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Bishops Ask Catholics to Pray Election Novena

—USCCB News Release, August 19, 2008

WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called Novena for Faithful Citizenship. It is a podcast and available for download.

Joan Rosenhauer, Associate Director for the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, said that the special novena is part of "the bishops' campaign to help Catholics develop well-formed consciences for addressing political and social questions." The bishops issued their statement on forming consciences for faithful citizenship in November 2007.

Helen Osman, USCCB Secretary of Communications, expressed hope that the novena could help "Catholics enter into prayerful reflection as they prepare to vote." Seventy-one percent of all visitors to the USCCB's web site download the free podcasts of the daily NAB readings. These same visitors are encouraged to use the novena podcast for prayer. Osman said that the USCCB wants to support Catholics as they weigh pre-election issues and that "providing a prayer resource on the Web can help us focus on our common values and identity as Catholics." The novena emphasizes the dignity of life, justice, and peace.

The Novena for Faithful Citizenship runs for nine days and can be used consecutively, one day each week, for nine days prior to the election, or "in any way that works best for a community or individual," said Rosenhauer.

The novena will be available for download until the election and it can be downloaded online at:
<http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts>.

For other Faithful Citizenship resources and materials visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

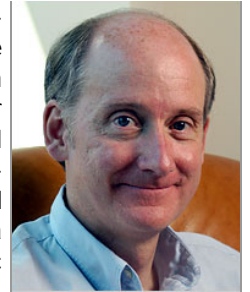
And the Church, faithful to God's Word, does not cease to recall the principle: "Work is 'for man' and not man 'for work' " ("Laborem Exercens," No. 6). Thus, she ceaselessly proclaims the primacy of man over the work of his hands and recalls that it must all be oriented to the true progress of the human person and the common good: capital, science, technology, public resources and even private ownership.

—Pope Benedict XVI, March 31, 2008

Two Experts' Thoughts on Embryonic Stem Cell Research

—Excerpts from Ethics & Medics,
"Rethinking Embryonic Stem Cells," April 2008

Dr. James Thomson serves as director of regenerative biology at the Morgridge Institute for Research in Madison, Wisconsin, and is a professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Thomson's laboratory determined a method to modify human skin cells in such a way that they appear to be embryonic stem cells without using a human embryo.



Dr. Thomson, who has overseen the destruction of numerous embryonic humans himself, had the honesty to acknowledge this fact in comments he made to *The New York Times*: "If human embryonic stem cell research does not make you at least a little bit uncomfortable, you have not thought about it enough."

Dr. Shinya Yamanaka is a Japanese physician and stem cell researcher. He serves as a professor at the Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences at Kyoto University and at the J. David Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco, California. In 2007, he and his team were able to generate Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells from human adult fibroblasts.



Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, who developed the reprogramming approach and published one of the two recent breakthrough papers, memorably described the problem after visiting a friend who worked at a fertility clinic. After looking down the Microscope at one of the human embryos stored at the clinic, he later reflected back on the moment: "'When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized there was such a small difference between it and my daughters,' said Dr. Yamanaka, forty-five, a father of two and now a professor at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences at Kyoto University. "I thought, we can't keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be another way.'"

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From the Director

It is with much trepidation that I write this letter. Now is a time of much conflict and the burdens seem to come at us each and every day. We are preparing for a national election that will closely follow Respect Life Month. I feel that the election is a topic that one would expect me to write about, and yet we have had so much to read from the Faithful Citizenship and the college of bishops. In this upcoming month of October that we dedicate to life, there are certainly life issues that are pertinent to our choices. Yet when the election is over, our dedication and work to preserve the dignity of the person must continue. A vote is not the end of the road for us.

In Forming Consciences for a Faithful Citizenship, the bishops speak of developing conscience and then applying it in the world:

“Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good.”

Yes, our consciences must be formed to make the moral decision necessary to cast our ballot. Our conscience formation however does not end with that vote and get set aside until the next election. Conscience formation is a life long process. As the world continues to progress and we engage in new and different circumstances both individually and as a nation, our conscience must always be our guide to lead us to decisions each and every day.

It seems that everyday we are called to make moral decisions. We may be considering a purchase and wonder if anyone was tortured in order to bring that item to us. Engaging with friends, family and colleagues can also lead

us to question some moral aspect of a conversation and whether we are called to respond.

Just today I heard a conversation between two people about someone who has a debilitating illness. Both people said they told their families, “If I ever get that diagnosis, just shoot me; because I don’t want to subject myself or my family to that.” Now I was eavesdropping on this conversation so I didn’t interject, but were they advocating euthanasia? It may seem like an innocent conversation but this type of thinking leads to a consideration of ending life. Had I been a party to the conversation, my conscience may have called me to respond.

I experienced another alarming incident many years ago as a manager in the corporate world, and it has never left me. We received news of a military air raid in another part of the world. One of my young staff persons said, “Good. Kill them. Kill all of them. They hate us.” I was stunned. His words were so harsh to me that I couldn’t fathom this young man uttering these words. In my horror I said something like this to him, “Earlier today some little boy had his 8th birthday party. He celebrated with his family and received some gifts that he really enjoyed. Later he went to bed feeling happy and loved. In his sleep he was killed by the raids. He did not hate you.”

Respecting life is an on-going process for every person not something we do in October. Continuing to form our conscience by keeping ourselves informed and developing a prayer life that cultivates an intimate relationship with God is means to help us navigate this sometimes turbulent and confusing world. We do make mistakes at times, but this all-loving God keeps us in love, so that we can adjust and move forward as we develop and grow in faith and love.

Our role as Catholic citizens attempts to bring the culture of life to the public square, to our own Church, to our families and within our own hearts. So pay attention to the events of Respect Life month and really celebrate life. Cast your votes in the national and local elections on November 4. And continue to be a person for life building a culture of life every day in prayer and action.

—Peggy Gerovac

Slave Labor on Increase in Developing World

—Our Sunday Visitor, June 22, 2008

A U.S. State Department report has found that slave labor in developing countries such as Brazil, India and China is fueling part of their huge economic growth, CNN reported earlier this month.

Although natural disasters and wars make more headlines, this attack on human dignity is no less horrifying. Unfortunately, this is another reflection of the world’s lack of focus on a culture of life.

“Trafficking in human beings is a dreadful offense against human dignity, which the social doctrine of the Catholic Church regards as the foundation of human rights,” Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, told a Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking earlier this year. “It is well known that poverty, as well as the lack of opportunities and of social cohesion, push people to look for a better future despite the related risks, making them extremely vulnerable to trafficking.”

It appears that the desire for the good life for some comes increasingly at the expense of others’ ability to have a chance at any life.

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Pope: Overcoming Racism

Says It's a Key Task for Modern Times

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, AUG. 18, 2008 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- One of humanity's great victories is the overcoming of racism, says Benedict XVI.

Noting the three readings from Sunday's Mass, the Holy Father said: "The Word of God thus offers us the opportunity to reflect on the universality of the mission of the Church, made up of peoples of all races and cultures.

"Indeed, herein lies the great responsibility of the ecclesial community, called to be a hospitable house for all, sign and instrument of communion for the whole human family."

He said: "How important it is, especially in our time, that every Christian community be ever more conscious of this, in order to help civil society to overcome every possible temptation to racism, intolerance and exclusion, and to organize itself with options that are respectful of the dignity of every human being.

"One of humanity's great victories is precisely the overcoming of racism. Unfortunately, however, there are new worrying manifestations of the latter, often linked to social and economic problems, which, however, can never justify contempt and racial discrimination.

"Let us pray that respect for every person will grow everywhere, together with the responsible awareness that only by the reciprocal acceptance of all is it possible to build a world marked by real justice and true peace."

No 'Staff of Life' to Lean On

—CRS Online (www.crs.org)

Because it imports most of its food, the Middle East is especially vulnerable to changes in the food market. Middle Eastern countries with little access to oil wealth are feeling the pinch, and have seen the price of staple foods like bread and cooking oil skyrocket.

