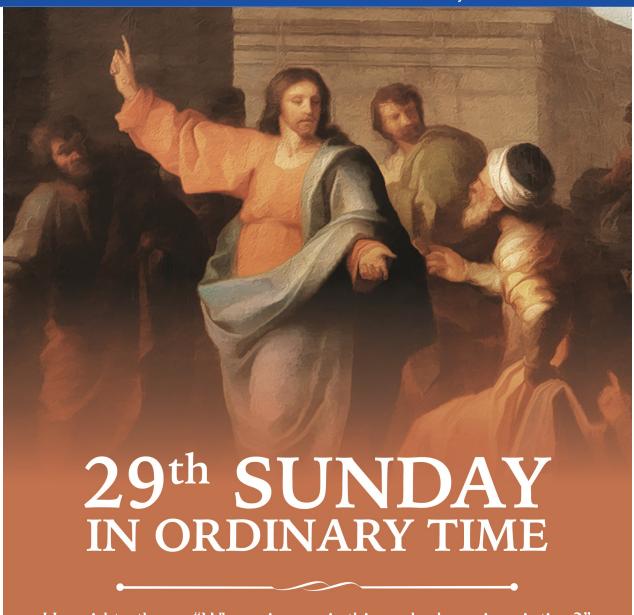




A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."- Mt 22:20-21

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| October   | 17, Saturday - Sobota  | October 22, Thursday - Štvrtok |  |
| 9:00AM  | For Noah Pogasic (B'Day)   | 6:00AM                         | For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family  |
| J.OOMWI   | ♦ For Grant Dzieciolowski (4th B'Day)                                |                                | ❖ For George and Helen Emmendorfer   |
|   | ❖ For Tristan Jedi Wilkins (B'Day) req. Grandma                      |                                | *†Bruce Normander  |
| 5:30PM  | For Grant Dzieciolowski req. Mema & Papi                             | 12:00PM                        | For Therese Stout req. Daughter  |
| - · <del>-</del>                                  | ❖ For Charles & Theresa MacDonald by Family                          | 12,001 141                     | ❖†Ben Drozdowski   |
|   | ❖ For Paul & Carroll Schuller (34th Ann.)                            |                                | ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Rochowiak Family                                       |
|   | ❖ For the Davenport & Rolling Families                               | 7:00PM                         | For Paul and Julie Varchetti and Family  |
|   | ❖†Peter MacDonald ❖†Phyllis Tresh (B'Day)                            | 7.00PM                         | ❖ For Nate and Theresa Robinson and Family   |
|   | ❖†Mary Klebans req. Family   |                                | <del>-</del>   |
| October 18, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedeľa |  | 0-4-1                          | *†Harold Grewe (41st Ann.)   |
|   | Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 (145)                       |                                | 23, Friday - Piatok  |
| 7:30AM  | For Al and Ann Varchetti   | 6:00AM                         | In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj   |
|   | ❖ For Jonathan Wilkins (Bap. Ann.) req. Grandma                      |                                | ❖ For Mark Varchetti   |
|   | ❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer                                     |                                | ❖For Joanne & Thomas Alard req. Dad  |
|   | ❖ For the Menard and Daniel Families                                 |                                | †William Porter req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny  |
|   | ❖ For the Meyou Sisters  | 12:00PM                        | For Orestes Nash (B'Day) ❖For Andrew Hanna   |
|   | *†Richard Walczyk req Lucille Zreliak                                |                                | ❖ For Louis A. Brown, Jr. (B'Day)  |
| 0.20 4 7/4  | ❖†Mary Klebans req Vince & Mickey Larose                             |                                | ❖†Helen M. Schoener ❖†Chester Rudzewicz  |
| 9:30AM  | For the Vitale & Monsu Families  ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family | October                        | 24, Saturday - Sobota  |
|   | For the Makarewicz Family  ❖ For the Makarewicz Family               | 9:00AM                         | For Fictoria Hannakeachel Family   |
|   | ❖ For Brian & Lisa Koziol & Family                                   | J.OOAIVI                       | ❖ For the Meyou Sisters  |
|   | ❖ For Andrew Melnyk  |                                | ❖ † Ralph & Janet Reising (50th Wed. Ann) req. Miller's                                  |
|   | ❖ For William & Theresa Melnyk                                       | 4:30PM                         | *Baptism: Ryan Vincnet McMahon   |
|   | ❖ For Peter Weil (B'Day) ❖ †Ann M. Pullis                            | 5:30PM                         | For James & Marilyn Jaczkowski (40th Wed. Ann.)  |
|   | ❖†Virginia Pierce req Cindy & Dennis Zitny                           |                                | ❖ For Ken & Mary Ann Warner (Wed. Ann.)  |
| 11:30AM   | (Slovak) For the United States of America                            |                                | ❖ For Vernon & Joyce Davenport (Wed. Ann.)   |
|   | ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory                                    |                                | ❖ For Veronica Bartold (25th B'Day)  |
|   | ❖ For a Special Intention req. Marie Kerry                           |                                | ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  |
