**Summer Respect Life Sample Bulletin Inserts**

**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of June

A NY State Bill is advancing that will conduct a “study” of **pro-life** pregnancy centers and enable the Health Commissioner to **subpoena them.** **The pre-determined outcome of the “study” is to find the centers “limited” because they do not provide abortion or abortion referrals. Get** more info at<https://www.nyscatholic.org/pregnancy-centers-study/>

**Action:Protect pregnancy centers** and the valuable work they do in offering women real help in times of crisis **by contacting your NY legislators and urge them to oppose this bill** by phone or via <https://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center/>

**Pray:** Please pray for the protection of all pregnancy centers. May vulnerable women and their unborn children continue to find a refuge in the hearts of those who serve in crisis pregnancy centers.

**Respect Life Corner**

2th Sunday of June

**Life Fact**: 28 days after conception a baby has eyes, ears, and even a tongue! Muscles are developing along the future spine. Arms and legs are budding.

***“How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even his life to love us. So the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love - that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child.” – Mother Teresa***

**Action:** Pray for the unborn. Donate baby items to a pregnancy center, a Sisters of Life Baby Shower or a Good Counsel Baby Shower. Read a pro-life book or online resource.

**Respect Life Corner**

3th Sunday of June – Father’s Day

St. Joseph, Jesus’ earthly father, is the Patron saint of fathers and the Patron saint of unborn children. Although there are no written words in the bible attributed to Joseph, it’s his actions that speak of his fatherly model. He accepts the life in the womb by taking Mary as his wife. He travels by Mary’s side on the way to Bethlehem for the census. He is there supporting Mary at the child’s birth and names the child Jesus as commanded by the angel. He defends the baby Jesus from the murderous attack of Herod. As Jesus grows, he teaches him his trade and more importantly his faith.

 ***“Joseph of Nazareth, who saved Jesus from the cruelty of Herod, is shown to us in this moment as a great supporter of the cause of the defense of human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. In this place, therefore, we wish to commend human life to Divine Providence and to St. Joseph, especially the life of children not yet born, in our homeland and throughout the world.”
– St. John Paul II Homily at the Shrine of St. Joseph. Poland, 1997***

**Action:** Pray to St. Joseph for his powerful intercession for the protection of life and for the end of abortion.

**Respect Life Corner**

**4th Sunday of June**

**Life Fact:** Suicide rates are highest during the early summer months.In God's eyes, Every Human Person is Chosen, Loved, and Necessary.

***“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you”*** *- Jeremiah 29:11-12*

**Action:** If you or a loved one are depressed with thoughts of suicide: know that you are loved, wanted, and not alone. In an emergency, dial 911. If you need to speak to someone about suicide prevention**, call 1-800-273-8255, text HOME to 741741, or go to** [**suicidepreventionlifeline.org**](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)  **for free 24/7 confidential help**.

**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of July

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all** men are created equal, that they **are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights**, that among these are **Life**, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

 -Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

*“America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace,* ***then America, defend life****.” –* **St. John Paul II**

**Respect Life Corner**

2th Sunday of July

Thank you for your prayers and advocacy for life! The NY State Legislative Session just ended with some important **victories for life**!

**PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE:**In an important pro-life victory, advocates for the legalization of physician-assisted suicide failed to get a vote on the [bill](http://email-mg.flocknote.com/c/eJwtjz2PgzAMhn8NjChxvmBg4A6xdeotN1UJCQU1IVUI1fHvz1SVLPt9_NqSbVtFGSheLi0QoESCoIwRripa9TUMdV9_YfomAKrgZPJxfKwxu2qMoZzbyTZCG-nGRihWK2Z4IyxtiDRSoAGlb-ecn1vBugIGjPXQ2-aC8Ud1jy9seHc_HTZYN-nd59vkbcH6AgR5J9yTOHN7LdbFtyHNirXjDChCdikgnscjXfcQdDqw8YvUjXmJ6_ahiwvxI3_cXz5lmVqzp4cz6YnPHXqO8XzsH9URUFU) in any committee in either house of the legislature.

