

## Respect Life September 2012 Meeting

- **Opening Prayer**

2996 people died in the 9/11 terrorist attack. Here in the U.S. 3300 abortions are performed each day. I will not compare the two except to note that all people are created by God, thus sacred in the eyes of God and it is this characteristic alone that demands that we protect and respect all human life.

"O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life." Amen

*From Pope John Paul II*

- **Susan Pelletier (St. Francis in Sherwood): Plant Seeds for Life: Ideas to Increase the Culture of Life in Your Church** [spellet@hotmail.com](mailto:spellet@hotmail.com)

This was an excellent presentation that offered lots of good ideas to engage our Respect Life Ministry work. [Click here for presentation](#)

Attached in the email with this meeting recap our files for the Spiritual Adoption program. It includes; prayer cards for [younger](#) and [older](#) ages, the [newsletter](#) and calendar to the parents, the [monthly thank you notes](#) from the baby and the [labels](#) we used for the front of the folders.

The illustrations are copyrighted and may *not* be printed - except for use in a limited way, for example in a classroom or church. The posters are larger and sturdier, so more useful for posting. Here is a link to the posters page <http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/posters/index.cfm>

[Click here for the St. Francis Brochure](#)

- **News/Issues:**
  - 2012-13 Respect Life Program: *Faith Opens Our Eyes to Human Life In All Its Grandeur and Beauty*. One copy for each Respect Life Ministry. These were mailed to each parish—attention Pastor—Wednesday September 5. **Packet were mailed to parish representatives who were not at the Respect Life Chairperson Quarterly meeting**

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- Voter Registration Drive
  - The Office will coordinate *as much as possible*. This has to be non-partisan and non-issue based.

### October 16, 2012 Voter registration deadline

October 19-23, 2012      Ballots mailed (other than long-term and out-of state)  
November 6, 2012      Election Day

- **Events:**

- **40 Days for Life Opening Prayer Vigil**, Saturday Sept 22: 2:00 PM at St. Agatha's Parish Hall, 1430 SE Nehalem St. Portland, OR. Speakers will include Randy Stewart, Bill Diss, and Barbara Friedhoff and her husband James Ross on video.
- **40 Days For Life**, Wednesday September 26 - November 4.

**BEAVERTON:** Fridays from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Planned Parenthood - Beaverton, 12220 SW 1st Street, Beaverton. Contact: Marie Barzen 503-524-5326 or Becky Griffo

**PORTLAND:** Monday - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Planned Parenthood at 3231 SE 50th (and Franklin St, 1 block south of Powell) Portland. Contact: Therese Ruesink 503.997.1884 or Bill Diss 503.334.6183

**SALEM:** Monday - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Planned Parenthood, 3825 Wolverine St., Salem, 97301 Contact: Cheri, 503-378-7061

- **Rosary Bowl**, Saturday October 6, Join Archbishop John Vlazny and Bishop Kenneth Steiner for Holy Mass at 10am
- **Respect Life Mass**, October 7, 11:00 am at the Cathedral with Archbishop Vlazny. You are encouraged to promote and attend your own parish Respect Life mass
- **LIFE CHAIN**, Oct. 7, 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Salem, along Lancaster Dr. NE from Silverton to Mission Streets. One hour of silent prayer and holding a sign for life. Signs available at the parking lot of Academy Square. Contact call SRTL - 503-585-7856

- **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  
For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise  
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world  
For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility  
For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

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

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- From Joanne Betschart: Thank you all for your prayers for Bob; he is recovering well

### **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, November 27, 7:00pm at Resurrection Parish**

- **Why We Gather**
  - Purpose of Quarterly Meetings: For the Office of LJP and other parish ministries to share strategies for success in order to strengthen *each* parish's Respect Life Ministry
  - We respect Sacred Listening
  - We work from a place of consensus, not divisiveness
  
  - The Life Core Team advises the Office on life issues and sets the agenda for the Respect Life Quarterly Meetings. If you have suggestions or concerns please contact Becky Griffo, Deacon Mike Caldwell, Bianca Nerenberg or Jim Brey
  
  - The Justice and Peace Commission advises the Office on all priorities and collaborates on strategic planning. If you have suggestions or concerns please contact Jill Wenger, John Krebsbach or Valerie Aschbacher.