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Bulletin Announcements for June 2018

Included in this mailing, please find the bulletin announcements and fliers for the **month of June 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 Human Life & Dignity or Marriage and Family Life 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

A PDF version of the these announcements are online
at www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/BulletinsAndNewsletters.html

Thank you!

Staff of the Offices of Marriage and Family Life & Human Life and Dignity

Word of Life Bulletin Series and Intercessions **from USCCB – June**

English: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Word-of-Life-2018-06.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Palabra-de-Vida-2018-06.pdf>

For Any or All Weekends in June

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Marriage & Family Life –

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. For more information, please contact Scott Seibert by phone at 317-236-1527 or by [email](#).

Creighton Intro Sessions:

In collaboration with local Creighton Practitioners and St. Vincent Hospital, we are excited to announce St. Vincent Health will be offering **FREE** Intro Sessions for Creighton Method NFP. Classes will take place at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Carmel (13500 N. Meridian St. Carmel, IN 46032) on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** in 2018. Register by contacting Liz Escoffery by [email](#) or (317) 721-7332. Sessions may fill up quickly, so please contact at **least 3 days** prior to the class you want to attend. Click here [To Register](#).

FAMILY CELEBRATION HONORS HUMANAE VITAE: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is teaming up with Couple



to Couple League to host a family conference this summer that celebrates the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*. Mark your calendars to join us July 6-7, 2018 at the Sharonville Convention for "**Families, Become What You Are!**" Great speakers, including Christopher West and Janet Smith; Spanish track; full programming for children; Family Fun Day on Friday afternoon; family concert on Friday evening; daily Mass, Adoration. Visit www.cclconvention.com for full details and to register.

Early bird discount when you register by March 31!

June 1-2, 2018: Pre-Caná Conference



The Pre-Caná 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. Simon (8155 Oaklandon Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46236)** First day takes place from **6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** Second day goes from **9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Click here [To Register](#) or visit www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html to see other Pre-Caná dates for the 2018 year.

August 5, 2018: 35th 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 2018 to the 35th Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee. This joyful celebration will take place on August 5, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Charles Thompson, 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 July 30, 2018. If you have questions, please contact Keri Carroll at kcarroll@archindy.org or (317) 236-1521.

5 de Agosto, 2018: trigésimo quinto Aniversario Jubileo de bodas de oro

La Oficina de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar invita a todas las parejas casadas de la Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis que celebrarán 50 años de matrimonio en 2018 hasta el 35º Aniversario Anual de la Boda de Oro. Esta alegre celebración tendrá lugar el 5 de agosto de 2018 a las 2:00 p.m. en Ss. Peter y Paul Cathedral. La misa será celebrada por el Arzobispo Charles Thompson, 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, visite www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 30 de julio de 2018. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Keri Carroll en kcarroll@archindy.org o (317) 236-1521.

Augusto 11, 2018: PreCana Española Conferencia

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. Gabriel (6000 West 34th St, Indianapolis IN 46224)** Conference is from **9:00 – 4:30 p.m.** Click here [To Register](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html) or visit <http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana.html> to see other Pre-Cana dates for the 2018 year.

July 22-28, 2018: NFP Awareness Week

INDIANAPOLIS: “Generations of Love: Humanae vitae (1968-2018)” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning (NFP), also commonly known as Fertility Awareness Based Methods (FABM), is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife’s signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods “respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom.” (CCC, no. 2370)

The dates of **Natural Family Planning Awareness Week are: July 22nd – 28th, 2018**. These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. This year commemorates the **50th anniversary of Humanae vitae**.

BULLETIN INSERT for this year’s NFP Week can be found [here](#).

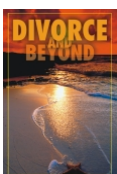
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ Office of Marriage and Family Life joins with the U.S. bishops in highlighting the benefits of NFP as moral methods to help married couples live God’s design for their marriages.

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese? See, www.archindy.org/nfp or visit the NFP section of the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/index.cfm>. A schedule of local NFP classes can be viewed at www.archindy.org/nfp or call the instructors listed on that page. Don’t have time to attend an in-person class? Learn NFP in the comfort of your home by contacting one of the NFP providers listed at: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>

The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God’s plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at: <http://www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching>.

Please join the diocesan NFP team to spread the word about God’s design for married love and the gift of life as well as the methods of NFP! **Contact us to get involved: 317-236-1527.**

August 14- September 18, 2018: Divorce and Beyond



Nativity Catholic Church, (7225 Southeastern Avenue, Indianapolis 46237) will host Divorce and Beyond for six consecutive Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m. The support group explores the stress, anger, blame and guilt of divorce with the goal of leading participants toward ultimate forgiveness, happiness and growth. Separated or divorced of all faiths are welcome.

The cost of the six-week program is \$30, which includes materials. Scholarships are available. Registration forms may be obtained online www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-divorce.html. For more information please call Deb VanVelse 317-236-1586 or email dvanvelse@archindy.org

October 26-28, 2018: Annual Being and Belonging Retreat

Mark your calendars: The date has been decided – October 26-28, 2018 for the Annual Being and Belong Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. Watch for more details at www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-divorce.html.

Human Life & Dignity

www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity

Birthline–Volunteers Needed



Birthline is a ministry of the Office of Human Life & Dignity which provides baby layettes for needy families. Birthline is in need for volunteers to work on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm helping clients at the Catholic Center. If you are available to help in this ministry please contact Jená Hartman, Birthline Coordinator, at (317) 236-1433 or jhartman@archindy.org Visit our website: www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/ministries-birthline.html.

Health Ministry Resources

June is:

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month – www.alz.org

Resources: Caregiver video series – [Care Aware Journey](#) [CICOA](#)

Visit the [Health Ministry webpage](#)

Visit the [Substance Addiction Ministry \(SAM\) webpage](#)

June 22-29, 2018: Religious Freedom Week



People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

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June 26, 2018: Hospice and Palliative Care Conference

Please join us on June 26, 2018 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am at Marian University - Evans Center (3200 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis, IN 46222) as Archbishop Thompson opens the conference with prayer and then presentations and discussions with Palliative Care Professionals from St. Vincent Health and Franciscan Health will follow. This event is sponsored by Archdiocese of Indianapolis, St. Vincent Health, and Franciscan Health. Light Refreshments will be served. **Registration is free, but registration is required by June 18th.** For more information contact Keri Carroll at (317) 236-1521.

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

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. For more information regarding Rachel's Vineyard Retreats visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Inquiries, registration and participation are strictly confidential.

November 2-4, 2018: Rachel Vineyard Healing Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held November 2-4, 2018 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. For general information about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats visit 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

Save the Date: August 14, 2018 – Substance Addiction Ministry 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 beichhorn@archindy.org with any questions.

[Printable Flyer](#)

Save the Date: September 7, 2018 – Health Ministry Retreat



The Office of Human Life and Dignity - Health Ministry Committee invites all Parish Nurses, Health Ministers, and those involved in Health Ministry for a day of relaxation and rejuvenation. Join us Friday September 7, 2018 at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center 9am to 3pm. Reflection will be led by Sr. Olga Wittekind, OSF as well as an art reflection by Sr. Anne Vonder Muelen, OSF. There will be lunch and Mass. Come connect with yourself, your community, and with God. We hope you can join us for this beautiful day!

Visit <http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/ministries-health.html> or

[To register click here](#)

Printable Flier [click here](#)

Save the Date: January 21 & 22, 2019 – Indiana March for Life

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis invite you to the “Vigil for Life” on **January 21, 2019** and the “Indiana March for Life” on **January 22, 2019**. The event includes a Youth Rally with a night of worship and keynote speaker at St. John the Evangelist at 7pm on January 21st; Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty at St. John the Evangelist at 12:10 pm on January 22nd followed by a March to the State Capitol. Make plans to attend. More details to come! Information is available by calling (317) 236-1543.

Events around the Archdiocese

June 1, 2018: 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 **June 1, 2018** 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!

June 2, 2018: Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Terre Haute & Bloomington

The traveling Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil begins with participants joining the 7:30 am Mass at the Carmelite Monastery (59 Allendale, Terre Haute) on **June 2nd**. At 8:45 am, participants will prayerfully carpool from St. Patrick Parish (1807 Poplar St., Terre Haute) and travel to Planned Parenthood (421 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN). The prayer vigil will continue until 2:00 pm, and then the carpool will return to Terre Haute. For additional information, please contact Tom McBroom at (812) 841-0060 or mcbroom.tom@gmail.com.

June 14, 2018: Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Monthly Support Group

On **June 14th**, 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.

June 16, 2018: Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Indianapolis

On **June 16th**, the 3rd 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 for more information.

June 20, 2018: Respect Life Mass – Terre Haute

On **June 20th** the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please consider joining the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet (St. Joseph University, 113, S Fifth St., Terre Haute) at 4:30 pm prior to the 5:15 pm Respect Life Mass. For more information, contact the parish office at (812) 232-7011.

June 21, 2018: 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 – June 21, 2018** 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 16th Street, and for a return to a "Culture of Life."

June 23, 2018: Faithful Citizens Rosary Crusade –Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Rosary Parish on Saturday, **June 26th** join us for the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet as we witness and pray for the protection of Life, Religious Freedom and Holy Matrimony. For more information, contact Eric at faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com.

WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 2018

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

Featured this Month...

USCCB Religious Liberty Chairman Announces Religious Freedom Week from June 22-29, 2018

April 27, 2018



WASHINGTON—Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during **Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018**, which begins on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, states: "Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might have the space to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world."

Resources for Religious Freedom Week and other religious liberty resources can be found at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom.



View, download, and order the 2017-2018 Respect Life Program materials! www.usccb.org/respectlife

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Intercessions for Life

June 3rd

May the grace of the Eucharist,
the body and blood of Jesus,
strengthen our commitment
to protecting the gift of human life;
We pray to the Lord:

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ**

June 10th

For the times we are afraid
to welcome life:
May God strengthen us
and renew our trust in Him;
We pray to the Lord:

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17th

May God, who wonderfully
forms each person in the womb,
protect all unborn children from harm;
We pray to the Lord:

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24th

For our lawmakers:
May they defend our freedom
to follow our consciences in
serving God and neighbor
according to our Faith;
We pray to the Lord:

**Solemnity of the Nativity
of Saint John the Baptist**

Bulletin Quotes

June 3rd

“In 1943, when France was occupied by German Nazis, the search for Jews began. In the face of grave peril, Sister Agnes convinced her mother superior to open their convent and offer refuge to a Jewish family. ...Let us devote ourselves anew to following wherever the Lord leads. Let us take courage from their example of faith.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Understanding Conscience,” www.bit.ly/understanding-conscience



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June 10th

“To women with an unplanned pregnancy, Maya says, ‘This is survivable. Have hope.’”

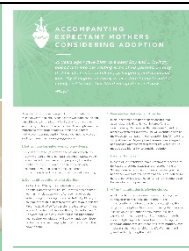
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption”

www.usccb.org/women-considering-adoption



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June 17th

“If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion”

www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e



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June 24th

“Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life.”

Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, 183.

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**Serving Others
in God's Love**

Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

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

WORD OF LIFE - June 2018

Bulletin Art

You are welcome to use these and other downloadable images from the online [Respect Life image gallery](#), provided they are not altered in any way, other than the size. Thank you!

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

Featuring “[Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation](#)”

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Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Featuring “Religious Freedom Week 2018”

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- More resources! www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek



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PALABRA DE VIDA: JUNIO DE 2018

¡Se recomiendan fechas, pero se pueden utilizar estos materiales en cualquier momento!

Este mes presentamos...

El presidente del Comité de Libertad Religiosa de la USCCB anuncia la Semana de Libertad Religiosa 2018 que se realizará del 22 al 29 de junio

April 27, 2018



WASHINGTON— Los católicos en Estados Unidos están siendo motivados a rezar y a actuar en apoyo a la libertad de religión en el país y en el exterior durante el **Servicio a los Demás en el Amor de Dios: Semana de la Libertad de Religión 2018** (Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018), que comenzará el 22 de junio con la Fiesta de los Santos Thomas More y John Fisher y terminará el 29 de junio con la solemnidad de los Santos Peter y Paul.

