



Respect Life Month

SCRIPTURE

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture.

At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21).

(Evangelium Vitae, 1)

- **Luke 2:10-11**
It is the birth of a child which is proclaimed as joyful news.
- **John 16:21**
The birth of the Messiah is the foundation and fulfilment of joy.
- **Genesis 1:26-31**
God created man and woman in his image.
- **Deuteronomy 10:17-19**
God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.
- **Psalms 139:13-16**
God formed each one of us.
- **Proverbs 22:2**
The Lord is the maker of both rich and poor.
- **Romans 12: 9-18**
Love one another, contribute to the needs of others, live peaceably with all.
- **1 Corinthians 3:16**
You are holy, for you are God's temple and God dwells in you.