dignity events you want other parishes to know about, please submit them to Keri Carroll by e-mail. We will be in contact with you regarding your request. You may also contact Keri if there are any fliers and brochures listed below that you would like printed and mailed to you. Keri can be reached at (317)-236-1521 [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org).

Please visit [www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/BulletinsAndNewsletters.html](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/BulletinsAndNewsletters.html) for the PDF version of these announcements.

Thank you!

### **Word of Life Bulletin Series and Intercessions from USCCB**

English: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Word-of-Life-2019-05.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Palabra-de-Vida-2019-05.pdf>



# For Any or All Weekends in May

- **Pastoral Ministries**

- **Summer 2019 Energy Audit Program for Parishes and Schools:**

The Archindy Creation Care Committee is inviting parishes and schools to participate in an Energy Audit Program this summer. A small group (up to 10 parishes) will be selected for an in-depth Sustainability Pilot program at no cost to the parish or school. **More details can be found [here](#).** To register your parish, please contact Deacon Mike Braun at [mbraun@archindy.org](mailto:mbraun@archindy.org) or 317-236-1531.

Additionally, the Creation Care Committee is announcing opportunities for parish and schools to save energy, save money, and to live Laudato Si'. All are invited to participate in the a workshop entitled "Using Energy Prudently in Sacred Sapes." (A modest fee may be charged to cover the cost of materials.) For those parishes/schools that are served by Indianapolis Power and Light, a free energy assessment can be arranged. For questions about the programs, contact Rosemary Spalding ([rgspalding@spaldinglaw.net](mailto:rgspalding@spaldinglaw.net)) or John Mundell ([jmundell@mundellassociates.com](mailto:jmundell@mundellassociates.com), or (317) 630-9060 ext. 111.)

- **Catholic Distance University**

CDU is partnering with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to provide high quality online certificates and courses in adult faith formation. The online option from CDU allows the Archdiocese to provide solid formation and certification delivered in a convenient, flexible, and adult-friendly format. This partnership also permits members of the Indianapolis Archdiocese to experience CDU noncredit seminars and noncredit Catechism courses at a discounted tuition rate of \$75 per seminar or course. Members are also invited to obtain any of CDU's noncredit certificates. The required courses and seminars offer a systematic approach to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith. Click below to learn more about the various noncredit certificates. As a subsidy partner you can take the required seminars and courses for a discounted tuition rate.

**[Registration is now open for 2019 Summer and Fall Courses](#)**. First day of class is May 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes are 8 weeks long unless otherwise noted. Registration.

- **Office of Marriage and Family Life Events**

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# **Marriage & Family Life – Gabriela Ross**

**[www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily)**

## **Parenting Program Video Series:**

We are excited to announce that our 4-part parenting series, with 2 stand-alone parenting videos is up and running and free of charge on our website: [www.archindy.org/parenting](http://www.archindy.org/parenting). For more information, please contact Keri Carroll by phone at (317) 236-1521 or by [email](#).

## **April 23-June3, 2019: Seasons of Hope – Bereavement Support Group – St. Mary's, Greensburg.**

St. Mary, (1331 Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg 47240- Entrance Door #7) will offer a six-week evening sessions starting **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** (omitting Monday, Memorial Day Weekend) of Seasons of Hope 6:30 – 8:30 PM in St. Mary's meeting room. If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group offers prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship. Come and be comforted.

If you are interested in attending this program, please call the **Parish Office (812) 663-8427** and leave your name and phone number. You are welcome to bring a friend.

## **August 16-18, 2019: Worldwide Marriage Encounter – New Albany, IN**

Great Marriages make great Families! "We must reaffirm the right of children to grow up in a family with a father and a mother." ~Pope Francis, April 11, 2014~

On **August 16-18** join others at Mount St. Francis Centre for Spirituality (101 St. Anthony Drive, New Albany, IN 47146) for a time of "Restore ~ Refresh ~ Renew" – Please give our spouse a gift that will last for years to come by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make 2019 the year you reconnect intimately. **Upcoming dates: November 1-3** (Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.)

**[Flyer](#)**

## **August 9-11, 2019: Retrouvaille Retreat, Tipton, IN**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue, or have you stopped talking to each other? Do you wonder if your marriage might end?

A Retrouvaille retreat for marriages in crisis will be held at the St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center, (1440 West Division Road, Tipton, IN – Diocese of Lafayette) on August 9-11<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more about the program or to register for the August 9-11<sup>th</sup> weekend and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or [www.retrouvaille.com](http://www.retrouvaille.com). For confidential information e-mail [Retrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:Retrouvaille@gmail.com) or call (317) 489-6811. **[Flyer](#)**

## **August 25, 2018: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee**



The Office of Marriage and Family Life invites all married couples of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who will celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2019 to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee. This joyful celebration will take place on **August 25, 2019** at 2:00 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Monsignor William Stumpf, and will be followed by a reception across the street at the Catholic Center in Assembly Hall. The event is free of charge, but **registration is required**. For more information about the event or to register, please visit <http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html>. **Registration deadline is August 19, 2019.** If you have questions, please contact Keri Carroll at [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org) or (317) 236-1521.

## **25 de Agosto, 2019: Jubileo de bodas de oro del trigésimo sexto aniversario**

La Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar invita a todas las parejas casadas de la Arquidiócesis de Indianapolis que celebrarán 50 años de matrimonio en 2019 hasta el 36º Aniversario Anual de la Boda de Oro. Esta alegre celebración tendrá lugar el 25 de agosto de 2019 a las 2:00 p.m. en Ss. Peter y Paul Cathedral. La misa será celebrada por el Rev. Monseñor William Stumpf, y será seguida por una recepción al otro lado de la calle en el Centro Católico en el Salón de la Asamblea. El evento es gratuito, pero es necesario registrarse. Para obtener más información sobre el evento o para registrarse, visit [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html). La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 19 de agosto de 2019. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Keri Carroll en [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org) o (317) 236-1521.



### **Save the Date: September 10, 2019: 2019 Annual Mission Day – Bruised & Wounded**



Recognizing that there is still a stigma, in both the Christian and secular world, surrounding death by suicide, Fr. Rolheiser takes his spiritual understanding of the woundedness of those whose lives end in this pain, and “breathes out the compassion and peace of God” in his book, *Bruised and Wounded*.

Many, many people in the world have been touched by suicide. Fr. Rolheiser’s writings provide hope, consolation, and empathy to those left behind.

Join us on **September 10, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm** at The Atrium-Carson Plus Shopping Center (3143 Thomson Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227) to hear keynote speaker Fr. Ronald Rolheiser explain the struggles of understanding suicide.

[Registration](#)

[Printable Flyer](#)

### **Engaged Couples Announcement in Criterion**

Engagement announcements for couples who are planning to be married by a Catholic priest between July 2019 and February 2020 will be published in a July edition of *The Criterion*. Couples who were married by a Catholic priest in recent months may announce their marriage if an engagement announcement was not published in *The Criterion*. The Wedding announcement form is available online at [www.archindy.org/criterion](http://www.archindy.org/criterion) by selecting “Send Us Information” from the menu on the left side of the screen, then choosing “Wedding Announcements.” An engagement or wedding photo may be submitted by e-mail to [cclark@archindy.org](mailto:cclark@archindy.org). Digital photos must be clear, high-resolution images with the couple close together. Photos can also be mailed to Cindy Clark, 1400 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. To receive the photo back, include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Due to print quality, Xerox copies of photos will not be accepted. There is no charge for engagement or marriage announcements.

### **May 31-June 1, 2019: Pre-Cana Conference – St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis**



The Pre-Cana conference is a 1 or 1.5 day workshop (depending on location) that uses the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*. This program prepares couples to live a Joy-filled marriage, and addresses the issues and challenges engaged couples face today. Heavily rooted in Pope St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, the program has two basic components- Life Skills and Catechetical. It will be held at **St. Michael the Archangel (3354 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis IN 46222 in St. John room in the Parish Life Center)**. First day takes place from **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**. Second day goes from **9 am - 4 pm**. Click here [To Register](#) or visit [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) to see other Pre-Cana dates for the 2019 year.

