



# **'Respect Life' Masses**

## **Diocese of Grand Island**

### **September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022**

#### **Explanation and Guidelines**

**What is the purpose?** Each Respect Life Mass followed with Eucharistic Adoration is to offer prayers that a Culture of Life will overcome the shadow of death that threatens human life through abortion, suicide, euthanasia, and human trafficking. Each parish, high school and Newman Center will hold a Respect Life Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Circulating throughout the diocese, Masses build solidarity among all parishes/schools and allow each priest and parishioner to participate in the prayer effort.

**When do they occur?** A Respect Life Mass will be scheduled at least once a year in each parish, high school, and Newman Center. Our desire is for a Mass to occur weekly, on a rotating basis annually, somewhere in the diocese. To maximize community participation, it may be celebrated at any regularly scheduled Mass at the parish/school. The "Respect Life" Masses will start Sep 1, 2021 and continue for 12 months.

**Who participates?** While the Mass is offered at a particular host parish/school, it is celebrated on behalf of the whole diocese and members of any parish/school are welcome to attend.

- **Sign up:** After a date and time has been selected, contact the Pro-Life Office: Cheryl Jones, 308-382-6565 at [frontdesk@gidioocese.org](mailto:frontdesk@gidioocese.org). Please submit the registration form below or call the office. The master list will be checked, and the date verified for availability. The Mass and adoration schedule will be posted on the Diocese Pro-Life web page.
- **Communication:** The host Pastor or parish/school Pro-Life Coordinator should notify parishioners of the Mass (e.g., bulletin or pulpit announcement).
- **Liturgy planning:** The Mass is ordinarily the Mass of the day, but the celebrant may choose an appropriate alternate set of readings & prayers, if appropriate. The Prayers of the Faithful should be a list of Respect Life petitions. Go to this site for suggested prayers: <http://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/interanyday.htm>. If possible, the homily should integrate Respect for Life topics.
- **Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass and lasts for one to several hours at the discretion of the host Pastor.

# Registration

Parish/School 'Respect Life' Mass and Adoration Time

Please submit to: [frontdesk@gidiocese.org](mailto:frontdesk@gidiocese.org)

(Your date will be confirmed and entered on the master sign-up list by the Pro-Life Office.)

MASS DATE:

TIME:

ADORATION HOURS:

CONFESSION HOURS (optional):