



# RESPECT LIFE IN NEW ORLEANS

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*"Rachel mourns for her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord,  
"Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes.  
The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future".  
Jeremiah 31:15-17*

## Liturgy and Prayer

Monthly Respect Life Focus Topics

April—Fertility/Infertility Issues

May—Healing After Abortion

June—End of Life/Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

USCCB Word of Life

Monthly features, bulletin quotes, intercessions for life, and downloadable images

April English <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Word-of-Life-2021-04.pdf>

April Spanish <https://www.usccb.org/resources/palabra-de-vida-2021-04.pdf>

May English <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Word-of-Life-2021-05.pdf>

May Spanish <https://www.usccb.org/resources/palabra-de-vida-2021-05.pdf>

## Parish/School Spotlight

*"I hope you get better soon. You are special and God wants you to know it" wrote a **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** student to a patient at Chateau Living Center. Another 6th grader stated "You are beautiful and God is always with you" in her letter to a CLC resident as part of a Corporal Work of Mercy that over 40 students at SEAS participated in last month to bring the love of Christ to patients and residents and brighten their day. Major kudos to them!!*

And major kudos to all involved with the **Divine Mercy St. Anthony Ministry** who collected non-perishable snacks and toiletries to create 75 goodie bags for homeless persons at the Harry Thompson Center. Thanks to Divine Mercy parishioners who donated items for this Corporal Work of Mercy.

Let us know what your ministry doing for life!

## Upcoming Events

**TBD — Commission on People with Disabilities —** Prior to lockdowns, the Archdiocese Commission hosted several events including a Quarterly Mass and an Advocates Formation Workshop. On April 17, the Commission hosted an **Online Workshop** "Hope and Healing: Equipping Ministers to Serve Persons with Mental Health Issues". For information on this and future events contact Janet Pesce at 504-455-6801.

**PULSE — LRTL Pro-Life Youth Initiative** to train high school & college students to be agents of change  
**July 12-16 — PULSE Leadership Institute** at Timothy Retreat Center in Baker  
**November 5-7 — PULSE Immersion Weekend** for Acadiana at Camp Stillwater  
Alex Seghers 866-463-5433 or [ProLifePulseLa.com](http://ProLifePulseLa.com)

**July 25-31 — National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week —** For resource materials [nfp@usccb.org](mailto:nfp@usccb.org) or <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

**Nov 5-7 — Rachel's Vineyard Retreat —** See Healing from Abortion section.

**Fall/TBD — Aging Out of Foster Care Shower —** St. Joseph the Worker's Respect for Life Ministry  
Brenda Williams 504-931-6990

**Fall/TBD — ACCESS Jazz Brunch Celebrating 50th Anniversary —** Michelle Black 504-885-1141

## Resources

The 2020-2021 Respect Life program theme is "**Live the Gospel of Life**". We are "to imitate Christ and follow in His footsteps". For resources visit [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org).

**Choose the Child —** Footprints for Life K-12 program covers RL topics age-appropriately with discussions, activities, and Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Monthly Focus Activity Sheets [ChoosetheChild.com/monthlyfocus](http://ChoosetheChild.com/monthlyfocus) Natasia Kissinger, exec dir., [ntkissinger@gmail.com](mailto:ntkissinger@gmail.com) 504-339-5384

**Policy & Legislative Updates —**

USCCB Pro Life Action Alerts <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns>

National Right To Life [www.nrlc.org/takeaction/](http://www.nrlc.org/takeaction/)

La. Right To Life [prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#](http://prolifelouisiana.org/take-action#)

Live Action Network [www.liveaction.org/news/](http://www.liveaction.org/news/)

Heartbeat International, Pregnancy Help News <https://pregnancyhelpnews.com>

Congressional Actions Alerts <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/action-alerts/>

How to Contact Your Legislators [www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/](http://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action/advocacy-tips/)

## Fertility/Infertility Issues

**Respect Life** webpage on Fertility and Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies — <https://nolacatholic.org/reproductive-technology>

**Archdiocese Office of Marriage and Family Life** — Natural Family Planning [nolacatholic.org/nfp](https://nolacatholic.org/nfp)  
**Natural Family Planning Series** — May 1, 15, 29, & June 26 — 9:00am-12noon zoom video course on SymptoPro Method. Cost is \$105 includes all needed materials. Can audit eresher class at no cost. For info email [NolaNFP101@gmail.com](mailto:NolaNFP101@gmail.com) or call 504-861-6243

**National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week** — "To have, To hold, To honor" USCCB national educational campaign July 25-31 with local parish activities highlighting Catholic teaching on marriage, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. For resource materials contact [nfp@usccb.org](mailto:nfp@usccb.org) or <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

**National Infertility Awareness Week** — April 18-24 week to raise voices, talk about issues, and support this community. <https://infertilityawareness.org/>

**Woman's New Life Center** — Offers counseling for those struggling with infertility and teaches fertility awareness. <https://womansnewlife.com/womens-health/family-planning-fertility-awareness-methods/fertilityNOLA@womansnewlife.com> or client line 504-831-3117 admin line 504-496-0214

**Sarah's Laughter** — Infertility and Loss Support Groups. Christian ministry for couples and those suffering with infertility or loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or adoption. Open to all faiths/no faith. Facilitated group meetings for individuals/couples online 3rd Wednesday each month (May 19, June 16 ) 6:30pm. Allison Waldron [allison@sarahlauter.com](mailto:allison@sarahlauter.com). Men's Group meets 2nd Tuesday each month (May 11, June 8) 7:00pm. Brian McCollister [mens@sarahlauter.com](mailto:mens@sarahlauter.com) or Philip Dunbar [Philip@sarahlauter.com](mailto:Philip@sarahlauter.com).