"Everyone here is talking about the perpetually rising prices," says Stephen Steinbeiser, in Catholic Relief Services' Jerusalem office. A February 2008 U.N. report says that the cost of the seven basic food items (wheat flour, rice, milk, sugar, olive oil, vegetable oil and chickpeas) increased by 82 percent in the West Bank, compared to February 2007.

In Egypt, the word for bread is *aish*, meaning "life." As prices rise, more and more Egyptians are unable to afford their daily bread. They stand in long lines for hours to buy government-subsidized bread, missing work or school to do so.

In many Middle Eastern countries, people have taken to the streets in protest over the price of food. The resulting violence and riots have led to injuries—and in one case, a death. Learn how food prices are affecting countries in the Middle East where CRS works, including Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Life Issues Forum: The Price of Life

by Mary J. McClusky

—Excerpts from *USCCB*,

Life Issues Forum, August 2, 2008



Imagine if your state of residence put a price tag on your life. Though it sounds like something out of "The Twilight Zone," that's exactly what happened to Randy Stroup and Barbara Wagner, both cancer patients residing in Oregon, home of the nation's only taxpayer-funded, doctor-assisted suicide option for the terminally ill. Uninsured and battling prostate cancer, Stroup applied to his state-sponsored health insurance plan to fund his chemotherapy. He was shocked to receive a letter saying they would not cover his chemotherapy drug, but would cover the cost of physician-assisted suicide. "It dropped my chin to the floor . . . [How could they] not pay for medication that would help my life, and yet offer to pay to end my life?" said Stoup. The same offer to cover assisted suicide instead of treatment was made to Wagner, who is battling lung cancer. Their stories compel us to consider the effects of legislation like this, where it may lead us, and how we should react.

Physician-assisted suicide laws contribute to the overall devaluing of human life. Rather than recognizing the inestimable worth of every individual, they promote the erroneous idea that life is a commodity up for cost analysis by the state. These laws perpetuate the idea that instead of protecting our citizens' right to life, government should encourage and facilitate the eradication of those deemed a financial burden to society. These stories reveal a zero sum mentality of rationing resources, instead of an attitude of abundance and generosity for our suffering brothers and sisters.

Prayer Corner

A Prayer for Life



Good and Gracious God,
source of all Life,
all creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite your Spark within us,
that we may know ourselves as truly human and holy,
irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

All creation
- Each star and every flower,
- Each drop of water and every person
- Each and every atom, down to its very electrons
explodes with the revelation of your Sacred Mystery.

Our minds alone cannot fathom such splendor.
Our hearts can only respond in awe, praise and gratitude.

—Pax Christi

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US Bishops: Doctors Have Right to Say No to Abortion

Support Protection for Conscientious Objectors

WASHINGTON, D.C. AUG. 22, 2008 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- A U.S. bishops' aide welcomed a draft of federal regulations aimed to beef up existing legislation protecting health care providers' right to conscientiously object to participating in abortions. Secretary Michael Leavitt of the Department of Health and Human Services released the regulations Thursday for a 30-day public comment period.

Deirdre McQuade, a spokeswoman for the bishops on life issues, welcomed the proposed regulations as a way to protect medical personnel from being coerced to violate their consciences in federally funded programs. "Doctors, nurses and other medical personnel face pressure to participate in abortion -- a practice that many find abhorrent in good conscience," McQuade said. "The enforcement of federal laws designed to protect their freedom of conscience is long overdue."

The regulations would make federal funding dependent on an organization's willingness not to discriminate against health care professionals who object to participating in abortions. "This is not just about Catholic health care," McQuade continued. "Catholics do not stand alone in opposition to the deliberate destruction of nascent human life. All health care providers should be free to serve their patients without violating their most deeply held moral and religious convictions on the value of life."

"Over the coming 30 days of public comment, the bishops urge the pro-life American public to thank Secretary Leavitt and encourage HHS to implement the strongest possible regulations."

The Global HIV Epidemic— Fast Facts from Catholic Relief Services

—All Statistics provided by UNAIDS (www.unaids.org)

- Around 33 million people worldwide are infected with HIV.
- In 2007, approximately 2.7 million people were newly infected with the virus.
- AIDS has killed more than 25 million people worldwide.
- 2 million people died of AIDS-related causes in 2007.
- AIDS is the leading cause of death in Africa.
- Women are increasingly affected by HIV.
- Globally 50 percent of adults living with HIV are women; in sub-Saharan Africa more than 60 percent of people living with HIV are women (2007).
- The number of children younger than 15 living with HIV was 2 million in 2007.
- Since 2003, the rate of annual AIDS deaths among children has begun to decline due to increased HIV treatment and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

Hannah & Friends

—excerpt from *Our Sunday Visitor*, May 11, 2008

Maura Weis' daughter, Hannah, was diagnosed *in utero* with polycystic kidney disease. Doctors predicted that if she were not stillborn, she would die shortly after birth. Weis and her husband, Charlie, now head coach of the University of Notre Dame football team, declined the suggestion to have a late-term abortion.

"I heard, and still hear, God telling me that she would be OK," Weis said.

Thirteen years later, Hannah has beaten the odds of survival with only one kidney and with electrical status epilepticus, a rare seizure disorder that causes autistic-like behavior and regressive motor and cognitive functions.

Yet, Hannah has a future filled with hope.

Hannah will eventually live at Hannah & Friends, a 30-acre residential farm that her parents founded near South Bend, Ind., not far from their home. A caretaker home and recreation center are already completed and two residential homes will be built this summer for the first eight residents. Two retired horses are ready for the therapeutic riding program.

"It's all very exciting," Weis said. "We will be creating jobs with farm animals, and someone like my daughter, who will never be able to work in an outside job, can feed the chickens and have fun. People with special needs deserve to have a happy life and one filled with friends, too."

"I was never angry with God," Weis said. "I think that God picked the right parents for Hannah, and we are honored to take care of her."

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Water More Than an Economic Good, Says Pope

Sends Message to International Expo Under Way in Spain

VATICAN CITY, JULY 15, 2008 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI is calling for solidarity and responsibility in national and international policies on water, saying water is a right and profit should not be the only reason to protect it.

There is a "right to water," based on the dignity of the human person, and it is not simply an "economic good" the Pope affirmed in a message to the international exposition on "Water and Sustainable Development," under way in Zaragoza, Spain.

"The use of water, which is regarded as a universal and inalienable right, is related to the growing and urgent needs of people who live in destitution, taking into account the fact that limited access to potable water has repercussions on the wellbeing of an enormous number of people and is often the cause of illnesses, sufferings, conflicts, poverty and even death," the message added.

In regard to the right to water, the Holy Father also stressed that it is "a right that is based on the dignity of the human person." It is "from this perspective that positions of those who consider and treat water only as an economic good must be carefully examined," Benedict XVI continued. "Its use must be rational and solidary, fruit of a balanced synergy between the public and private sector."

Religious meanings

The Pope went on to mention that water is not just a material good, as it also has "religious meanings that believing humanity, especially Christianity, have developed, assigning it great value as a precious immaterial good, which always enriches man's life on this earth."

"How can one not recall in this circumstance the thought-provoking message that has come to us from sacred Scriptures, treating water as a symbol of purification -- cf. Psalm 50:4; John 13:8; and of life -- cf. John 3:5; Galatians 3:27," he noted. "The full recovery of this spiritual dimension is the guarantee and implication for an adequate approach to the ethical, political and economic problems that affect the complex management of water on the part of so many interested individuals, both in the national and international realm."

Morals of the Story

Kids are not afraid to discuss the "controversial" moral issues. Let's keep talking about them.

—Excerpt from *U.S. Catholic*, May 2008

The adolescent cousins sit together at the extended family lunch. Their conversation ranges over bumpy terrain: the morality of torture, the legality of killing yourself, assisted suicide, abortion and capital punishment.

Moms, aunts, uncles listen in on the sly. One kid points out that a child in the womb is usually not called "a baby" but rather "a fetus." An adult seated nearby says, with some spirit, that at two months a fetus has arms, legs, fingers, toes, eyes, and a beating heart, and therefore is indeed "a baby."