### **June 22, 2019: Pre-Cana Conference – en Español – St. Bartholomew, Columbus**



The Pre-Cana conference is a 1 day workshop (depending on location) that uses the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*. This program prepares couples to live a Joy-filled marriage, and addresses the issues and challenges engaged couples face today. Heavily rooted in Pope St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, the program has two basic components- Life Skills and Catechetical. It will be held at **St. Bartholomew, (1306 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201)**. First day takes place from **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**. Second day goes from **9 am - 4 pm**. Click here [To Register](#) or visit [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) to see other Pre-Cana dates for the 2019 year.

### **22 de junio de 2019: Conferencia de Pre-Cana - en Español - San Bartolomé, Columbus**



La conferencia de Pre-Caná es un taller de un 1 día que utiliza el Programa “Matrimonio Lleno de Alegría.” Este programa prepara a las parejas para vivir un matrimonio lleno de alegría y aborda los temas y retos que enfrentan las parejas comprometidas. Basado en la *Teología del Cuerpo* del Papa San Juan Pablo II, el programa tiene dos componentes básicos: Habilidades para la vida y Catequesis. Se llevará a cabo en San Bartolomé, (1306 27th Street, Columbus, IN 47201) segundo de 9 am a 4 pm. Haga clic aquí para registrarse o visite [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) para ver otras fechas de Pre-Cana para el año 2019.

### **August 23-24, 2019: Pre-Cana Conference – St. Matthew, Indianapolis**



The Pre-Cana conference is a 1 or 1.5 day workshop (depending on location) that uses the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*. This program prepares couples to live a Joy-filled marriage, and addresses the issues and challenges engaged couples face today. Heavily rooted in Pope St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, the program has two basic components- Life Skills and Catechetical. It will be held at **St. Matthew (4100 East 56<sup>th</sup>, Indianapolis IN 46220 in the Community Room)**. First day takes place from **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**. Second day goes from **9 am - 4 pm**. Vigil Mass at **5:00 pm**. Click here [To Register](#) or visit [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) to see other Pre-Cana dates for the 2019 year.

### **October 5, 2019: Pre-Cana Conference – St. Agnes, Nashville**



The Pre-Cana conference is a 1 or 1.5 day workshop (depending on location) that uses the *Joy-Filled Marriage Program*. This program prepares couples to live a Joy-filled marriage, and addresses the issues and challenges engaged couples face today. Heavily rooted in Pope St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, the program has two basic components- Life Skills and Catechetical. It will be held at **St. Agnes (1008 McLary Road, Nashville, IN 47448.)** First day takes place from **6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**. Second day goes from **9 am - 4 pm**. Vigil Mass at **5:00 pm**. Click here [To Register](#) or visit [www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) to see other Pre-Cana dates for the 2019 year.



## **Human Life & Dignity – Brie Anne Varick**

To Learn more about the Ministries of Human Life & Dignity office visit the following webpages:

**[www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity)**

**[Birthline Ministry webpage](#)**

**[Health Ministry webpage](#)**

**[Mental Health webpage](#)**

**[Substance Addiction Ministry \(SAM\) webpage](#)**

**[Hospice and Palliative Care webpage](#)**

**[Corrections Ministry webpage](#)**

**[Observance of Roe vs. Wade](#)**

**[Religious Freedom webpage](#)**

**[Project Rachel webpage](#)**

### **Birthline–Volunteers Needed**



*Birthline is a ministry of the Office of Human Life & Dignity which provides baby layettes for needy families.*

#### **Birthline's current needs:**

- New or gently used clothing (pants, shirts, pajamas, shoes, dresses and jackets) for **girls and boys sizes 24 months – 2-Toddler, receiving blankets and books for toddlers**. Donations are received **only on Monday or Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the Catholic Center (1400 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46202 – at the door on the north side of the building – ring the doorbell.)
- **Volunteers** to help on Monday and Wednesday at the Catholic Center to prepare layettes and assist clients. Training is provided.

If you are available to help in this ministry please contact Jená Hartman, Birthline Coordinator, at (317) 236-1433 or **[jhartman@archindy.org](mailto:jhartman@archindy.org)**.

### **Rachel Vineyard Healing Retreats**

If you are suffering after abortion, you may feel very alone. You may have experienced abortion many years ago and never told anyone. You may be struggling with a more recent abortion. Regardless of the circumstances, healing is possible. If you would like to learn or to register for a retreat, please contact (317) 452-0054 or **[www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/past-abortion.html](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/past-abortion.html)**. For more information regarding Rachel's Vineyard Retreats visit: **[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**. Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

**[Register Here](#)** or visit **[www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/ministries-health.html](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/ministries-health.html)** to register.

### **May 11 2019: Healer's Day of Reflection**

Calling all healing professions! On Saturday, May 11th from 1:00 – 6:00 pm the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul (1347 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202) will be hosting a day of reflection for all those involved in the medical professions (e.g. doctors, nurses, pts, therapists and counselors, dentists, dietitians, med student, etc!).

Lunch will be provided and the day will end with the 5 pm Vigil Mass. Cost is \$15 (scholarships are available).

More information, contact Theresa Inoue at [tinoue@archindy.org](mailto:tinoue@archindy.org) or (317) 236-1569.

[Registration](#)

[Printable Flyer](#)

### **May 31-June 2, 2019: Rachel Vineyard Healing Retreat**

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held in the Greater Lafayette area on May 31 – June 2, 2019 for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt or shame after abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat or register for this retreat you can contact our Project Rachel Team at our confidential line (317) 452-0054 or [projectrachel@archindy.org](mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org). For general information about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential. Due to the nature of this retreat, the location is kept confidential until participants register. Visit [www.humanlifeanddignity/past-abortion.html](http://www.humanlifeanddignity/past-abortion.html).

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### **June 22-29, 2019: Religious Freedom Week – “Strength in Hope”**

Religious Freedom Week 2019: “Strength in Hope” takes place from June 22 to 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This year's Religious Freedom Week is also notable in that it includes the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The theme for this year is Strength in Hope. It is taken from the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity:

*In the pilgrimage of this life, hidden with Christ in God and free from enslavement to wealth, they aspire to those riches which remain forever and generously dedicate themselves wholly to the advancement of the kingdom of God and to the reform and improvement of the temporal order in a Christian spirit. Among the trials of this life they find **strength in hope**, convinced that "the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).*

-Apostolicam actuositatem, 4

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### **Save the Date: August 14, 2019 – Substance Addiction Ministry Recovery Mass -**



#### **“Prayer for those Struggling with Addictions, their Families, and Community”**

Addiction touches many people's lives, but it is something that few of us really discuss. Addiction should not be battled alone! It impacts the individual, family, and community-we all know someone who is affected by an addiction of some sort. Please join **Archbishop Thompson and Substance Addiction Ministries of Archdiocese of Indianapolis** on **August 14 at 7:00 pm** for a Substance Addiction Ministry Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral (1347 North Meridian St, Indianapolis 46202), where we will lift up in prayer those who are afflicted and affected by addictions. A reception and refreshments will be available immediately following Mass in the Cathedral Parlor. Please contact us at [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org) with any questions.

Please RSVP at <https://2019samrecoverymass.eventbrite.com>

[Printable Flyer](#)

**SAVE the DATE: September 21, 2019: Mental Health Mass**

Join us on September 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph, Shelbyville (125 East Broadway, Shelbyville, IN 46176) for a mass celebrated by Very Rev. Michael T. Keucher, VF for those who are affected by mental illness. A light reception will immediately follow.

**[Printable Flyer](#)**

**SAVE the DATE: October 6, 2019: Respect Life Mass**

*Award Nominations – \*\*Nominations are due August 31<sup>st</sup>. \*\**

Each year, the Office of Human Life & Dignity honors an adult or married couple and a high school student at the **Annual Respect Life Sunday Mass on October 6, 2019** at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Please consider nominating an adult or married couple whom you believe should be recognized for their leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish community and the Archdiocese for the **Archbishop O'Meara Respect Life Award** or a high school student who demonstrates leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish, community, school community and in the Archdiocese for the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award**. To obtain a nomination form or to submit a form online, visit [www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity). Completed nomination forms should be submitted to the Office of Human Life & Dignity at 1400 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or emailed to [beichhorn@archindy.org](mailto:beichhorn@archindy.org) no later than **August 31, 2019**.

