



## Archdiocese of New Orleans

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To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

October, traditionally observed as Respect Life Month, is a time for Catholics to reflect more deeply on the sacred dignity of all human life. Every one of us is called to cherish and protect those among us who are most vulnerable, from conception to life's natural end and, at all points in between. May we all recommit ourselves to be people who support the dignity of human life.

As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, this year's Respect Life Month theme highlights St. Joseph as a faithful defender of life. Without hesitation he fulfilled God's will as he lovingly protected Jesus and the Blessed Mother. As Catholics, we are called to model St. Joseph and cherish the culture of life, remembering that God created all of us in his image and likeness.

I am asking all parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to celebrate Respect Life Sunday on October 3, 2021 in a meaningful way. Let us pray that during this Respect Life Month, and always, we will be strengthened in our efforts to promote the gift of every human person.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans