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RESPECT LIFE
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The annual Respect Life Program is a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life.

Sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and carried out by local leaders, these efforts are renewed each October (Respect Life Month) and continue through the following September. The 2018 observance of Respect Life Sunday is October 7.

To assist with pro-life efforts, the 2018-2019 Respect Life Program kit combines select resources from previous years with entirely new resources, forming a toolkit to help local leaders throughout the Church build a culture of life.

Visit www.usccb.org/respectlife for downloadable versions and many other free resources!

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COMPLETE SET: 2018-2019 Respect Life Program Materials

File folder contains six articles, formatted as full-color bulletin inserts; one full-color, double-sided summary sheet; one full-color poster (17” x 22”, English/Spanish on reverse sides); one full-color reflection flyer (bilingual, folded in half to 5.5” x 8.5”); one catalog; one order card. Enclosed in envelope.

Item #1801. Cost: $4.75 each; 10-49 copies, $4.00 each; 50+ copies, $3.75 each.

- **NEW Format**! Full-color file folder, custom-printed with 2018-2019 theme design and “how-to guide.” (Available to order in English; content printed on folder is available in English and Spanish online.)

- **NEW Format**! 6 Full-color, double-sided bulletin inserts, each featuring a different article (8.5” x 11”, portrait orientation, available to order or download in English or Spanish)

- **NEW Resource**! Full-color, double-sided summary sheet featuring the 2018-2019 materials and abbreviated, ¼ page versions of the six articles (8.5” x 11”, portrait orientation, available to order in English or to download in English or Spanish)

- Full-color poster, perfect for display in church vestibules, parish halls, classrooms, etc. (17” x 22”, portrait orientation, English/Spanish on reverse sides)

- Full-color reflection flyer briefly unpacking the theme “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent” (folded in half to 5.5” x 8.5”, bilingual: English/Spanish)

“**You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust.**”

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
PLEASE NOTE the Change in Format!
Now available to order as bulletin inserts instead of brochures.
The following articles are available to order in English or Spanish as full-color, double-sided, 8.5” x 11” flyers. The English bulletin inserts are provided in the complete set. Both the English and the Spanish bulletin inserts are also available for purchase individually.

Preview, order, or download for free at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Additional bulk discounts are also available.

Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion
Real-life stories illustrate how an abortion might later affect someone’s life. How can we be bridges of God’s mercy for people suffering after abortion? Suggestions are directed to groups of people from all walks of life. *Names changed for privacy. Reprinted (with minor edits) from the 2015-2016 Respect Life Program brochure entitled “Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing.” See page 11 to order the 2016-2017 brochure.
Item #1843. Spanish Item #1853 (limited supply available).

Another Look at Abortion
Shortened and revised from the 2011 brochure “Life Matters: Abortion,” this “back to basics” approach for addressing abortion summarizes key points.
Item #1841. Spanish Item #1851 (limited supply available).

Another Look at Contraception
Shortened and revised from the 2011 brochure “Life Matters: Contraception,” this “back to basics” approach for addressing contraception summarizes key points ranging the Church’s teaching to contraception’s negative effect on women’s health.
Item #1842. Spanish Item #1852 (limited supply available).

Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide
More states are attempting to legalize doctor-assisted suicide, inaccurately claiming it’s just another option for end-of-life care. Foundational differences between the two are discussed, including how the legalization of assisted suicide undermines quality care.
Updated and shortened from a 1998 Respect Life Program article by the same name.
Item #1846. Spanish Item #1856 (limited supply available).

"Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death."

KILLING THE PAIN, NOT THE PATIENT: PALLIATIVE CARE VS. ASSISTED SUICIDE

TO ORDER MATERIALS, CALL TOLL-FREE (866) 582-0943.
Respect Life Poster: “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent” (bilingual)
Features a beautiful mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, alongside the 2018-2019 theme, “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.” A quote from Our Lady invites viewers to consider their own roles in building a culture of life: “You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust.” (The reflection flyer, sold separately, briefly unpacks the theme.)
17” x 22”, English/Spanish printed on reverse sides. View or download at usccb.org/respectlife.
Item #1804. Cost: $2.00 each; 10+ copies, $1.75 each.
Limited quantity available flat (unfolded) and shipped separately. Item #1804-FL.

Respect Life Reflection Flyer: “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent” (bilingual)
A brief reflection unpacks the 2018-2019 Respect Life Program theme, “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.” The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego is quite relevant today, offering simple but profound takeaways for building a culture of life.
Cover design same as poster.
Folded in half to a finished size of 5.5” x 8.5”. View or download at usccb.org/respectlife.
Item #1806. Cost: $10/100; $90/1,000.