**[Printable Nomination Form](#)**

**Save the Date: January 21, 2020: Vigil for Life**

The Vigil for Life will be on **January 21, 2020 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm** at St. John the Evangelist at 126 West Gerogia Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. Join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, praise and worship music, and prayer for the dignity of all human life. More detail to follow.

**Save the Date: January 22, 2020 – Indiana March for Life**



The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis invite you to the **Indiana March for Life** on January 22, 2020. The event includes a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty January 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by a March to the State Capitol. Make plans to attend. More details to come! Information is available by calling (317) 236-1521.

**[Printable Flyer](#)**

## **May Events Around the Archdiocese**

### **May 3, 2019: Women's Care Center First Friday Mass**

The Women's Care Center (4901 West 86th Street Indianapolis 46268) invites you to our First Friday Mass on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 5:00 pm in our chapel. There will be light refreshments after Mass and the ability to take a tour and learn more about our mission. We are now serving over 30 women facing unplanned pregnancies many days, most of who benefit from multiple services, such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and goals counseling. We are so grateful to be able to serve the women who walk through our door. If you have questions please contact Jenny Hubbard, Director, at (317) 509-9596. We hope to see you there!

### **May 9, 2019: Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Monthly Support Group**

On second **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, Hope and Healing, a support group for adults who have lost a loved one to suicide, struggle with thoughts suicide, or seek to understand the causes and prevention of suicide will meet at 7:00 pm. A children's support group, Spread Our Youthful Wings, for ages 9 years to 17 years old is held in the same location and same time as the Hope and Healing SOS Group. **For more information and location site**, please contact Judy Proctor at (317) 851-8344 or visit Hope & Healing SOS at [www.hopeandhealingsos.com](http://www.hopeandhealingsos.com).

### **May 15, 2019: Respect Life Mass – Terre Haute**

On **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please consider joining the St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet (St. Joseph University, 113, S Fifth St., Terre Haute) at 4:45 pm prior to the 5:15 pm Respect Life Mass. For more information, contact the parish office at (812) 232-7011.

### **May 16, 2019: Pray for an End to Abortion and Sins Against Life Adoration**

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held at **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, (1401 South Mickley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241) on **every third Thursday – May 16<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm to pray specifically for Gabriel Project mothers and babies, for an end to abortion, and sings against life, and for the closing of Clinic for Women abortion facility location at 3607 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and for a return to a “Culture of Life.” For more information contact Patty Arthur, St. Joseph's Pro-Life Ministry coordinator at (317) 244-9002 or [patty.arthur@aol.com](mailto:patty.arthur@aol.com) or visit website: <http://www.stjosephindy.org>.

[Flyer](#)

### **May 18, 2019: Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Indianapolis**

On **May 18<sup>th</sup>** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, please join in the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil. Participants attend 8:30 am Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church (3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222). Following Mass, participants will prayerfully proceed to the nearby abortion facility and say 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 say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event is sponsored by St. Michael's Parish. Please e-mail Peggy Geis at [peggygeis@att.net](mailto:peggygeis@att.net) for more information. Flyer

### **May 18, 2019: Faithful Citizens Rosary Crusade –Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**

Following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Rosary Parish on fourth Saturday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>** join us for the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet as we witness and pray for the protection of Life, Family, and Religious Freedom. For more information, contact Eric at [faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com](mailto:faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com).

**\*\*Please note that the gathering will be on the third Saturday in May on the 18<sup>th</sup>.\*\***

[2019 Flyer with schedule](#)



# WORD OF LIFE: MAY 2019

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

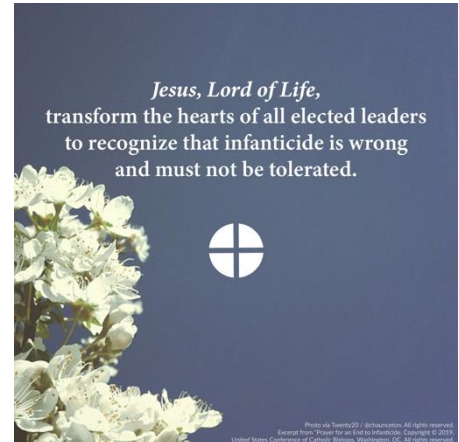
## FEATURED THIS MONTH...

### Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, but that is not the end of the story. This bill, rooted in our most fundamental human values, is worth fighting for. It would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

Please join us in praying the [Prayer for an End to Infanticide](#).

\*Note: You can learn [how your senators voted](#) online.



### Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>



Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight several pro-life issues. For example, you may consider inviting your parish priest to offer a [Blessing of the Child in the Womb](#) in support of expectant mothers and the babies they are carrying.

As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of all mothers, we also specifically lift up mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy, that they may find support and encouragement and choose life for their child.

*It is also important to remember that **Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many people**, including: couples struggling with infertility; parents who have lost a child; those who have lost their own mothers; couples longing to welcome a child through adoption; and women who have been wounded by participation in abortion.*

A number of resources are available to help address these circumstances:

- [Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility](#)
- [Bridges of Mercy for Healing After Abortion](#)
- [An Adoption Love Story](#)
- [10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting](#)
- [Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis](#)
- [Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption](#)

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## WORD OF LIFE – May 2019

### Intercessions for Life

#### May 5<sup>th</sup>

For an end to infanticide:  
That the laws of our nation may reflect the law of God,  
and protect the dignity of every human life;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### Third Sunday of Easter

#### May 12<sup>th</sup>

For those struggling with infertility:  
May their hearts rest in the Good Shepherd,  
whose faithfulness endures to all generations;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### May 19<sup>th</sup>

For those who are dying:  
That they be treated with respect, care, and Christian love  
that reflects the gift of their lives;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### May 26<sup>th</sup>

For all Christians:  
That we may rejoice in the gift of our earthly life,  
and in the hope of eternal life with God;  
*We pray to the Lord:*

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

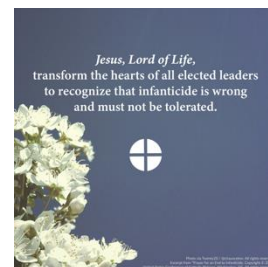
## Bulletin Quotes

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“Prayer for an End to Infanticide”](#)



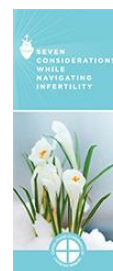
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### May 12<sup>th</sup>

“If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which ‘heart speaks unto heart,’ strengthen you.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”](#)



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### May 19<sup>th</sup>

“Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death... Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

[“Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide”](#)



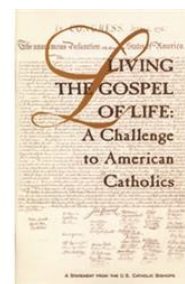
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### May 26<sup>th</sup>

*“Mary, patroness of America, renew in us a love for the beauty and sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death; and as your Son gave His life for us, help us to live our lives serving others. Mother of the Church, Mother of our Savior, open our hearts to the Gospel of life, protect our nation, and make us witnesses to the truth.”*

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*“Living the Gospel of Life”*



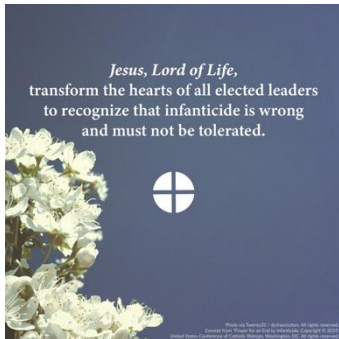
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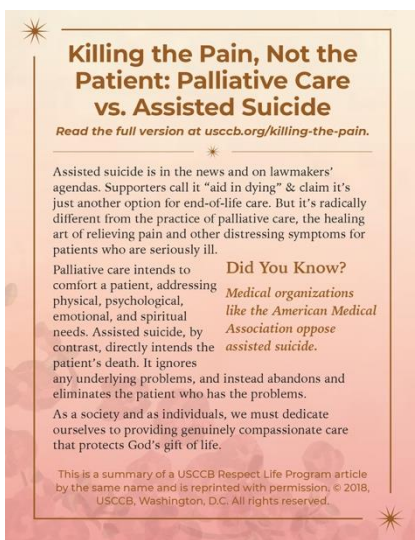
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# PALABRA DE VIDA: MAYO DE 2019