El presidente del Comité de Libertad Religiosa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB), el Arzobispo Joseph E. Kurtz, de Louisville, expresó:

“La libertad de religión permite que las personas de fe puedan servir a los demás en el amor de Dios en ministerios como educación, adopción y crianza de niños, cuidados de salud y servicios de migración y refugiados. Alentamos a las personas de fe a reflexionar sobre la importancia de la libertad de religión para que podamos llevar a cabo nuestra misión de servicio y misericordia, e invitamos a todos a orar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que enfrentan una intensa persecución en otras partes del mundo”.

La información sobre la Semana de Libertad de Religión y otros recursos sobre libertad religiosa se pueden encontrar en www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek y en www.usccb.org/freedom.



¡Mire, baje y solicite los materiales del Programa Respetemos la Vida 2017-2018! www.usccb.org/respectlife

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Intercesiones por la Vida

3 de junio

Que la gracia de la Eucaristía,
el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús,
fortalezcan nuestro compromiso
de proteger el don de la vida humana;
roguemos al Señor:

**Solemnidad del Santísimo
Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo**

10 de junio

Por las veces que tenemos miedo
de acoger la vida:
Para que Dios nos fortalezca
y renueve nuestra confianza en Él;
roguemos al Señor:

10° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

17 de junio

Para que Dios, que maravillosamente
forma a cada persona en el vientre materno,
proteja de cualquier daño a todos los niños por nacer;
roguemos al Señor:

11° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

24 de junio

Por nuestros legisladores:
para que defiendan nuestra libertad
de seguir nuestra conciencia al
servir a Dios y al prójimo
conforme a nuestra Fe;
roguemos al Señor:

**Solemnidad de la Natividad
de San Juan Bautista**

Citas para boletines

3 de junio

“En 1943, durante la ocupación nazi comenzó la caza de los judíos. Enfrentando graves peligros, la hermana Agnes convenció a su madre superiora para que refugiara en su convento a una familia judía. ...[R]enovemos nuestra dedicación a seguir al Señor por donde Él nos conduzca. Llenémonos de valor con su ejemplo de fe.”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

“Comprender la conciencia”, www.bit.ly/comprender-la-conciencia



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[Baje](#)

10 de junio

“Una mujer que queda embarazada inesperadamente puede sentir que es el fin del mundo. Pero, dice Maya, ‘esto es superable; tenga esperanza.’”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

“Acompañamiento de madres gestantes que están considerando dar en adopción”
www.bit.ly/mujeres-considerando-adoptar



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17 de junio

“Si una amiga te dijera que está embarazada y piensa en abortar, ¿sabrías que hacer? Entérate de consejos concretos para amarla de una manera que afirme la vida de ella y la de su hijo.”

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB

“Qué hacer si una amiga piensa en abortar”
www.bit.ly/amiga-pensando-abortar



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24 de junio

“Nadie puede exigirnos que releguemos la religión a la intimidad secreta de las personas, sin influencia alguna en la vida social y nacional.”

Papa Francisco, *Evangelii gaudium*, 183.

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EVENT DETAILS

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am Welcome and Prayer
with Archbishop Thompson

Presentation and Discussion with
Palliative Care Professionals from
St. Vincent Health
and Franciscan Health

Location

Marian University

Evans Center

3200 Cold Spring Road

Indianapolis, IN 46222

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“[Religious] freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

- Pope Francis



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People of faith are committed to **serving others in God’s love** in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. **Religious freedom protects the space** in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to **pray and act** for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. **Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!**



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Religious Freedom Week

June 22, 2018

Pray

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher,
for the protection of religious freedom in America and
around the world.

Reflect

On this feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, we remember these saints who were martyred in 1535 for standing up for the sanctity of marriage and the freedom of the Church in opposition to England's King Henry VIII. In our country today, the Church faces challenges to her freedom to serve in healthcare, child welfare services, and education. While we seek to be faithful to Christ by serving our neighbors, ignoring conscience cannot be the condition placed on people of faith for service in the public square. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful service looks like. They loved and served their country. Yet they rightly recognized that they were being forced to choose between the Church and the king. They were faithful to the Church. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.

Act

What do conscience and religious freedom mean to you? Share with us on Twitter using the hashtag #ReligiousFreedomWeek.



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Religious Freedom Week

June 23, 2018

Pray

For children waiting to be placed in a loving home,
for the caregivers who selflessly serve those children;
that they will find strength & support from the Church.

Reflect

The opioid crisis is putting a strain on the foster care system. Yet while more children are waiting to be placed in families, faith-based child welfare providers are being targeted for closures because of their religious convictions. Catholic Charities in Illinois provided these services. They excelled at recruiting families to serve as foster parents because they could go directly into churches and invite Catholics to serve in this way. 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., the service providers who have a track record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families are being shut down. Intolerance for religious views has real consequences, and in this case, it is vulnerable children who have suffered. Let's pray and act to keep kids first.

Act

The federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (H.R. 1881 / S. 811) would protect the religious liberty of child welfare service providers, including adoption and foster care agencies. Similar legislation has been introduced and passed in several states. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives and ask them to cosponsor the federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act. Check out the [USCCB Action Alert Center](#) and your state Catholic conference or diocesan website for legislative updates!



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Religious Freedom Week

June 24, 2018

Pray

That the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

Reflect

All baptized Christians are called to share the joy of the gospel with others. When most of our co-workers, neighbors, and even family members don't share our faith and perhaps do not practice any faith at all, we might be timid or afraid to talk about our faith. But in a culture filled with so much junk, people are hungry for solid food. When we encounter Jesus Christ, we come to know the bread of life, the truth in which the restless hearts of our age can rest. We love our neighbors by helping them to encounter Jesus.

Act

As the Pope Francis teaches, "The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (*parrhesía*) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition" (*Evangelii gaudium*, 259). Let's take this week to exercise our freedom by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ or to [talk about religious freedom](#) with others. Try it today!



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Religious Freedom Week

June 25, 2018

Pray

For our sisters and brothers in the Middle East; that through the intercession of the Apostles, who established these most ancient churches, Christians and all religious minorities would be freed from violent persecution.

Reflect

In July 2015, Pope Francis said, “Today we are dismayed to see how in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world many of our brothers and sisters are persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus.... [I]n this third world war, waged piecemeal, which we are now experiencing, a form of genocide – I insist on the word – is taking place, and it must end.” Today, Christians are among those religious minorities confronted with persecution, despite their having been critical to the vitality and pluralism of the region since the earliest days of Christianity.

Act

The Church in the United States stands in solidarity with Christians in the Middle East. Consider joining efforts to support Middle East Christians with a donation to [the Knights of Columbus](#), [Aid to the Church in Need](#), [Catholic Relief Services](#), or [Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#).



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Religious Freedom Week

June 26, 2018

Pray

That the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees, and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.

Reflect

The Church has [long sought to serve the unique needs of “people on the move,”](#) from providing for basic needs, to assisting with resettlement, to offering legal services to help newcomers navigate the system of their host country. The Church provides exceptional service in this area and plays an indispensable role in our nation's immigration and refugee resettlement system. In recent years, Christian services have faced legal attacks, because the Church refuses to facilitate abortions for the children who come under our care. [Groups like the ACLU set up a perverse dilemma](#), trying to force the Church to choose between unborn children and migrant children. By defending religious freedom, we are saying that we refuse to make such a choice.

Act

The USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign is an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic entities and people of goodwill in support of immigration reform. Get news, resources, and action alerts from Justice for Immigrants at justiceforimmigrants.org.



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Religious Freedom Week

June 28, 2018

Pray

That Catholic schools would have freedom to teach and bear witness to the truth about God and God's creation.

Reflect

Education is a central aspect of the Church's mission. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to teach. In the U.S., Catholic schools have played an important role in offering hope in impoverished, primarily urban, areas. Catholic schools have been significant anchor institutions in many neighborhoods, and thus they benefit even those who are not their students. Catholic leaders played a leading role in ensuring that African-American children could have access to quality education. Education is what Catholics do, and it is difficult to imagine an America without Catholic schools. Catholic schools need the space - the freedom - to operate in accordance with Catholic convictions if they are to continue to be a source of vitality for our society.