Respect Life Kit Folder: “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent”
NEW Format! Attractive, full-color file folder with 2018-2019 theme design. Doubles as a “how-to guide” for using the Respect Life materials and includes action ideas, homily helps, and more.
Folder available to order in English; content available in English and Spanish at usccb.org/respectlife.
Item #1801KF. Cost: $1.25 each; 10-49 copies, $1.00 each; 50+ copies, 75¢ each.

CD: Celebrating Life 1972-2002
Every article that has appeared in the Respect Life Program from 1972 through 2002 has been compiled on a CD for easy access. This is a resource to have at your fingertips. Fully indexed. Item #0212. Cost: $9.95.

NOTE: Respect Life Program posters and brochures from 2011 onward are available to download or order from www.usccb.org/respectlife.
Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life
The U.S. bishops call upon all the resources of the Church — its people, services and institutions — to work together to build a culture of life. Includes a comprehensive model for pursuing this goal.
Item #0111. Cost: $3.95 each
Spanish Item #0112.

A People of Life
Beautiful, full-color, 6-panel brochure highlights the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and includes suggestions for individuals and groups to help build a culture of life.
Item #0113. Cost: $12.00 (packet of 50). Spanish Item #0114.

Prayer for Life
Beautiful prayer card with image of the Madonna and Child on one side and a prayer for life on the other. Suitable for distribution in parishes and elsewhere.
Item #0115. Cost: $15.00 (packet of 100)
Spanish Item #0116.

A People of Life and a People for Life: An Invitation
By staff of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2002, 6 pp.
Summarizes the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, suggests practical programs that might be undertaken by individuals or groups, and identifies additional resources.
Item #0240. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50 + copies, 25¢ each.
CULTURE OF LIFE

The products on this page are priced as follows, unless otherwise marked.

Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Additional bulk discounts available.

How to Build a Culture of Life
In these challenging times when respect for life is so often disregarded, how do we build a culture that cherishes all human life? The answer goes back to our identity and call as Christians.
Item #1742. Spanish Item #1752.

Understanding Conscience
This brief introduction to conscience addresses what it is, why it’s important, and how to form our consciences so they lead us into deeper relationship with God and one another.
Item #1746. Spanish Item #1756.

Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation
Drawing from Pope Francis’s encyclical Laudato Si’, this brochure explores how healthy relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation are key to a culture in which we value human life and care for God’s creation at every level.
Item #1645. Spanish Item #1655.

A Perfect Gift
One parent of a child with Down syndrome gives an inside glimpse into their love-illuminated life, sharing a fundamental insight about what it means to be human.
Item #1542. Spanish Item #1552.

Love 101: Back to Basics
Written for young adults from the perspective of a young adult, this article looks at the reasons for and benefits of practicing chastity.
Item #1547. Spanish Item #1557.

10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won’t Tell You
Written for teens from the perspective of a young adult, this article provides a simple introduction to chastity and basic tips for practicing and growing in the virtue of it.
Item #1544. Spanish Item #1554.

An Adoption Love Story
2014, 8-panel pamphlet
This story of one couple’s journey adopting their son gives an honest look at some concerns, challenges, and joys of welcoming a child through adoption.
Item #1445. Spanish Item #1455.

Life Matters: Our Obligation to Protect Religious Freedom
2013, 8-panel pamphlet
Law professor Mark A. Rienzi writes about the mounting threats to, and our obligation to protect, religious freedom.
Item #1341. Spanish Item #1351.

Life Matters: Religious Liberty and the American Soul
2012, 8-panel pamphlet
Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, addresses the defense and promotion of religious liberty in American law and culture as the foundation of all human rights.
Item #1241. Spanish Item #1251.

Life Matters: Explaining the Reality of Marriage to Family and Friends
2013, 8-panel pamphlet
William B. May, President of Catholics for the Common Good, recalls importance of recognizing and promoting the true meaning of marriage.
Item #1346.

Life Matters: Conscience Protection in Healthcare
2012, 8-panel pamphlet
Former HHS Asst. Secretary Joxel Garcia, MD, with Terry M. Rauch II, describes the decades-long assault on the conscience rights of healthcare providers.
Item #1242. Spanish Item #1252.