**STEALTH EUTHANASIA:** The Assembly Health Committee advanced a [dangerous bill](http://email-mg.flocknote.com/c/eJwVjkEOgyAURE8jOwl-EOyCRVvjPQC_hahgkMZ4-9JkMos3izezVh0HJUjQwKBjEvqOcyYU7eg4wDSMw6vWmwGoRrBlS26NqSB1aSdeK6H6mdllsUryAaRhyBDFotDOD2Ml2bQv5Tgb_mxgqrmui8b7dKb4tAVHU_5U6tFsxbfOZGxndOEMKba7WUP8ryRr-80r2nzUC7fxKf31P2M_Oe4) that would allow proxy decision-makers to deny not only tube feeding, but oral feeding as well, even if the patient never requested it. Thankfully, the bill advanced no further.

**PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS:** Legislation to require a biased “study” of pro-life pregnancy centers [intended to intimidate and silence them](http://email-mg.flocknote.com/c/eJwVjcsOgyAUBb9GdiVwQaELFm2N_4FcfEQLBjDGvy9NJmcxZzFoFBegJFkNMOCsg5YLwaSinPYaBt3rd50PA1CNZNMe3RZi8dTFL1kMInbKykk-uUDWIp-wAzXpTjjPJbZkN0spR27Eq4Ghcl0XDXd2tixxXx2Naa72SH4ONrj74XwoPuVHLife9SHJjGfa_JiOmr_tEuM__QNvdjh_) advanced to the Assembly floor but did not receive any votes. The NY State Catholic Conference alert on this issue generated more than 12,000 messages of opposition to legislators.

Source: June Newsletter of the NY Archdiocese Respect Life Office; more info https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/

**Respect Life Corner**

3th Sunday of July

**Life Fact**: 42 days after conception the unborn baby’s skeleton is formed. His brain coordinates movement of muscles and organs. Reflex responses have begun.

*“The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child… Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ.”**– Pope Benedict XVI*

Action: Life is a gift from God, and so is His mercy. If you or someone you know is hurting after an abortion there is help. The Sisters of Life offer confidential, compassionate help for healing after abortion: 866-575-0075; hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of August

**Life Fact**: Just 18 days after conception a Baby’s heart beats!!

***"Let me repeat, no one can claim to be a devout Catholic and condone the killing of innocent human life, let alone have the government pay for it. The right to life is a fundamental--the most fundamental--human right, and Catholics do not oppose fundamental human rights."*** Archbishop Cordileone - Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life

**Action:** It is **critically important** for a *massive* number of people to contact Congress against taxpayer-funded abortion **before it votes**: [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/)

**Respect Life Corner**

2nd Sunday of August

**Life Facts**: Just 8 weeks after conception all organs of a baby function!!

***“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” – St. John Paul II***

**Action:** The next 40 Days for Life campaign runs from Sep 22 to Oct 31st. Details will follow in how you can help save lives right here in our Archdioceses.

**Respect Life Corner**

3rd Sunday of August

HELP SAVE LIVES IN WHITE PLAINS!

40daysforlife.com/white-plains

You can protect mothers and children by

joining this worldwide mobilization to pray

and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils

and community outreach, 40 Days for Life

has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results

in 24 coordinated campaigns:

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16,004 babies saved from abortion

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190 abortion workers converted

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100 abortion centers closed

Here’s how to take part in 40 Days for Life

in our community:

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Vigil location: Outside the Planned

Parenthood abortion center at 175

Ta r r y t o w n Road, White Plains

(Greenburgh)

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Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

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Local contact: Gerald Yeung at (914)

837-7008

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Learn more … get involved … and sign

up for prayer times by visiting our

campaign at the web address shown

below

**Life Facts**: Just 10 weeks after conception a baby can feel pain.

***“Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."*** *- Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

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