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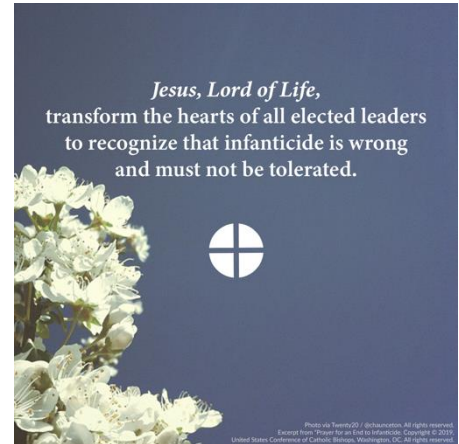
## ESTE MES PRESENTAMOS...

### Oración para ponerle fin al infanticidio

El Senado de Estados Unidos recientemente no adoptó la *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* [Ley de Protección a los Sobrevivientes del Aborto Nacidos Vivos], pero ese no es el final de la historia. Vale la pena pelear por este proyecto de ley, que tiene su origen en nuestros valores humanos más fundamentales. Prohibiría el infanticidio al asegurar que un niño que nació vivo después de un intento de aborto reciba el mismo grado de atención para preservar su vida y salud que cualquier otro niño que nació vivo a la misma edad gestacional.

Recemos juntos la [Oración para ponerle fin al infanticidio](#).

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### Día de las Madres: Domingo, 12 de mayo



El Día de las Madres es una maravillosa oportunidad para destacar varios temas a favor de la vida. Por ejemplo, puedes considerar invitar a tu párroco para que ofrezca una [Bendición del niño en el vientre](#) para apoyar a las madres gestantes y a los bebés que llevan en el vientre.

Al rezar agradeciendo por el don de todas las madres, también mencionamos específicamente a las madres que tienen un embarazo en crisis, para que encuentren apoyo y aliento y escojan la vida para su hijo.

*También es importante recordar que el **Día de las Madres** puede ser una fiesta difícil para muchas personas, incluso: parejas que luchan con la infertilidad; padres que han perdido un hijo; los que han perdido a sus propias madres; parejas anhelando dar la bienvenida a un niño adoptado; y mujeres que han sido heridas por la participación en el aborto.*

Tenemos varios recursos disponibles para ayudar a abordar estas circunstancias:

- [Siete consideraciones al afrontar la infertilidad](#)
- [Vías de misericordia para la sanación después del aborto](#)
- [Relato de una adopción de amor](#)
- [10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado](#)
- [Para apoyar a familias con un diagnóstico prenatal](#)
- [Acompañamiento de madres gestantes que están considerando dar en adopción](#)

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## **PALABRA DE VIDA - Mayo DE 2019**

### **Intercesiones por la Vida**

#### **5 de mayo**

Para ponerle fin al infanticidio:  
que las leyes de nuestra nación reflejen la ley de Dios,  
y protejan la dignidad de cada vida humana;  
*roguemos al Señor:*

#### **Tercer Domingo de Pascua**

#### **12 de mayo**

Por los que luchan contra la infertilidad:  
para que sus corazones descansen en el Buen Pastor,  
cuya fidelidad perdura por todas las generaciones;  
*roguemos al Señor:*

#### **Cuarto Domingo de Pascua**

#### **19 de mayo**

Por quienes están por morir:  
para que se los trate con respeto, cuidado y amor cristiano  
que refleje el don de su vida;  
*roguemos al Señor:*

#### **Quinto Domingo de Pascua**

#### **26 de mayo**

Por todos los cristianos:  
para que nos regocijemos en el don de nuestra vida  
terrenal,  
y en la esperanza de la vida eterna con Dios;  
*roguemos al Señor:*

#### **Sexto Domingo de Pascua**

## Citas para boletines

### 5 de mayo

“Jesús, Señor de la Vida, transforma el corazón de todos los dirigentes electos para que reconozcan que el infanticidio está mal y no debe tolerarse. Te pedimos que abras los corazones y mentes para que reconozcan y defiendan el don preciado de cada vida humana”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

[“Oración para ponerle fin al infanticidio”](#)



[Baje](#)

### 12 de mayo

“Si ustedes atraviesan dificultades para traer un hijo a su familia, sepan que no están solos. Dios está con ustedes, y su Iglesia desea caminar con ustedes. ... Dios tiene un hermoso plan para su vida como pareja casada. Busquen su guía, y dejen que el poder sanador de la oración, una conversación en la que ‘el corazón habla al corazón’, los fortalezca”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

["Siete consideraciones al afrontar la infertilidad"](#)



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### 19 de mayo

“Los pacientes deben poder confiar en que sus médicos siempre se preocupan por sus vidas y nunca causan la muerte deliberadamente... Los pacientes que enfrentan una enfermedad grave pueden sentirse desesperanzados y deprimidos, como si sus vidas hubieran perdido significado. Abordar los problemas psicológicos, emocionales y espirituales es esencial para los cuidados paliativos. El suicidio asistido no alivia ninguno de estos problemas, sino que cede ante ellos”.

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

[“Matar el dolor, no al paciente: Cuidado paliativo versus suicidio asistido”](#)



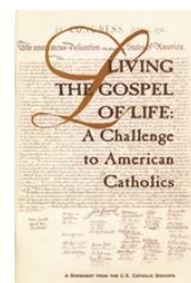
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### 26 de mayo

*“María, patrona de América, renueva en nosotros un amor por la belleza y la santidad de la persona desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural; y como tu Hijo dio su vida por nosotros, ayúdanos a vivir sirviendo a los demás. Madre de la Iglesia, Madre de nuestro Salvador, abre nuestro corazón al Evangelio de la Vida, protege nuestra nación y haznos testigos de la verdad”.*

Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos

[“Vivir el Evangelio de la Vida”](#)



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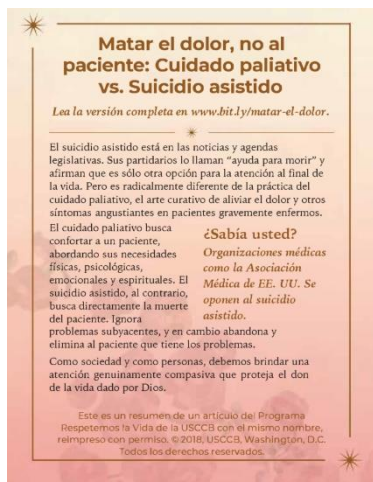
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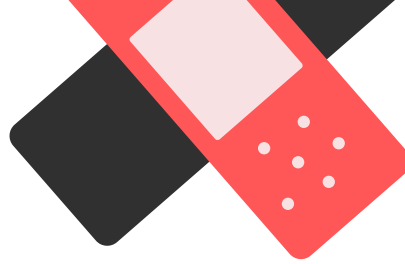
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# HEALER'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Calling All Healing Professions for an Afternoon  
of Reflection and Prayer  
(Doctors, Nurses, Med Students, Dentists,  
Therapists, Nutritionists, PTs, etc. )

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**1 PM to 6 PM**

**SS Peter and Paul Cathedral Rectory**

**1347 N Meridian St.**

**Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Light Lunch will be served.

Vigil Mass at 5 pm.

Cost: \$15 (Scholarships available)

Registration: [forms.gle/dCwzHRooRpZGNTR57](https://forms.gle/dCwzHRooRpZGNTR57)

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## 2019 Religious Freedom Week Talking Points

- **Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22 – 29 each year.** It begins with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. This year, the week also includes the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- The theme for this year is **Strength in Hope.** It is taken from the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity:

They who have this faith live in the hope of the revelation of the sons of God and keep in mind the cross and resurrection of the Lord. In the pilgrimage of this life, hidden with Christ in God and free from enslavement to wealth, they aspire to those riches which remain forever and generously dedicate themselves wholly to the advancement of the kingdom of God and to the reform and improvement of the temporal order in a Christian spirit. Among the trials of this life they find strength in hope, convinced that “the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18). (*Apostolicam actuositatem*, 4).