**Saint Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction** — <https://popepaulvi.com/>

**Natural Womanhood** — <https://naturalwomanhood.org/topic/infertility/>

## Healing After Abortion

**Respect Life** webpage on Healing After Abortion — <https://nolacatholic.org/protecting-the-unborn>

**CCANO Project Rachel** — U.S Catholic Church abortion healing ministry. Free individual professional counseling for women and men suffering with abortion. Danna Cousins [dcousins@ccano.org](mailto:dcousins@ccano.org) or 504-885-1141. [hopeafterabortion.com](https://hopeafterabortion.com)

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** — Fri Nov 5-Sun Nov 7. Retreat for those who are hurting and seeking healing from abortion. Open to all faiths. Cost is \$230 per person; financial assistance available. Pam Richard 504-460-9360 [jrich504@bellsouth](mailto:jrich504@bellsouth) or Donna Sheuermann 504-258-9183 [www.rachelsvineyard.org](https://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## Healing continued

**Women's New Life** — Counselors provide individualized treatment, address physical/emotional health. 4612 S. Claiborne Ave. N.O. 504-831-3117 [info@womansnewlife.com](mailto:info@womansnewlife.com) [womensnewlife.com](https://womensnewlife.com)

**Holy Innocents Prayer Garden** — N.O. Catholic Cemeteries offers families who lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion to memorialize their babies by name with a bronze plaque in Holy Innocents Prayer Garden. Costs \$100.00. 504-596-3050 [nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques](https://nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques)

## End of Life Issues

**Respect Life** webpage on Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide and End of Life Issues — <https://nolacatholic.org/end-of-life-issues>

**To Live Each Day with Dignity** — USCCB website on assisted suicide, and euthanasia [www.usccb.org/prolife/assisted-suicide-euthanasia](https://www.usccb.org/prolife/assisted-suicide-euthanasia)

**"The Final Journey"** — Catholic Bishops of La. info on end of life issues. <http://www.lhcqf.org/images/The-Final-Journey-8.5x11.pdf>

**"Now and At the Hour of Our Death" Catholic End of Life** — Offers Catholics moral clarity and guidance on Church's teachings on end-of-life decision making. Includes links to trustworthy resources and support materials <https://www.catholicendoflife.org/>

**Center for Medical Ethics Louisiana Right To Life** — Serves as LRTL's arm in protecting elderly and those with disabilities and illnesses from direct killing and denial of lifesaving medical treatment. <https://prolifelouisiana.org/medicaethics>

**End of Life Laws** — <https://prolifelouisiana.org/laws-elections/louisiana-pro-life-body-of-laws/louisiana-end-of-life-issues-law/>

**Other End of Life Issues** —

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** — June 15 to raise awareness of older adults experiencing abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. <https://ncea.acl.gov/WEAAD.aspx>

**Guide To Recognizing Elder Abuse And Knowing Your Rights** — Aging In Place info on elder abuse. [aginginplace.org/guide-to-recognizing-elder-abuse/](https://aginginplace.org/guide-to-recognizing-elder-abuse/)

**Angels' Place** — Ministry provides ongoing respite care and support services to children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Volunteers and various items are always needed. To donate: [mfirmen@angelsplacenola.org](mailto:mfirmen@angelsplacenola.org) 4323 Division St. Ste. 206 Met. 70002 504-455-2620 [angelsplacenola.org](https://angelsplacenola.org)

**HALOS - Healing After Loss to Overdose or Suicide** — Ministry support group for parents and those dealing with loss of loved one from overdose or suicide. Moderated by Deacon Schneider. Meetings open to all faiths. 2nd Monday each month 7:00pm Evangelization Center at St. Margaret Mary Parish Slidell. Donna 985 201-2143 or Ester 504-621-7864