"In our house," says Michael Gurian in *The Wonder of Girls* (Atria), "we carry on moral discussions at the dinner table—about current events, or a moral issue that arose in one of our daughters' school days ... Sometimes we get into loud debates. We try to support our conversations with references to sacred texts ... even while realizing that we ourselves, as individuals, are responsible to provide the final word in our lives. We try to talk from personal experience when we can ... learning more about our daughters' unfolding moral stories."

Moral issues lurk in the news every day. Our kids also face them all the time, whether parents realize it or not. They may not yet be dealing with the biggies like abortion or torture. Right now it's how to treat the class outcast. What to do when a buddy now punches you regularly just for the fun of it because he is bigger than you. Or when a friend brings out a can of beer or suggests that you help her shoplift.

We parents often know in our gut what to advise children in stances like theses. (Though we can learn a lot by first asking. "What do you think about it?") But the real parental trick is to say out loud the values that guide us. Why should your daughter invite the kid nobody likes to her birthday party? What principles can guide your son as he figures out what to do about the friend now using him for a punching bag? And what do these have to do with the God we believe in? Can the life of Jesus or the teachings of our church shed light on the situation? How about the examples of friends and relatives we respect?





Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

—Here are a few highlights

25. The right to life implies and is linked to other human rights—to the basic goods that every human person needs to live and thrive. All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life.

The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbors—basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education and meaningful work—is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means. Catholics must seek the best ways to responds to these needs.

As Blessed Pope John XXIII taught, “[Each of us] has the right to life, to bodily integrity and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care and, finally, the necessary social services” (*Pacem in Terris*, 11).

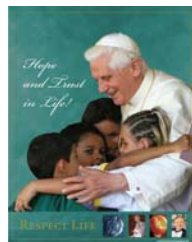
34. Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil such as abortion or racism if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

40. The consistent ethic of life provides a moral framework for principled Catholic engagement in political life and, rightly understood, neither treats all issues as morally equivalent nor reduces Catholic teaching to one or two issues.

It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental moral obligation to respect the dignity of every person as a child of God. It unites us as a “people of life and for life” (*Evangelium Vitae*, 6) pledged to build what Pope John Paul II called a “culture of life” (*ibid.*, 77). This culture of life begins with the pre-eminent obligation to protect innocent life from direct attack and extends to defending life whenever it is threatened or diminished.

—“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,”
U.S. Bishops, November 29, 2007

2008 Respect Life Program



“Hope and Trust in Life!”

This year's packet can be ordered through the USCCB.
For parishes and individuals, call: 1-866-582-0943
or check the website at:

www.usccb.org/prolife



Makes you go hmmm....

(A Column of Quotes)

The Church, charged as she is by her Lord with a spiritual mission that she continually renews, shows herself to be capable of exercising a positive influence even on the social level because she promotes a renewed humanity and open and constructive human relationships, in respect and in service, first of all to the least and the weakest.

—JUNE 15, 2008 Benedict XVI

Ultimately, the fundamental questions in law and ethics will be decided by what we think it means to be human and what we understand to be the ethical obligations owed to the human person.

—Edmund Pellegrino, MD
Catholic medical ethicist, OSV May 4, 2008

The right to demonstrate and to present demands is always accompanied by the pressing responsibilities to protect life and property, follow the law and protect the environment. In this situation the leaders are looked to even more to find together effective and practical solutions for the short, medium and long term; for the greatest heritage of our country is life, and no sacrifice can be spared for its conservation and growth.

—Haitian Bishops' Statement
April 12, 2008

We need to overcome “charity begins at home” and we simply can't afford to increase overseas development. Let's look at some of the cost involved:

- Basic schooling for every child would cost around \$10 billion a year. That's less than the U.S. spends on ice cream.
- Basic health care and nutrition would cost \$13 billion a year. That's around 2/3 of what Europe and the U.S. spend on pet food.
- Making childbirth safer for all women would cost around \$12 billion a year. That's what we currently spend on perfume in Europe and U.S.

—Lesley-Anne Knight, Caritas International
February 25, 2008

All living creatures are, so to speak, sparks from the radiance of God's brilliance, and these sparks emerge from God like the rays of the sun.