Catholics face challenges both in our current political climate of polarization and within the Church. We want to encourage Catholics to persist in the struggle to participate in the advancement of the kingdom of God by finding hope in Jesus Christ.

- The USCCB provides “Pray – Reflect – Act” documents—one for each day on different religious liberty topics. These materials help people learn about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, pray about particular issues, and act on what they learn, whether by finding ways for their parish to serve their community or perhaps even by calling their Members of Congress to promote legislation supporting religious liberty.
- This year's Pray-Reflect-Act gives a sense for the breadth of religious liberty issues of particular concern for the bishops at the present time. For international concerns, the Office of Religious Liberty has collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to highlight three regions in the world where persecution of religious minorities is severe, the Middle East, Myanmar, and Nigeria. We need to be in solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith.

- Domestically, a major area of concern continues to be freedom for child welfare service providers. The opioid crisis is putting a strain on the foster care system. The number of children in need is going up. The number of families willing to take the children into their homes is going down. And in places like Illinois, Massachusetts, California, and D.C., service providers like Catholic Charities who have a track record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families have been shut down.
- The federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (H.R. 897 / S. 274) would protect the religious liberty of child welfare providers, including adoption and foster care agencies. Similar legislation has been introduced and passed in several states. All are encouraged to check out the [USCCB Action Center](#) and their state Catholic conference websites for legislative updates on this and other important policy issues!
- Another area that has become of particular concern is the imposition of religious tests on Catholic nominees to the federal judiciary. In 2017, during U.S. Senate confirmation hearings, a nominee was asked intrusive questions about her Catholic faith in an exchange which included a senator saying, “The dogma lives loudly within you, and that’s of concern.” More recently, several nominees have been interrogated about their membership in the Knights of Columbus. These kinds of questions amount to a religious test, which is both unjust and unconstitutional. [We are urging Catholics to contact their senators to say that religious tests are unacceptable.](#)
- Religious Freedom Week succeeded the Fortnight for Freedom last year for a few reasons:
  1. A “Week” is simpler than a “Fortnight.” Many public awareness campaigns take place over the course of a week—such as Catholic Schools Week, National Migration Week, and National Marriage Week. A week provides a focused period of time to concentrate our attention on the issue of religious freedom.
  2. Although the Fortnight sought to raise awareness of several religious freedom issues, it was associated heavily in many people’s minds with the HHS contraceptive mandate. While the HHS mandate remains a live issue and is still being challenged in several courts, awareness needs to be raised concerning other important religious freedom issues as well.
  3. Over the last few years, the Fortnight has shifted to more of a prayer and education campaign. Religious freedom encompasses a number of areas—affecting the entire Church—and not just our Church, but all people of faith who seek to live out their faith in daily life, in the public square.
- Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, we will promote the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and for those of *all* faiths.

# Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher

*Pray that like Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, we might have the wisdom and the courage to be good servants of our country, though always servants of God first.*

**Reflect:** Religious Freedom Week is a fitting time to reflect not only on religious liberty, but on what it means to be both American and Catholic. Perhaps somewhat ironically, two English saints point us in the right direction. We remember the martyrs Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, in part, because they were steadfast in the truth, and thus exemplify courage in the exercise of conscience. They also show us what patriotism means for Christians. They loved and served their country. Thomas More carried out his lay vocation as a civil servant, while John Fisher lived out the clerical vocation as a most faithful bishop. At the same time, when forced to choose between the king of England and Christ the King of the Universe, they adhered to Jesus and His Church. We need the fortitude and wisdom to animate the Church today, as we navigate these tumultuous times. Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, pray for us!



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**Act:** Connect with the USCCB Office of Religious Liberty! Sign up for our newsletter at [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom), follow us on Twitter at @USCCBFreedom, and text “FREEDOM” to 84576 to receive news updates and action alerts.



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June 22–29

# Persecution of Christians and Religious Minorities in the Middle East

*Pray that our Christian sisters and brothers in the Middle East, and all religious minorities, who are suffering from attacks by extremists and interminable conflicts may be freed from violent persecution.*

**Reflect:** In January 2018, Pope Francis warned that Christians “face challenges today that demean human dignity: they flee from situations of conflict and poverty; are victims of the trafficking of human beings...; they suffer hardships and hunger, in a world ever richer in means and poorer in love, where inequalities continue to increase.” This is especially true in the Middle East, where wars have caused thousands, including Christians, to flee from Syria and Iraq into Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and beyond, where their presence taxes meager resources. Will they be able to return and if so, will they find the security needed to rebuild their lives and livelihoods? With the number of Christians declining there, will the Middle East lose the unique contributions that Christians have made over the centuries?



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**Act:** The Church in the United States stands in solidarity with Christians in the Middle East. Consider joining efforts to support Middle Eastern Christians with a donation to the Knights of Columbus, Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic Near East Welfare Association.



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# Faithful Public Servants

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*Pray for Catholics, and all people of faith, who seek to serve our country in government as elected officials, judges, administrators, and staff.*

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**Reflect:** In recent years, Catholic nominees to the federal judiciary have faced questions about their faith. In one exchange, a nominee was told, “The dogma lives loudly within you, and that’s of concern.” Other nominees have endured questions about their membership in the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the country. These religious tests are unjust and unconstitutional. At a time when our country is highly polarized, our leaders in the Senate should be working to foster tolerance, not fueling divisions. Lay Catholics exercise their apostolate by building up the common good as civil servants. Let us pray and act for our sisters and brothers who, like St. Thomas More, seek to faithfully serve both God and country.



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**Act:** It is time for discriminatory, anti-Catholic questions to stop. Contact your senators today and urge them to reject religious tests for nominees for public office!



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# Religious Persecution in Myanmar

*Pray that the Rohingya—our Muslim brothers and sisters from the Rakhine region, whose rights and very identity are not recognized by the Myanmar government—may find the respect that recognizes the dignity of all human beings.*

**Reflect:** Since 2017, over 700,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar as their villages were burned, women raped, and men killed in what a United Nations official has termed “genocide.” Many refugees are crowded into camps in Bangladesh, while others have boarded flimsy boats going to Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia, where their fate is uncertain. They are being pressured to return but what guarantees are there that they will be treated with dignity and as equal members of society by a government that has declared them to be “stateless”? The Catholic Church in Myanmar has worked actively to mediate between the Buddhist majority and the Rohingya. Pope Francis visited Myanmar and Bangladesh in late 2017. At an interreligious and ecumenical meeting in Dhaka, he said, “We all are images of God, including the Rohingya,” and he went on to say, “your tragedy is very difficult, but it has a place in our hearts.”



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**Act:** Reach out to Muslim neighbors and members in your community to express solidarity with their efforts to build a culture that recognizes and respects the rights of all people. Support Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic organizations that seek to build bridges of understanding between different faith communities and to counter intolerance and extremism.



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# Adoption And Foster Care

*Pray for children awaiting adoption, for parents seeking to adopt, for children receiving foster care, for foster parents providing care to children, and that Catholic and other faith-based organizations may have the freedom to serve all those seeking adoption and foster care services in accordance with their faith.*

**Reflect:** The Epistle of St. James teaches that true religion is to care for the orphan and the widow. Today, the Church puts that teaching into practice through her child welfare service organizations. Catholic and other faith-based institutions play an absolutely vital role in serving the many children who find themselves in some of the most difficult circumstances. Recently, the

opioid crisis has put a strain on the foster care system. Yet, at a time when we need more care providers, particularly ones that are effective at recruiting prospective foster and adoptive parents, some state and local governments have shut people of faith out, because faith-based providers seek to serve in accordance with their convictions about the nature of the family and what is best for children. Several agencies have already had to end their child welfare services. If this trend continues, more children and families will be affected.