# Calendar

## APRIL

Autism Awareness Month — [ncpd.org/resources\\_and\\_toolkits/prayers-faithful-autism-awareness-month](http://ncpd.org/resources_and_toolkits/prayers-faithful-autism-awareness-month)  
18-24 — National Infertility Awareness Week  
19, 26 — Holy Rosary for America 6:30pm every Mon. St. Matthew the Apostle Stephanie at 504-737-9776  
19-27 — Novena to St. Gianna Beretta Molla [walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena](http://walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena)  
22 — National Infertility Awareness Virtual Event <https://infertilityawareness.org/>  
27 — Virtual Coffee & Conversation with CCANO President Sister Marjorie Hebert 2:00pm on Catholic Charities' impact in community during this difficult time. RSVP to Heather Nelson [hnelson@ccano.org](mailto:hnelson@ccano.org) or 504-227-3407. <https://www.ccano.org/events/coffee-and-conversation-with-sr-marjorie-april-27/>  
27 — Pro-Life Oratory Contest 7:00pm Jesuit High School, St. Ignatius Hall 3rd Floor - New Orleans Rights To Life Contact Sarah Zagorski at [sarah@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:sarah@prolifelouisiana.org)  
28 — Feast of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers, physicians, unborn children

## MAY — MARY'S MONTH

Archdiocese month-long ode to our Blessed Mother [nolacatholic.org/may-marys-month](http://nolacatholic.org/may-marys-month)  
1 — **Reclaiming the Family Through Fathers** - A Fatima/St. Joseph Conference for Men and Women 9:30am-1:30pm online conference. [interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E201914&id=72](http://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E201914&id=72)  
1, 15, 29 and June 26 — **Natural Family Planning Series**-SymptoPro Method 9:00am-12noon Zoom video conference. Email [NolaNFP101@gmail.com](mailto:NolaNFP101@gmail.com) or call 504-861-6243  
2 — **God's Special Children Mass** for children with disabilities, their families and friends on 1st Sundays each month 2:00pm St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd. (504) 834-0340 [godsspecialchildren.org](http://godsspecialchildren.org)  
9 — **Mother's Day** RL Action Guide <https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-action-guide-mothers-day>  
11 — **Sarah's Laughter** Infertility and Loss Support Group for Men. 2nd Tuesday each month 7:00pm. Contact Brian McCollister [mens@sarahs-laughter.com](mailto:mens@sarahs-laughter.com) or Philip Dunbar [Philip@sarahs-laughter.com](mailto:Philip@sarahs-laughter.com)  
13 — **The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**  
19 — **Sarah's Laughter** Infertility and Loss Support Group for couples and those struggling with infertility or loss of a child. Online 3rd Wednesday each month 6:30pm. Allison Waldron at [allison@sarahs-laughter.com](mailto:allison@sarahs-laughter.com)  
20 — **St. Francis Xavier Sharing Program Rosary for Life** 6:00pm every 3rd Thursday each month, Memorial Garden for the Unborn at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 444 Metairie Rd, Metairie. Contact Carol at [cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com](mailto:cpritchard@stfrancisxavier.com)  
25 — **Pro-Life Woman of the Year Award** — Women for Women is looking for nominations. Submissions due May 25. Winner announced May 31. [prolifewomen.com/conference#prolife-woman-of-the-year-award](http://prolifewomen.com/conference#prolife-woman-of-the-year-award)

## JUNE

6 — God's Special Children Mass  
8 — Sarah's Laughter Infertility and Loss Support Group Meeting for Men  
12 — Entering Canaan Support Gathering for men and women needing next steps in healing from abortion 9:00am-12:00pm Baton Rouge Diocese - Danielle at [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org) or (225) 325-3459  
15 — World Elder Abuse Awareness Day [ncea.acl.gov/WEAAD.aspx](http://ncea.acl.gov/WEAAD.aspx)  
16 — Sarah's Laughter Infertility and Loss Support Group Meeting for couples and family members  
16 — Notre Dame Seminary Eucharistic Lecture "The Eucharist and Human Suffering" 5:30pm Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm lecture and Q&A Archbishop Schulte Auditorium 2901 S. Carrollton Ave., NO [nds.edu/els/](http://nds.edu/els/)  
17 — St. Francis Xavier Sharing Program Rosary for Life  
20 — Father's Day Respect Life Action Guide for Father's Day — coming soon [respectlife.org/action-guides](http://respectlife.org/action-guides)  
22-29 — Religious Freedom Week "Solidarity in Freedom" [usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm)  
25-27 — Pro-Life Women's Conference "World Changing Women" Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN hosted by Women for Women [prolifewomen.com](http://prolifewomen.com)

## MULTI DATES / ONGOING — Sidewalk Ministries

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling & Prayer Ministry — 20 decade Rosary March on sidewalk at Planned Parenthood 4636 S Claiborne Ave. in New Orleans on the second Saturday each month 9:00-10:30am (May 8, June 12). For safety, a detail policeman is there. Pam Richard (504) 460-9360 or [richj504@bellsouth.net](mailto:richj504@bellsouth.net)

Wilson's Pro Life Apostolate — Mondays 8:00-10:00am (need more prayer warriors at this time), Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 (or a little later)-11:00am, Wednesdays: 8:00-9:00am and Saturdays 8:00am at the Women Health Care Center 2701 General Pershing St. in New Orleans. On Saturdays if center is closed then go to Planned Parenthood. Wilson Breaux email [xr89k@yahoo.com](mailto:xr89k@yahoo.com) or cell 504-247-7920 or home 504-888-7881