Life Matters: Marriage, the Sanctuary of Life
2012, 8-panel pamphlet
Professor Helen Alvaré, Esq, contrasts the Catholic vision of marriage, where children are welcomed and spouses grow in selfless love, with the view prevailing today, that marriage exists for one’s personal happiness alone.
Item #1244. Spanish Item #1254.

Conscience and the Catholic Voter
by Most Reverend William E. Lori
2008, 8-panel pamphlet
“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” offers guidance on how to approach the evaluation of candidates in light of Catholic moral teaching. This article explains the meaning of “formation of conscience” and its application to voting.
Item #0844.
CHURCH DOCUMENTS

To Live Each Day with Dignity
The bishops address the subject of assisted suicide. They encourage us to support society, along with other concerned people, including disability rights advocates, charitable organizations, and members of the healing professions, to stand for the dignity of people with serious illnesses and disabilities, and promote life-affirming solutions for their problems and hardships.
Item #1172. Cost: $1.20 each. Bulk discounts available.

Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology
A teaching document from the bishops providing guidance on reproductive technologies and what the Church teaches in an engaging question-and-answer format.
Item #1070. Cost: $2.00 each. Bulk discounts available.

The Dignity of a Person (Dignitas Personae)
This Instruction from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith provides guidance on how to respect human life and human procreation in our age of rapid biotechnological advancement.
Item #0972. Cost: $6.95.

On Embryonic Stem Cell Research
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008, 8-panel brochure
This brochure provides insight about stem cell research based on the teachings of the Catholic Church.
Item #0874. Cost: $12.00 (packet of 25).

A Matter of the Heart
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002
Item #0260. Cost: $9.00/100; $80.00/1,000.
Spanish Item #0261.

Living the Gospel of Life:
A Challenge to American Catholics
A call to U.S. Catholics to be followers of Jesus Christ and leaders in the renewal of respect for the sanctity of life in our nation. Stresses the need to work earnestly to bring about a cultural transformation, a true renewal in our public life and institutions.
Item #9825. Cost: $3.95. Spanish Item #9826.

Married Love and
the Gift of Life
In an engaging question and answer format, the bishops explain Church teachings on conjugal love and responsible parenthood and the methods of natural family planning which support those teachings.
Item #0626. Cost: $2.00 each.
Spanish Item #0627.

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services
Ethical standards for Catholic health care facilities, flowing from Church teachings on the sanctity and dignity of human life. Item #0970. Cost: $4.95 each.

Resolution on Abortion
National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1989
Statement of the U.S. Catholic bishops identifying abortion as the fundamental human rights issue of our time.
Item #8708. Cost: $8.00/100; $70.00/1,000.

Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation
(Donum Vitae)
Addresses Church teaching on the respect for and dignity of human life as it applies to biomedical research and technology.
Item #8708. Cost: $14.95 each.

The Gospel of Life
Pope John Paul II’s March 1995 encyclical on the sanctity and inviolability of human life. Explores the nature of contemporary attacks against life and exhorts all to proclaim and live the Gospel of Life to bring about a culture of life.
Item #9540. Cost: $9.95.
Spanish Item #9541.
PREGNANCY

Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption
Drawing from the personal experience of a mother who placed her child for adoption, this brochure gives nine pointers for offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption.
Item #1646. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1656.

10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting
This article provides simple, concrete tips on how to provide loving, life-affirming support for a friend who is unexpectedly pregnant. Geared towards young adults, but contains advice that is applicable in various situations.
Item #1541. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1551.

Life Matters: Pregnancy From Rape
Sandra Mahkorn, MD draws from her experiences in treating victims of rape and her own and others’ surveys showing that abortion is never a solution to pregnancy from rape.
Item #1342. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1352.

Life Matters: Responding To Unplanned Pregnancy
2012, 8-panel pamphlet
Margaret (Peggy) Hartshorn, PhD discusses the spiritual foundation of pregnancy care services as rooted in love.
Item #1248. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1258.

Poster: The Child Before Birth
Beautiful 16” x 20” full-color poster of a child at 18 weeks’ gestation. Includes scriptural verse from Psalm 139:13-14. Shipped separately.
Item #8904. Cost: $3.25 each.

Every Child Brings Us God’s Smile
Full-color bulletin insert focuses on the humanity of the unborn at various developmental stages—includes fetal photographs at three stages of development.
Item #0906. Cost: $10.00/100; $90.00/1,000.

Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage
2014, 8-panel pamphlet
Aided by a personal story, this article illustrates the heartache of losing a child through miscarriage and offers guidance on how to support those who are hurting.
Item #1444. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1454.

Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis