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**Act:** The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (CWPIA) prevents faith-based child welfare service providers from being targeted by government discrimination. The Act would prohibit the federal government and any state that receives certain federal funding from discriminating against child welfare service providers on the basis that they decline to provide a child welfare service that conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives today and ask them to co-sponsor and support the federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act!



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# Economic Disputes Lead to Religious Tensions in Nigeria

*Pray that herders and farmers in Nigeria, whose conflict over access to land and resources has fueled religious tensions, may find the means to compromise and work out their differences in a non-violent manner.*

**Reflect:** The most populous country in Africa, Nigeria has the “resource curse”—having abundant resources which different groups vie to control, leading to violent conflicts, over 2 million people internally displaced, and grinding poverty for the have-nots. Many small ethnic groups feel oppressed and fight for recognition. Violence can stem from economic, political, and social reasons but because the population is almost evenly divided between Christians (in the south) and Muslims (in the north), such violence is interpreted as religious. Boko Haram, an extremist group whose name means “Western education is forbidden,” has fomented Muslim-Christian discord but in fact has attacked and killed more Muslims than Christians. Current fighting between Fulani herders (Muslim) and farmers (Christian) has exacerbated religious tension. Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama of Jos called for transcending religious divides and promoting inter-ethnic and inter-religious harmony.



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**Act:** Support Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Relief Services, USCCB's Solidarity Fund for Aid to the Church in Africa, and other organizations that are helping the internally displaced, providing livelihood training and healthcare, and offering peacebuilding between those of different faiths.



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# Religion, A Public Good

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*Pray that the religious dimension of the common good will receive due recognition in our political culture, and for the conversion of the hearts of those seeking to remove religious symbols from public life.*

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**Reflect:** This year, the Supreme Court is set to decide on a case involving a cross in Bladensburg, Maryland, that was erected to memorialize soldiers who died in World War I. The land on which the cross stands is now maintained by the government, and activist groups object that this arrangement amounts to a violation of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. Of course, nobody believes this is an instance of Congress establishing a state church. These efforts are part of a larger effort to ban religious symbols from public spaces. This is an affront to American pluralism, a pluralism in which the religious impulse of all people is respected and reflected in our public spaces. As Catholics, we seek to inspire a culture in which the human spirit can flourish. Public religious symbols are a part of that culture.



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**Act:** Public display of religious symbols makes America beautiful. Learn about the monuments and religious displays in your area, and visit one if possible. Write a letter to the editor defending these treasures if they are attacked.



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# Incarcerated Persons

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*Pray that the dignity and right to religious freedom of incarcerated persons would be respected.*

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**Reflect:** Pope Francis has spoken of the throwaway culture, a culture in which people are treated like objects to be discarded when they are not “useful.” That culture can manifest itself in how our society treats people in the criminal justice system. In Arkansas, a Muslim man had to fight in court to grow a half-inch beard. Similarly, Jewish prisoners in some states have struggled to be permitted to receive kosher meals. Recently, a Muslim man in Alabama could not have his imam present with him when he was executed. Catholic teaching on religious liberty is rooted in the dignity of the human person. That dignity is not lost when a person commits a crime. And traditionally, Catholics have understood ministry to prisoners as a work of mercy. Indeed, Catholics hope that incarcerated persons find strength in their faith. For American culture to be one of life, not a throwaway culture, our criminal justice system needs to recognize the dignity of all people.



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**Act:** Find out how you can support Catholic prison ministry. In many dioceses, Catholic Charities coordinates prison ministry. Contact your diocese to see what you can do to participate in this ministry of care for incarcerated persons.



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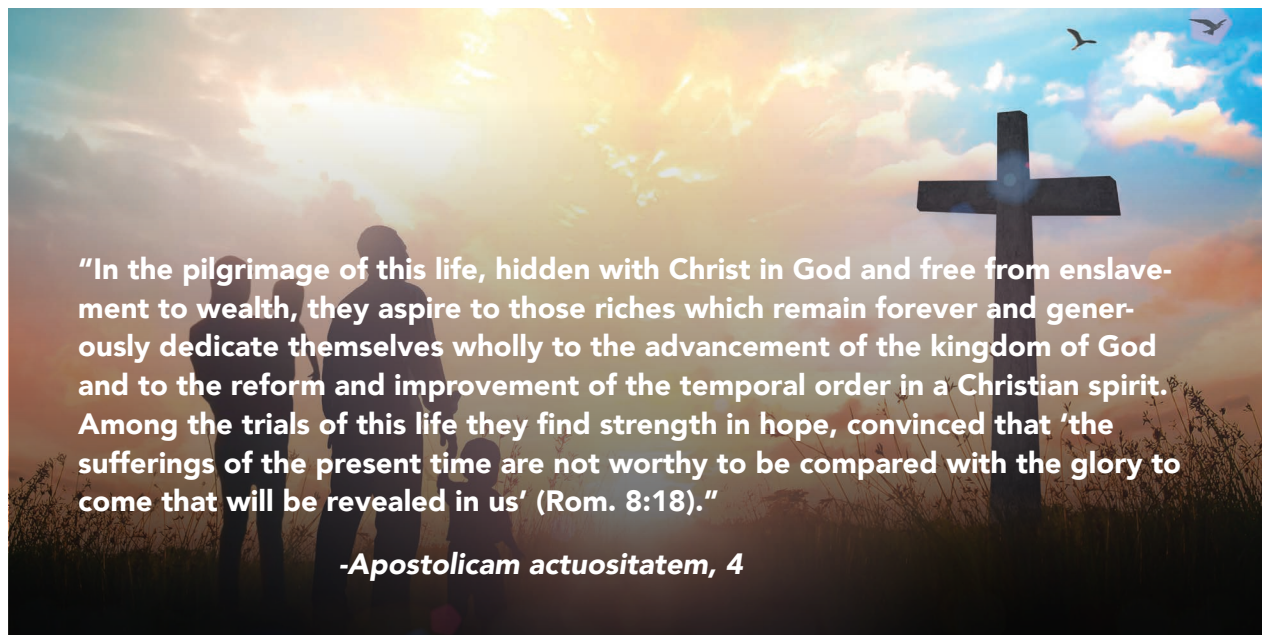
*In the face of our country's challenges, and challenges within the Church herself, Catholics find strength in the hope of Jesus Christ. We want to share that hope with everyone.*

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Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation.

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us, as we seek the kingdom, and find Strength in Hope.

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!)