Act

Schools that operate in accordance with Church teaching about marriage as the life-long union between one man and one woman face significant pressure to change their policies. When Solicitor General Donald Verrilli argued before the Supreme Court in favor of marriage redefinition, he acknowledged that religious institutions, including schools, could lose their tax-exempt status. The First Amendment Defense Act (FADA) is a direct response to this threat. FADA would protect the tax-exempt status of non-profit entities, including schools. [Urge Congress to support FADA today!](#)



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Religious Freedom Week

June 29, 2018

Pray

That we would work to build a culture that recognizes and respects the dignity of all people.

Reflect

Religious freedom is for everyone. Religious freedom is rooted in human nature, and therefore it is a fundamental human right. When we speak up for religious freedom, we do so not only for ourselves, but because we are called to defend the dignity of every individual and community that seeks the truth about God, including Muslims, Jews, and others who do not share our Catholic Christian faith.

Act

Religious freedom is about preserving space to worship and serve. Celebrate religious freedom by gathering with friends and parishioners to discuss how your parish community can serve others. Need ideas? Check out the [Find a Service Opportunity page at WeAreSaltandLight.org](#).



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Golden Wedding Jubilee

(Couples who were married anytime in 1968)

August 5, 2018, 2:00 pm

Registration Form (Please Print)

Online registration:

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 _____ Phone _____

Parish _____ Liturgical Ministry _____

2) Name _____ Phone _____

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 July 30, 2018 to:**

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



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Bodas de Oro Jubileo

5 de agosto, 2018, 2:00 pm

(Las parejas que se casaron en 1968)

Registración

Registro online:

www.archindy.org/weddingcelebration

Todos los matrimonios deben registrarse para participar
(Por favor complete la siguiente información)

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Nombre del Esposo _____ Nombre de la Esposa _____

Dirección de Correo _____

Número de teléfono _____ Fecha de bodas _____

Correo electrónico _____

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 acompañarán para la Misa y recepción? (Limite 6) _____

¿Usa silla de ruedas? _____

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 Día del Matrimonio, favor de compartir su información de contacto en las siguientes líneas.

1) Nombre _____ Teléfono _____

Parroquia _____ Ministerio Litúrgico _____

2) Nombre _____ Teléfono _____

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35th Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee

August 5, 2018

2:00pm

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral

(1347 North Meridian Street)

Online registration:

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It's time!

*Say "Yes" to God's plan
for married love.*



HOW THE METHODS OF NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CAN HELP MARRIED COUPLES LIVE GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR MARRIAGES

Catholic teaching on love, sex, and “responsible parenthood”¹ is a resounding “YES!” to God’s plan for husband, wife, and marriage. When a man and woman marry, their “Yes” to each other should also include their “Yes” to God’s plan for married love. Why?

God is the author of marriage

God is the creator. He created men and women in his image (Gen 1:27). And, God is the author of marriage as well. God designed married love to be total,² fruitful, faithful and exclusive. Marriage was created to mirror God’s own Trinitarian love. Married love therefore rejoices in the other and is respectful of God’s design. This means that husband and wife offer themselves to each other as a gift. There is no “taking” here, just “offering” and “receiving.” There is no exclusion, like denying God, one’s person, or fertility. Anything that counters the meaning and beautiful integrity of the marital act and God’s call for life is avoided (e.g., contraception, sterilization, pornography, IVF, or surrogacy).³

God willed that married love involves the whole person, with reason, a well-formed conscience in God’s truth (that’s what Church teaching is!), and fertility. It also means that husband and wife understand that openness to new human life is not an “add on” but an essential element of married life—indeed God himself entrusted husband and wife with the gift of life.⁴ This is true whether a couple is fertile or not. Married couples ought to prayerfully discern when God is calling them to bring new life into the world, not treat it in a casual way.

What does all this have to do with Natural Family Planning (NFP)?

Catholic teaching on the nature of human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood reflects God’s loving design. The significance of NFP methods is that they are the *tools* to help husband and wife live that

reality. This is because the methods of NFP respect God’s plan for married love. They do nothing to harm God’s design. That is why the Church supports NFP use in marriage.