|   | ❖ For Drana Gojhij ❖ For Nokoll & Nora Sinishtaj                     |                                | ❖For Nedhal Aziz ❖†Florence Russell  |
|   | ❖†Kola & Marija Kalaj ❖†Jozef Straka                                 | October                        | 25, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedeľa  |
| 6:00PM  | (Tridentine)   |                                | Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40(148)  |
| 0.001 111   | For the Intentions of all Parishioners                               | 7:30AM                         | For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica                                      |
| 8:30PM  | In Thanksgiving req. Marie Kerry                                     |                                | Sodality   |
| 0.001 111   | ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family                                   |                                | ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family  |
|   | ❖ For Martin & Lisa Nikprelaj & Family                               |                                | ❖†Virginia Pierce req Cindy & Dennis Zitny   |
|   | ❖ For Miguel & Sheri Graham  |                                | *†Richard Walczyk req Lucille Zreliak  |
|   | ❖For Ibrahim Aziz ❖†Brian Czach req. Rita                            |                                | *†Louis Kerry (36th Ann.) req. Family  |
|   | ♦†William Porter req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny                           |                                | *†James Zabawski req wife  |
|   | ❖†Jane Elizabeth Allan Burrows                                       |                                | ❖†Daniel Fluker req Cindy & Dennis Zitny<br>❖†Mary Klebans req Vince & Mickey Larose     |
|   | ♦†Magdalena Valbuena ♦†Zoraida Tablata                               | 9:30AM                         | For the Intentions of All Parishioners   |
|   | ❖†Rodolfo Valbuena Jr.   | 9:30AM                         | (Slovak) For President Donald J. Trump req. North Fam.                                   |
| October 19, Monday - Pondelok                     |  | II.JUAIVI                      | ♦ For Alexandria Waldecker   |
| 9:00AM  | For Al & Ann Varchetti + †Amparo Fernando                            |                                |  |
|   | ❖†Officers Ryan Hendrix & Mario Herrera                              |                                | For the Orleaning Femily   |
| 12:00PM   | For Fictoria Hannakeachel & Family                                   |                                | ♦ For the Orlowsky Family  |
|   | ❖For Mariam Aziz ❖†Mary Klebans                                      |                                | ♦ † Kola Kalaj     † Mary Klebans req. Family       • † Maria Kalaj     † Learner Gainsi |
| October 20, Tuesday - Utorok                      |  |                                | ❖†Maria Kalaj ❖†Jcesmen Gojcaj   |
| 6:00AM  | For the Holy Souls in Purgatory                                      |                                | ❖†Paul Szwarc ❖†Arthur Orlowsky  |
| J.JOANI   | ❖ For Fr. John Simoneau  | 6:00PM                         | (Tridentine)   |
|   | ❖ For William Timmerman (B'Day)                                      | 0.0007.5                       | †Robert Stout, Jr Therese Stout  |
| 12:00PM   | For Kevin Aziz For the Meyou Sisters                                 | 8:30PM                         | For Arin S Andrianna Marina  |
|   | ❖ For Ernest & Maria Gaiera  |                                | ♦ For Elizabeth rag Rita   |
| October 21, Wednesday - Streda                    |  |                                | <ul><li>❖ For Elizabeth req. Rita</li><li>❖ For Thomas E Rooney</li></ul>                |
| 9:00AM  | (Latin) For Fr. James Altman   |                                | For the Cusumano Family  |
|   | ❖†Alicia Perez (2nd Ann) ❖†Tommy Angle                               |                                | For Bob Wiertel req. Marie Kerry   |
| 12:00PM   | For Therese Stout req. Debra Connell                                 |                                | For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  |
|   | ❖ For Edward & Mary Kelly  |                                | ❖For Julian Schultheis (B'Day)   |
|   | ♦ † Al & Douglas Connors   |                                | * + William Dortor ros Donnis C Cindy 7itny  |