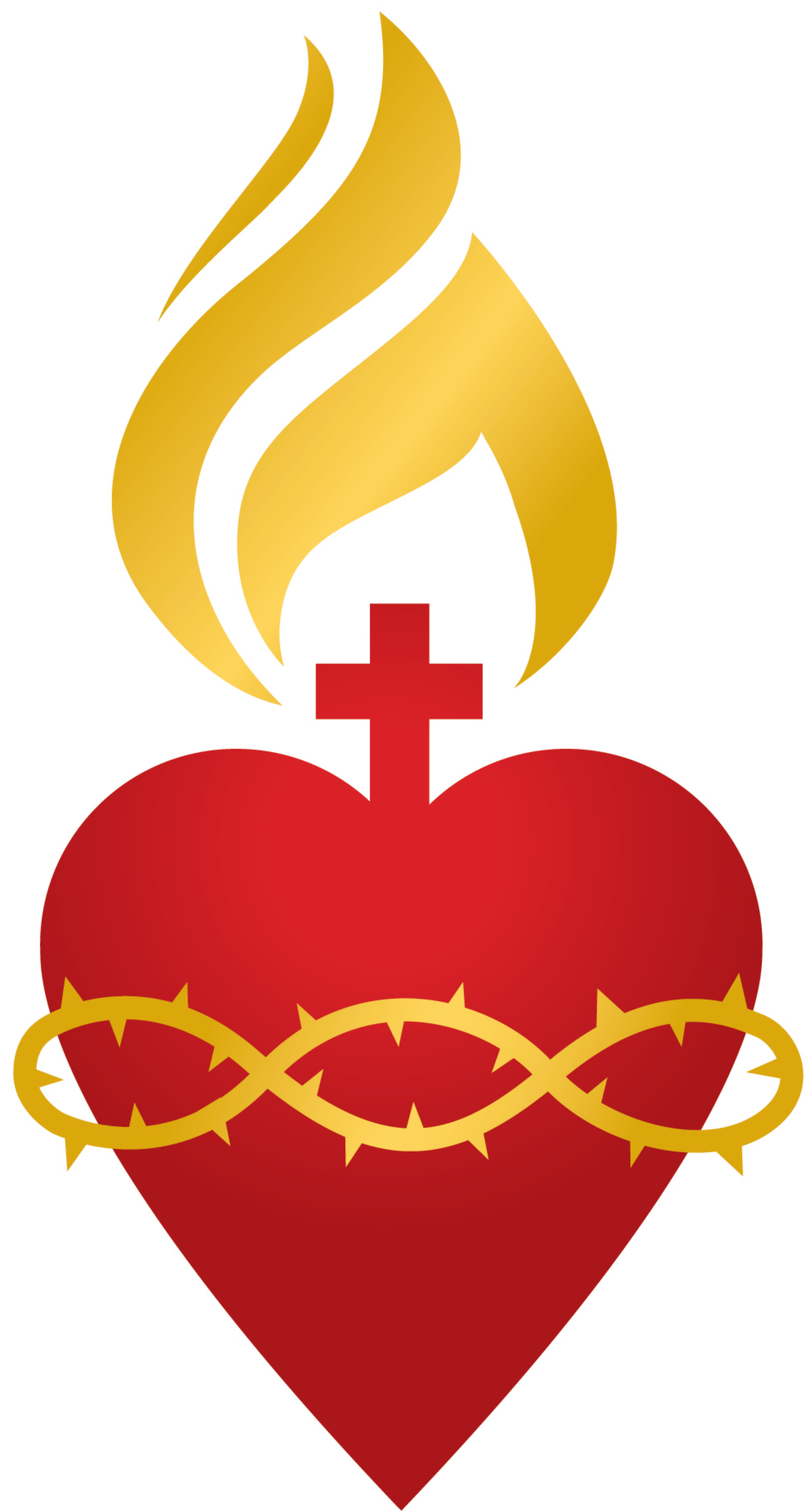
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[www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom)

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RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM  
WEEK





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LA LIBERTAD  
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# "Pre-Cana" Marriage Preparation Conference in Spanish

Presented by the Marriage & Family Life Office  
of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

St. Bartholomew Parish  
1306 27th Street  
Columbus, IN

**Registration: \$125 per couple**

[www.archindy.org/precana](http://www.archindy.org/precana)

**Information (bilingual): (317) 592-4007**



# "Pre-Caná" Conferencia católica prematrimonial en español

Presentada por la oficina de matrimonio y vida familiar  
de la arquidiócesis de Indianapolis



**Sábado 22 de junio 2019**

Parroquia San Bartolomé  
1306 27th Street  
Columbus, IN

**Inscripción: \$125 por pareja**

[www.archindy.org/precana](http://www.archindy.org/precana)

**Información (bilingüe): (317) 592-4007**



# Substance Addiction Ministry Recovery Mass

Prayer for those struggling with addictions,  
their families, and community

August 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral  
1347 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Thompson

Reception and Refreshments after Mass in SSPP Parlor  
For more information, email: <mailto:kkcarroll@archindy.org>



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Addiction Ministries  
of Indianapolis





*36th Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee*

*August 25, 2019*

*2:00 pm*

*Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral*



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*The Church in Central and Southern Indiana*

Office of Marriage & Family Life

1400 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

317-236-1521



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# Golden Wedding Jubilee

(Couples who were married anytime in 1969)

August 25, 2019, 2:00 pm

## Registration Form (Please Print)

Online registration:

[www.archindy.org/weddingcelebration](http://www.archindy.org/weddingcelebration)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date Married \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Church and City where Married: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many of the following you have in your family:

\_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_ Great Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_ Great-Great Grandchildren

How many guests will accompany you for the Mass and reception? (Limit 6) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need wheelchair accessibility? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be attending reception? \_\_\_\_\_

***Fill out the below as applicable.*** If you have family members who are trained to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector in their parish, and will be attending with you and are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister during the Golden Wedding Jubilee, please give their contact information.

1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgical Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgical Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

For further information call (317) 236-1521, toll free 1(800) 382-9836 ext. 1521, or Fax (317) 236-1401 – Attention Office of Marriage and Family Life. **Please return this registration form by August 19, 2019 to:**

Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
**Office of Marriage and Family Life**  
1400 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202



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Registro online:

[www.archindy.org/weddingcelebratio](http://www.archindy.org/weddingcelebratio)

(Por favor complete la siguiente información)

Jubileo Bodas de Oro

Las parejas que se casaron en 1969

25 de agosto, 2019, 2:00 pm

Registración

Todos los matrimonios deben registrarse  
para participar

Apellido \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del Esposo \_\_\_\_\_ Nombre de la Esposa \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de Correo \_\_\_\_\_

Número de teléfono \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha de su boda \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de correo electrónico (email) \_\_\_\_\_

Parroquia que pertenece ahora \_\_\_\_\_ Iglesia y Ciudad donde fue la boda \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de correo electrónico (email) \_\_\_\_\_

Favor de compartir cuantas personas tienen en su familia, de las siguientes opciones:

\_\_\_\_\_ Hijos \_\_\_\_\_ Nietos \_\_\_\_\_ Bisnietos \_\_\_\_\_ Tataranietos

¿Cuántos invitados los acompañará para la Misa y recepción? (Limite 6) \_\_\_\_\_

¿Usa silla de ruedas? \_\_\_\_\_ ¿Nos acompañará para la recepción? \_\_\_\_\_

**Por favor llene la información siguiente si les corresponde.** ¿Tiene miembros de su familia que han sido comisionados como lectores o como ministros extraordinarios de la sagrada comunión que los acompañaran a la Misa? Si están interesados en participar en la Misa para el Jubileo Bodas de oro, favor de compartir su información de contacto en las siguientes líneas.

1) Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

Correo electrónico \_\_\_\_\_

Parroquia \_\_\_\_\_ Ministerio Litúrgico \_\_\_\_\_

2) Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

Correo electrónico \_\_\_\_\_

Parroquia \_\_\_\_\_ Ministerio Litúrgico \_\_\_\_\_

Para más información, llame al (317) 592-4007, o gratis al 1(800) 382-9836 ext. 4007, o por Fax (317) 236-1401 – Atención a la Oficina de matrimonio y vida familiar. Registración acabará el 19 de agosto o cuando se llene el espacio disponible en la catedral. Favor de entregar esta registración al siguiente:

Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis  
Oficina de matrimonio y vida familiar  
1400 North Meridian Street  
Indianápolis, IN 46202



## NOMINATION FORM

*Building a Culture of Life  
& Civilization of Love*



*Annual Respect Life Awards  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
Respect Life Sunday  
October 6, 2019*

Please return completed form to:

Office of Human Life & Dignity  
1400 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
OR

beichhorn@archindy.org

**All nominations must be received  
no later than**

**September 5, 2019.**

**You will receive confirmation that  
this nomination has been  
received.**

### **The Archbishop O'Meara Respect Life Award**

honors an adult (or married couple) who demonstrates leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish community and in the Archdiocese.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award**

honors a high school student who demonstrates leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish community, school community, and in the Archdiocese.

## **NOMINEE**

Check one: ☐ The Archbishop O'Meara Respect Life Award  
☐ Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award

## **PART I:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART II:**

### **NOMINATED BY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

(pastor, associate pastor, parish life coordinator, pastoral assistant, DRE, youth minister, parish pro-life coordinator/contact, other)

### **PART III – EXPLANATION OF NOMINATION**

Please provide the following information regarding the nominee.

- 1) Describe how the nominee demonstrates leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish community, school community, and in the Archdiocese.
- 2) Describe how the nominee demonstrates his/her witness to the intrinsic value of all human life through various activities.
- 3) You may include such things as family, parish, work, volunteer experience, and personal and spiritual gifts and characteristics, etc., as well as any other information you think is pertinent.