—Hildegard of Bingen

Fear grows out of the things we think; it lives in our minds. Compassion grows out of the things we are, and lives in our hearts.

—Barbara Garrison



Respect Life Events

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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY ❖ OCTOBER 5, 2008

The first Sunday in October is "RESPECT LIFE" Sunday
Respect for LIFE at all stages and ages!

14th Annual Hearts and Hands Luncheon Sunday, September 28, 2008

Sponsored by

Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center
Intercontinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland
Silent Auction begins at 11 am; Luncheon at 12:30 pm
Call 216-662-5700 for reservations.



Father Peter West A Visit from Priest for Life October 3, 4 and 5, 2008

Sponsored by: Respect Life Groups at
Immaculate Conception Church, Willoughby
St. John Vianney, Mentor

Friday, October 3 — 7 pm

Fr. West will speak on Pro Life Issues
Buffet dinner, St. John Vianney Party Center
Call 440-257-7835, 440-257-2155 or 440-942-8027

Saturday, October 4 — 8 am

Car pool from Immaculate Conception parking lot to
attend Rosary for Life with Father West;
Mass at St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey,
followed by rosary in front of abortion clinic, Shaker Blvd.

Saturday, October 4 — 4 pm and 6 pm

Liturgies at St. John Vianney Church, Mentor

Sunday, October 5: — 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon

Liturgies at Immaculate Conception, Willoughby
Fr. West will deliver the sermons.

Sunday, October 5 — 2:30-3:30 pm

Fr. West will join the Lake County Life Chain in
Mentor—Corner of State Route 306 and Mentor Ave.
Following the Life Chain, Fr. West will speak on
Pro Life Issues at Immaculate Conception, Willoughby.



The 31st Annual Walk of Hope Saturday, October 4, 2008

OLA/St. Joseph Center

2346 West 14th Street, Cleveland

Sponsored by Catholic Charities Disability Services

Registration begins at 8:00 am

A Walk through Tremont begins at 9:00 am

Call 216-334-2963 or

Email: mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org



Life Chain Events

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Right to Life of Summit County Life Chain 2008

From 10 am to 1:30 pm standing from 692 E. Market to
839 E. Market (We have changed the day to Saturday in
order to have the maximum effect on the abortion provid-
ers and hopefully save lives.)

For more info, call 330-762-2785

Life Chain—Sunday, October 5, 2008

*Just one hour, just once a year,
in towns and cities across the country,
thousands of men, women and children,
who still believe in the sanctity of life,
line sidewalks to hold signs in silent witness
to the terrible truth that abortion kills children.*

Please join us for a peaceful, prayerful, silent witness
to the sanctity of human life!

More information at www.lifechain.net

West: • From 2:30-3:30 pm at 20800 Center Ridge Rd.
across from the former Westgate Mall
Call Bob at 440-331-2602 for further information.

• From 2-3 pm at Pearl Rd. (Rt. 42) and Rt. 82
Contact Sonya at 440-243-7097.

East: • From 2:30-3:30 pm in Mentor at the inter-
section of Route 20 (Mentor Ave.) and Rt. 306.
Rain or Shine!

South: • From 2-3 pm in West Salem at the intersection
of Rts 42 and 301 in West Salem. Call
St. Stephen Church at 419-853-4946 for more
information and directions.



40 Days for Life

Sunday, October 12 at 7:00 pm

at St. Edward Church, 501 College St. in Ashland

Father Peter West from "Priests for Life" will speak on
"The End of Abortion and 40 Days For Life"

All are welcome.

Contact the parish at 419-853-4946



Respect Life Events

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Prayer Vigil for Life

The first week of October is set aside as a Week of Prayer and Fasting to End Abortion. Each day this week, the Mass and Rosary will be offered at a different parish in our area for the intention of ending abortion world peace and the conversion of nations. In this election year of decision, please join in this opportunity to turn to God and His Mercy.

