

Respect Life Fall 2013 Recap

- **Opening Prayer: Fr. Tim Mockaitis**
- **Faith Sharing**

Today's Responsorial Psalm: **R. (59b) Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

"Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise and exalt him above all forever."

"We can walk as much as we want, we can build many things, but if we do not profess Jesus Christ, things go wrong. We may become a charitable NGO, but not the Church, the Bride of the Lord [Catholic Church]." *Pope Francis*

- **Parish Presentation: Mentorship**

Bianca Nerenberg, St. Cecilia: To summarize: starting a new ministry without help is very difficult. Re-energizing a parish ministry, without outside advice, can also be difficult. We are a community and as community members we benefit from mentoring others; we benefit from asking to be mentored.

Accompanying map of every Parish Respect Life Ministry, contact person, or staff person

- **News and Issues**

- Oregon Right to Life Contest: Theme: Value Life, Beginning to End. For local contest information contacts: <https://ortl.org/camps.html>
- Project Rachel DVD's: Created by Catholic Charities. If you find it difficult for your church to talk about abortion, this DVD – whose message is nonjudgmental but compassionate – is an ideal place to start.
- Update on Initiative Petition #6: Suzanne Belatti: Last time, it was estimated that 15% of the 77,000 gathered signatures were from Catholics. Currently, *only* 12 parishes have participated with 3300 signatures. Father Peter Smith, Vicar General, has sent a letter to every pastor encouraging them to allow a nonpartisan signature drive. Suzanne Belatti wrote a wonderful reflection on why she is devoting her time to this campaign; it will be featured in the January JustPeace. Finally, Suzanne and Matt Cato brainstormed strategy to jumpstart this petition drive.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- **Friday December 27: Feast of the Holy Innocents: Rosary and Mass for the Little Saints.** 6:30 p.m. Rosary and 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha, Oregon.

This bilingual Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion.

- **Saturday January 4:** Cross Memorial; St. Francis in Sherwood. 530 crosses placed by Knights of Columbus.

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- **Saturday January 11:** ABBY JOHNSON IS COMING TO SALEM!! Abby is coming for a one day only speaking event. St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer.
- **Sunday January 19:** Roe v Wade Memorial Rally and Walk; Portland, Pioneer Courthouse Square 2:30-3:30 **with Archbishop Sample**
- **Friday April 4 – Saturday April 5: Opening a Horizon of Hope: Transformed by Christ to Love All, A Parish Social Ministry Regional Conference**
From Catholic Charities, USA, Catholic Charities of Oregon, St. Vincent de Paul, Office of Life, Justice and Peace, and Archdiocese of Seattle.
- **Saturday April 12: ORTL Annual Conference, Portland with Archbishop Sample**

FEBRUARY MEETING: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 7:00PM

- **Closing Prayer: Prayer for Reverence of Life**

All mighty God, giver of all that is good. We thank you for the precious gift of human life.

For life in womb, coming from your creative power → AMEN

For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise → AMEN

For the life of young people, hoping for a better world → AMEN

For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility → AMEN

For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom → AMEN

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last oh Father to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our lord. AMEN