Note: While many respect life ministry initiatives address abortion, respect life also includes ministry to the terminally ill, handicapped, impoverished, neglected and marginalized.

**Please return this form to the Office of Human Life and Dignity  
no later than September 5, 2019.**

# *Mass for Those Affected by Mental Illness*

September 21, 2019  
5:00 PM

For all whose lives are affected by Mental Illness:  
individuals, family, friends and health care providers

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

125 E Broadway St, Shelbyville, IN 46176

Fr. Michael Keucher, Main Celebrant

Please join us for a light reception following Mass

*St. Dymphna,  
Patron of those with  
mental illness,  
Pray For Us*



*We have individuals who are  
willing to speak briefly to share  
their experience and to invite  
parishioners to this Mass,  
please contact us if you are  
interested!*

Questions?

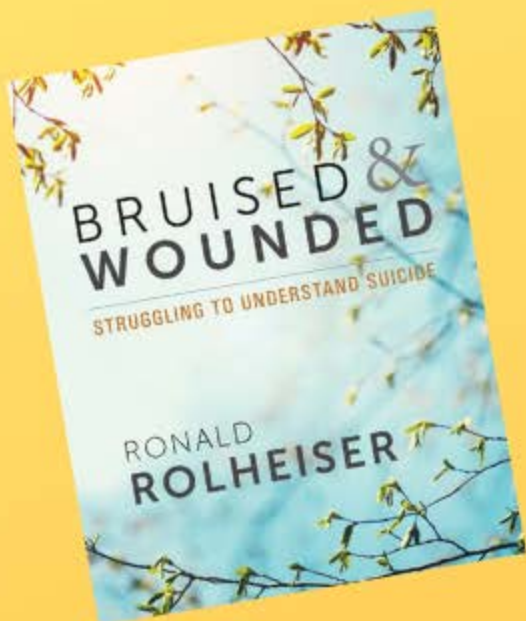
Contact Keri Carroll at [kcarroll@archindy.org](mailto:kcarroll@archindy.org) or (317) 236-1521

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Archdiocese of Indianapolis



# 18th Annual Mission Day Conference

For consolation (grief) ministers



**Theme for 2019:  
Bruised & Wounded  
Struggling to Understand Suicide  
by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

**8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**at**

**The Atrium Banquet & Conference Center  
Inside Carson Plus Shopping Center  
3143 Thompson Road  
Indianapolis IN 46227**

**Register online: [www.archindy.org/consolation](http://www.archindy.org/consolation)  
Registration Fee: \$30 (includes Lunch & Materials)  
Deadline: September 2, 2019**

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Many people who have been touched by suicide know there can be a stigma in both the Christian and secular world surrounding this deeply personal event. Fr. Rolheiser takes a spiritual approach to understanding suicide that appeals to Catholics and seekers alike, and provides hope, consolation, and empathy to anyone who supports those who have experienced suicide. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser is a Catholic priest with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio Texas, and a New York Times bestselling author.

**Office of Marriage and Family Life  
Ministry of Consolation - (317) 592-4007**



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# HOPE FORGIVENESS HEALING



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POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY

## BEGIN TO HOPE AGAIN

### A SPECIAL WORD TO THOSE WHO HAVE HAD AN ABORTION...

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**May 31-June 2, 2019**

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**Greater Lafayette, Indiana Area**

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL HELP AFTER ABORTION:

Diocese of Lafayette - in - Indiana: (765) 404-9583 OR (765) 860-6006

Archdiocese of Indianapolis: (317) 452-0054

[projectrachel@archindy.org](mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org)

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# ESPERANZA MISERICORDIA SANCIÓN



PROYECTO RAQUEL

MINISTERIO DE SANACIÓN DESPUÉS DEL ABORTO

## COMIENZA A TENER ESPERANZA DE NUEVO

PALABRAS DE ALIENTO PARA LOS QUE HAN TENIDO UN ABORTO...

*"Sin embargo, no os dejéis vencer por el desánimo y no abandonéis la esperanza ....  
Si aún no lo habéis hecho, abríos con humildad y confianza al arrepentimiento: el Padre de  
toda misericordia os espera para ofreceros su perdón y su paz en el sacramento de la  
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*~San Juan Pablo II, El Evangelio de la Vida*

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**31 de mayo al 2 de junio del 2019**

**15 al 17 de noviembre del 2019**

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# ***Proyecto Raquel***

**Comienza a sentir la Esperanza y la Sanación después del aborto.**

Para Ayuda Confidencial Puede Ponerse en Contacto al  
317-452-0054 o  
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para más información.

*Todas las Llamadas son Confidenciales.*

**Palabras de aliento para los que han tenido un aborto ...**

*Sin embargo, no os dejéis vencer por el desánimo y no abandonéis la esperanza ....*

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# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

*Great Marriages  
Make Great Families*

*"We must reaffirm the right of children to grow up in a family with a father and a mother." ~ Pope Francis, April 11, 2014*



## *Bring Your Spouse!*

*It's a Weekend just for the two of you*

*Restore*

*Refresh*

*Renew*

Please give your spouse a gift that will last for years to come by applying to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make 2019 the year you reconnect intimately.

*Marriage Intimacy*  
EMOTIONAL SPIRITUAL PHYSICAL

Plan now to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends are conveniently scheduled throughout the year. Your children will thank you for it.

**1-3 February & 16-18 August 2019**

Mount St Francis Centre for Spirituality  
101 St Anthony Drive  
New Albany, IN 47146

**26-28 April & 1-3 November 2019**

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House  
5353 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46226

To learn more and to apply, please go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)  
or call Ken & Ann Butt at (317) 863-5680





# ***SAVE THE DATE***

## **Indiana March For Life**

**Wednesday January 22, 2020**

### **Local Solemn Observance of Anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade Mass:**

10:30 am St. John the Evangelist  
126 W. Georgia Street Indianapolis, IN  
with Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty

### **Memorial Service for the Unborn:**

10:30 am Downtown Indianapolis Location TBD

### **March to the Capitol Building &**

### **Rally at the South Steps**

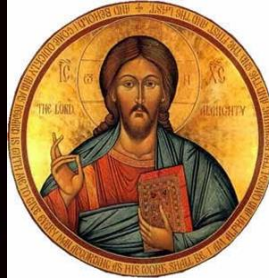
to follow Mass and Memorial Service

More Details to follow!

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# FAITHFUL CITIZENS ROSARY WALKS

The 4th Saturday of the month  
following the 10 AM Mass



## OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

520 Stevens St., Indianapolis

**Historic victories through prayer of the Most Holy Rosary inspire  
Great confidence in the awesome power of the Rosary**

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."  
-Pope Blessed Pius IX

Join us for monthly prayer of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in downtown Indianapolis  
As we pray for the protection of Life, Family, Holy Matrimony and Religious Freedom

March 23, 2019

April 27, 2019

May 18, 2019 (3rd Sat.)

June 22, 2019

July 27, 2019

Aug. 24, 2019

Sept. 28, 2019

Oct. 26, 2019



**WE ARE CATHOLIC,  
WE ARE AMERICAN,  
WE ARE FAITHFUL CITIZENS.  
VIVA CRISTO REY!**



For details contact Eric at: [faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com](mailto:faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com)  
Or Eric at 317-408-0528

Faithful Citizens is sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of Our  
Lady of The Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY**  
*Pray for an End  
to Abortion and Sins  
Against Life*

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*Dates of Adoration*

January 17, 2019	July 18, 2019
February 21, 2019	August 15, 2019
March 21, 2019	September 19, 2019
April 18, 2019	October 17, 2019
May 16, 2019	November 21, 2019
June 20, 2019	December 19, 2019

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**Before the Blessed Sacrament  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1401 S. Mickley Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
(excluding 5:45 Mass)**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held at St. Joseph's the third Thursday of the month to pray specifically for Gabriel Project mothers and babies, for an end to abortion and sins against life, for the closing of Clinic for Women abortion facility located at 3607 W. 16th St. and for a return to a "*Culture of Life*".