Monday, October 6

St. Paul, Euclid—8 am Mass/Novena/Rosary
O.L. of Mt. Carmel, Wickliffe—7 pm Mass/Rosary/Novena

Tuesday, October 7

St. Justin Martyr, Eastlake—8:30 am Mass/9 am Rosary
St. Felicitas, Euclid—7 pm Mass/Rosary

Wednesday, October 8

St. Christine, Euclid—8 am Rosary/8:30 am Mass

Thursday, October 9

Immaculate Conception, Willoughby—7 pm Mass/Rosary in the Church

Friday, October 10

St. John Vianney, Mentor—8 am Mass/Rosary
St. Robert, Euclid—11:10 am Rosary/11:30 am Mass & Adoration and 5 pm Service for Life

Saturday, October 11

“Rosary for Life” at abortion mills/Shaker Blvd.



Faithful Citizenship Lecture

Monday, October 13 at 7 pm

Sponsored by

Lakewood/St. Rose Respect Life Coalition

Speaker: Fr. S. Michael Franz, St. Stephen, Cleveland
Location: St. James Parish, 17514 Detroit Ave.
Call Virginia at 216-226-6663 or Toni at 216-228-4168



Volunteer Opportunities

Cleveland Pregnancy Center—Volunteer Orientation begins on **Oct. 6, 2008 from 7-9 pm**. Contact Patsy at cpcpatsy@sbcglobal.net or 440-243-2520.

Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center—in Garfield Hts. invites you to join the volunteer training program **Thurs., & Fri., Oct. 23-24 from 10 am to 2 pm**. Applications due Oct. 10. Contact Dianne at 216-662-5700 or dianne@womankindcleveland.com for an application.

Stop the Genocide in Darfur

Attend The Day of Prayer and Action in Solidarity with the People of Darfur

Sunday, October 19, 2008

1:30-3:30 pm

2095 West Market St. in Akron

Sponsored by The Darfur Coalition of Summit and Stark Counties. Visit www.catholic-action.org for more details or call 330-535-2787.



“I Have Called You By Name”

October 24-26, 2008

A private healing weekend retreat for women hurting after abortion at

The Jesuit Retreat House, Parma, Ohio

Sponsored by Bethesda The House of Mercy and The Community of Jesus, the Living Mercy

Call 440-801-1072

or Email: BethesdaHouse@aol.com

Visit: www.bethesdathehouseofmercy.org



27th Annual Peace & Justice Awards Dinner

Saturday, October 25, 2008

K of C Hall, 10808 Granger Rd, Garfield Hts.

Guest Speaker: Dan Misleh

“Catholic Social Teaching and Care for God’s Creation”

Social 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm.; Program 7:30 pm

For reservations, call: 216-939-3841



Bioethics for Life: An Overview

Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 7 pm

Speaker: Professor Andrew Trew

Professor of Bioethics at St. Mary’s Seminary, Wickliffe, and John Carroll University

Sponsored by St. Joan of Arc, Chagrin Falls

496 East Washington St. in the parish hall

His talk will look at developments in bioethics from a U.S. and international perspective.

For more information, call the parish at 440-247-7183



Celebrate Life Dinner

Saturday, November 1, 2008

Queen of Heaven Church, Green—Call 330-762-2785 to reserve a table or seat

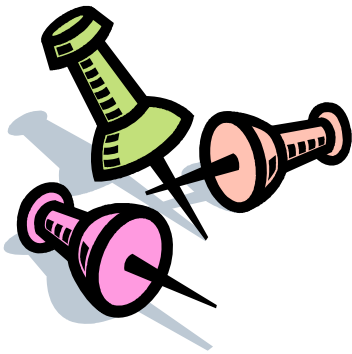
“FOR LIFE”

will publish a special insert
commemorating two life events in January 2009.
If your parish or group has something planned for one or
both of these events, please let us know.

**World Day of Prayer for Peace
January 1, 2009**

**March for Life 2009
January 22, 2009**

Please submit the following information:



1. **Name of event**
2. **Date and time**
3. **Location, including address**
4. **Contact information**
5. **Brief description of event**
6. **Sponsorship, if available**

Submit information by **December 1, 2008** to:

pmgerovac@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

or

Peggy Gerovac
Pro Life Office
7911 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44102

We will try to publish all events/activities submitted.