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### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 18, 2020

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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#### **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

\*All Holy Masses are INDOORS.

SATURDAY: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

MONDAY: 9:00AM & 12:00PM TUESDAY: 6:00AM & 12:00PM WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM (*Latin*) & 12:00PM THURSDAY: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

FRIDAY: 6:00AM & 12:00PM (First Fridays: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM)

Facemasks must be worn at all times inside the Church building. Please keep 6' social distancing.

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE: (Registration Required)

Registration Forms for Confession are Available on the Parish Website: www.saintcyrils.church Confessions are outdoors by the Slovak cross and behind the church building. Please wear a face mask.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:30AM - 11:30AM Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

EVERY THURSDAY: 1:00PM - 7:00PM (in the Church)

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: \*10:00AM - 2:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: \*11:00AM - 2:00PM
THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - \*5:00PM
\*Parish Office closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass
\*\*CHURCH & CHAPEL OPENED ALL DAY\*\*

#### **Wearing Face Masks in the Church**

With all Holy Masses being inside in the Church, we must be more diligent in adhering to the rules issued for all Parishes by the Archdiocese of Detroit: social distancing, wearing face masks, and sanitizing the church.

More than ever, diligence in wearing facemasks is crucial so that all people feel welcome in our Parish. There is a significant number of people who – subjectively or objectively – would not feel comfortable coming to Church if people were not wearing their masks. No matter what anyone's personal stand is, wearing a mask is an act of charity we owe to those who are more vulnerable and more sensitive. Saint John reminds Christians: If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. (1 John 4:20)

Most people do not like wearing a mask, but Jesus calls us to even do things we do not like, and Jesus Himself was first in line. Our self-denial and sacrifice are a way for us to imitate Jesus and they are also a source of grace for our lives. Wearing a mask can be an act of self-sacrifice offered up for the upcoming presidential election and for peace in the nation.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many people have offered their help and assistance. My particular gratitude goes to the maintenance and cleaning staff as well as the many volunteers who have stepped up to help make our Parish open for everybody. Their efforts allow us to offer the liturgy and other services and they should not be taken for granted.

The Parish needs your help now. Discipline and compliance with face masks will help make our Parish a place where all feel comfortable and welcome; a place to experience the love of God and love of neighbor.



## Christian Service



#### Advent Alert: Giving Tree Alternatives Available Next Weekend

Because of the need for social distancing, and to minimize traffic in and out of the parish office, the parish will not be setting up an Advent Giving Tree this year. We will, of course, make sure that parishioners have the opportunity to help the individuals and groups that are counting on the gifts from the Giving Tree. Next Saturday, one of these alternative ways to give will take place:

## Baby Item Collection Saturday, October 24, 9:30AM -11:30AM



Right now, there is a **great need for baby items at the Right to Life/Lifespan's Wee Care Program**. Donations have been low in recent months but the need for assistance continues. Wee Care provides emergency clothing and other baby items to women and babies in need, but right now Wee Care itself is in great need.

Instead of waiting for Advent and collecting baby items through the Giving Tree, we will sponsor a drop-off baby item collection to help stock the shelves at Wee Care. This will be a 'contact-free' drop off, similar to the drop-off food collection that took place last month. The items in greatest demand are:

- short-sleeve onesies up to size 9 months
- ♦ light-weight sleepers up to size 9 months
- crib sheets
- baby towels
- pacifiers

Donations can be dropped off at the **Activity Center next Saturday, October 24, between 9:30AM and 11:30AM.** Please enter the Activity Center parking lot from 18 Mile Road, drive to the back of the building, and volunteers will take your donation from your trunk or backseat and place them in the truck for delivery to Wee Care.

\*\*\* To everyone who likes to donate baby items on the Giving Tree during Advent, this collection to support Wee Care is being offered as an alternative. This will be the parish's only collection of baby items for the remainder of 2020.

Thank you for understanding the necessary changes that are being made for Advent this year, and thank you for your early support for the babies at Wee Care.



## Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary 33-Day Preparation begins: NOVEMBER 5



St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound and deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists of, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. He recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Louis de Montfort stands in a long tradition of saints completely devoted to Our Lady, and his work has been influential in the lives of many other saints, one of the most famous among them is Pope St. John Paul II, who took his papal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours) from de Montfort.

This "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation followed by a period of three consecutive weeks, each week focusing on a different theme. It is recommended that the consecration be done on a major feast day of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation would begin 33 days prior. That is, after the 33-day program is completed, the formal Act of Consecration is made on a Marian feast day. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. Keep in mind that this is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also, that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan - i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God.

The next preparation begins on November 5, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

"Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the parish office for \$10.

For questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, contact the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

#### All Souls Day Novena Begins Monday, November 2

Novena Mass Cards for All Souls Day are available now. You may pick up a card in the Parish Office on weekdays or you may have your card mailed to you or your loved one.

If you would like to have your card mailed, please email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church and put "All Souls Novena" in the subject line. List the names AND addresses of:

- where you want each individual card mailed and
- indicate how you would like each card signed.

You may make your donation by either using PushPay on our website or make a check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish". In the memo line, write "All Souls Novena"

and mail it to the Parish Office.

Suggested Donation: \$10 each

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift anyone can receive.





#### **Catechism Class Schedule:**

Wednesdays, October 21 & 28: Class
Wednesdays, November 4, 11 & 18: Class
Wednesday, November 25: NO Class
Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16: Class
Wednesdays, December 23 & 30: NO Class
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call:
Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education, at:
cschuller@saintcyrils.church or



(586) 726-6911 (parish), (586) 254-9212 (home)

#### Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, October 19

Join us for LIFENIGHT this Monday, October 19, from 6:45PM-8:45PM in the church parking lot.

TOPIC: Submit to Love - Ephesians 5 and Receiving Love Life Teen Fall Retreat - "Advance" • December 12 & 13

This December, as we take in the Advent season and prepare for our Lord, we will reflect on what we are waiting for in ourselves. What is stopping us from being the saints we were meant to be? What keeps us from being everything God created us to be? What are we waiting for?

Space is limited - please inquire about registration today by emailing: *Kimberly* at kambrosio@saintcyrils.church.

Parents, please register new AND returning teens at: https://tinyurl.com/lifeteenedge

If you have questions, would like to be put on our mailing list or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church



#### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, October 22

Join us for EDGE this Thursday, October 22, from 6:45PM-8:45PM in the church parking lot.

TOPIC: Binary Code - A Night on Being Made in God's Image

\*\*\*Please be mindful that Confessions are taking place in the parking lot until 7:00PM, therefore, please do not enter by the Slovak Cross.

If you have questions, would like to be put on our mailing list or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

#### Holy Hour of Consolation Saturday, October 24

A Special Holy Hour of Consolation to Our Blessed Lord and His Most Holy Mother will take place next Saturday, October 24, at 10:00AM in the church. This Holy Hour is in honor of the 103rd Anniversary of



the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1917, in reparation for the offenses, blasphemies, sacrileges and indifference committed against Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and against the Immaculate Heart of His Most Holy Mother Mary.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

Blessed Pope Pius IX

For more information, please contact A Call to Mary: (248) 808-8954

#### St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, October 25, 7:30AM

There are many opportunities for praying the rosary this month - may Our Lady inspire more and more people to participate in this powerful devotion.

Please include your St. Monica intentions in your rosary and join us at the monthly Mass next Sunday, October 25, at 7:30AM. Continue to submit prayer intentions for your loved ones struggling with, or away from the Faith in the St. Monica box in the vestibule. They will be placed in the petition album that stands in front of the altar during the St. Monica Mass.

Our Lady of the Rosary ... pray for us!

#### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others — no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org.

In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese of Detroit's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kléru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitskú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom vac@aod.org

Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom aginvestigations@michigan.gov. Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícií na adrese protect.aod.org.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:



ONLY 16 DAYS
UNTIL THE
PRESIDENTIAL

**ELECTION!** 

# DAILY OUTDOOR PUBLIC ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY

WEEKDAYS at 5:30PM WEEKENDS at 8:30AM

Our country needs prayers ... and fasting and sacrifices! Please come as often as you can to support each other and our country in this peaceful and prayerful way. Please bring a chair and do not park in front of the Slovak Cross.

Dress accordingly. Please practice social distancing.

"I pray that they may be [one] in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." –John 17:21



#### **Are YOU Prepared to Vote?**

It is our patriotic duty and privilege to vote. If you are 18 years or older you must be registered in order to vote. The website Michigan.gov/vote allows you to register on-line, find out if you are already registered, view a sample ballot, find your voting location, track your absentee ballot and more! **After October 19, you will have to register in person**. Do good by avoiding evil in determining which candidate is a greater threat to morality and liberty. Always pray before you vote. God Bless America!

For more information regarding prolife candidates check: RTL.org/vote



#### **Event Purpose**

The UNITE OUR NATION "Rally to the Eucharist" project, of which the UNITE MICHIGAN is a part of, is a grassroots inspired movement. The UNITE OUR NATION processions have ignited the laity across the nation. The massive Eucharistic processional events have become a rallying point for faithful Catholics everywhere. They offer an opportunity for Catholics to come together in Christian solidarity to pray, adore and to do public reparation for the deep divisions that have cut across our nation. Divisions seeded by unrepentant sin and a general weakening of the faith among our people. We seek to petition heaven for mercy, with full confidence in God's redemptive power. His grace will crush the diabolical strongholds that hold captive our public & governmental institutions. Strongholds that have darken so much of our culture and spiritually blinded so many to the presence of God.

#### **Event Details**

The Eucharistic event will begin at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of the Rosary with confession, adoration and a priestly exhortation. The procession will then move to the Sweetest Heart of Mary parish for benediction and a recitation of the patriotic rosary. At the completion of the recitation of the rosary, the procession will move to St. Joseph Shrine for a final benediction, repose of the Blessed Sacrament and an inspirational summation of the day by lay evangelist, Bobby Hesley. Conclusion of the event will be at 4 PM.

Busses will be available to transport participants back to their cars at the conclusion of the event. Med-care vans will also be available along the route to assist adorers who may require medical assistance, water, or transportation.

The Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Holy Sepulcher and the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem are also expected to participate for the entirety of the procession. St. Paul's Street Evangelist will also provide street level ministry to those who may be drawn to observe the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **Priorities at the Polls**

By Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann.

Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed."(1) While they did warn us not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers' and sisters' most basic right — to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone's life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life, whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are "carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family — the family which by its nature is called to be the 'sanctuary of life."(2) This is the place where a person should be the most loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. The most recent available data indicates over 2,000 children per day die from abortion in the United States. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 61 million children have been killed — and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the

The tragedy of abortion is also distinct in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being. Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. Our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.



## **SIGN UP:** votervoice.net/usccb/register

Take action and contact your elected representatives about important pro-life issues.





- 1) Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p.6. Washington D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2020.https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/ upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf
- 2) Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 11. Please find the full text of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship at www.faithfulcitizenship.org

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