NFP—good medicine

Natural Family Planning is the general title for the scientific and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone a pregnancy. NFP methods provide fertility education that is informative and practical. NFP helps husband and wife to live healthfully and honestly with their combined fertility.

The facts of human reproduction form the basis of all NFP methods. Specifically, NFP methods attempt to identify the “fertile window” of husband and wife. The fertile window is the combination of information about the woman’s day of fertility (ovulation, which occurs only within a 12-24 hour period) and that of the man’s fertility (sperm, which can live in a *fertile* woman’s body for up to 5 days). When a woman is fertile, her reproductive hormones will send messages that yield specific and observable signs. Recognizing the pattern of those physical signs forms the basis for most NFP methods.

NFP methods

The majority of NFP methods are based on the daily observation of the woman’s signs of fertility.⁵ This takes some effort to learn. NFP methods provide guidelines to help couples identify the fertile and infertile time in the wife’s cycle. Pinpointing their “fertile window” (the number of days within the menstrual cycle when they are likely to conceive), is the central focus of NFP methods.

Being able to accurately identify the couple’s fertile window is key to successful use of NFP. When a couple realizes that God is calling them to have a baby, they may use the fertile window to conceive. When spouses decide that it is time to avoid a pregnancy, they will abstain from sex during

the fertile time. Periodic sexual abstinence is the NFP means to avoid a pregnancy. No drugs, barriers, devices, or surgical procedures are ever used.

NFP works!

Any couple can use an NFP method. The key is to learn the method well, be aware of God's will for your marriage, and apply the guidelines consistently.

When looking for an NFP method to learn, you should know that there is no "best method." All NFP methods are based on solid science. Choosing a method depends upon how much fertility information a couple needs and can live with!

NFP, it's time!

It's time to give NFP a chance! The benefits are many. NFP provides sound fertility education. It is environmentally safe and has no harmful side-effects. NFP education is also economical. Most providers charge fees for class (or an on-line course) and any resources—that's it!

Most importantly, NFP respects God's plan for married love. It promotes respect for one's spouse, the virtue of chastity, self-sacrifice, and mindfulness regarding the meaning of married love. It may not always be easy, but if a couple perseveres, NFP can actually help them deepen their relationship with each other and God!

Endnotes

- 1 To learn about Catholic teaching on responsible parenthood, see: www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/responsible-parenthood.cfm
- 2 Married love "involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter—appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity and aspiration of the spirit and of the will" (*Familiaris consortio*, [FC] no. 13). Married love is the most deeply personal union found among men and women (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1643). The marital union calls husband and wife to become one flesh, one heart and one soul (see FC, no. 13). It therefore "demands *indissolubility* and *faithfulness* in ... mutual giving; and it is open to *fertility*" (FC, no. 13).
- 3 On contraception and sterilization, see the papal encyclical, *Humanae vitae*, which discusses the nature of conjugal love and responsible parenthood and the moral prohibition of contraception at http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html. On pornography, see the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on anti-pornography and other resources at <http://www.usccb.org/cleanheart>. For a summary of Catholic teaching on the moral prohibition of some assisted reproductive technologies see <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/upload/Life-Giving-Love-in-an-Age-of-Technology-2009-2.pdf>.
- 4 In fact, the Church teaches that when they marry, husband and wife receive a "kind of consecration in the duties and dignity of their state" (*Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). Part of their sacred "duty" is to become parents if it is God's will in their marriage.
- 5 A handful of NFP methods are based on the research of women using the classic methods. These other NFP methods use a formula (algorithm) to calculate the woman's fertile time. See <http://www.factsaboutfertility.org/resources/overview/standard-days-method>.

**Learn more about Church teaching that supports NFP use in marriage at
www.usccb.org/nfp/catholic-teaching/index.cfm**

Read more about NFP methods at www.usccb.org/nfp/what-is-nfp/index.cfm

To learn an NFP method see www.usccb.org/nfp/find-an-nfp-class.cfm



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Substance Addiction Ministry Mass

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

August 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

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Celebrant: Archbishop Charles Thompson

Reception and Refreshments after Mass in SSPP Parlor

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