

Respect Life Month: Help Mothers Choose Life

Learn more about the national Catholic program called [Walking with Moms in Need](#), a parish-based effort that provides direct support for pregnant and parenting women in need.

Click [here](#) for the action guide which provides information on how to build a strong team in your parish and suggests activities such as throwing a baby shower for a local pregnancy care center and providing mentoring and skills training to expectant mothers.

Visit our diocesan Life Issues web site at www.liferoc.org to find a list of pregnancy care centers around our diocese.

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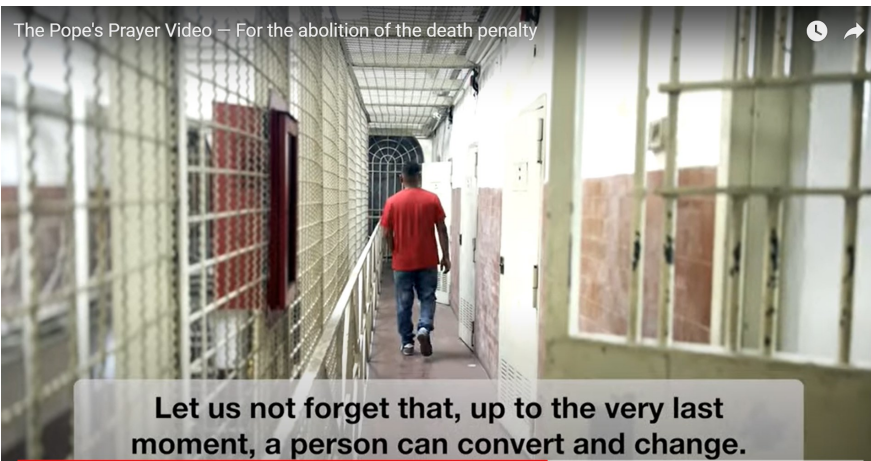
And keep praying for greater respect for life, especially for babies at risk of being aborted and for their parents. Here are some suggested prayers of the faithful:

That the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, might be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts;

For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy;

For those nearing the end of life: May they receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives as they place their hope in the promise of eternal life;

May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health;



I call on all people of good will to mobilize for the abolition of the death penalty throughout the world. Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, be legally abolished in every country."

-Pope Francis

Respect Life: Ways You Can Help End The Death Penalty

- ♦ Watch this short powerful [video](#) from Pope Francis calling for us to end capital punishment.
- ♦ Click [here](#) to plead to save the life of John Henry Ramirez on death row.
- ♦ Sign your parish up to join [For Whom the Bells Toll](#) to ring the church bells and publicly show the church's opposition to upcoming executions.
- ♦ Learn about and support this documentary [film project](#) about those impacted by the death penalty.
- ♦ Pray this [Novena to End the Death Penalty](#) during October.

Protect Life on Planet Earth

The destruction caused by extreme weather in recent days should remind us that climate change destroys human life. Take action to speak out for God's creation, including our sisters and brothers living in poverty who are most adversely affected by environmental degradation.



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1) Call-In Day to Governor Hochul
Tuesday, October 4, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. In honor of him, call Governor Hochul and ask her to sign the legislation that would place a two year moratorium on new crypto-currency operations. This is the bill that our Diocesan Public Policy Committee was highlighting last spring. It has passed both houses of the NYS legislature. **Now it's up to the Governor to act.** See page 2 of the newsletter [here](#) for a refresher on why this bill is so important for the environment.

Sign up for a timeslot to make the call at <https://tinyurl.com/signthemoratorium>

Even if you missed October 4, you can still call the governor at 518-474-8390 any time to advocate.

2) Stop Banking at Chase Bank

JP Morgan Chase is the #1 funder of the fossil fuel industry in the world! Consider closing your account if you bank there, and telling the staff that you want Chase to stop funding oil, coal, and natural gas projects in order to curb climate change.



Responding to Pope Francis' call to build a better kind of politics, the U.S. Catholic Bishops have initiated **CIVILIZE IT** – an effort to promote charity, clarity, and creativity during the 2022 election year. Learn more at www.civilizeit.org. Watch your parish bulletin this month for reflections on this theme.



Racism is a Life Issue

“The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life.

It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness.

*As bishops, we unequivocally state that **racism is a life issue.**”*

**-Open Wide Our Hearts:
The Enduring Call to Love,**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Learn more about one of the hot button debates on racism in the U.S. by watching [The Neutral Ground](#), a documentary on the attempt to remove confederate monuments in New Orleans and what it tells us about American society today. Click neutralgroundfilm.com to find links to watch it online and bring it to your parish.

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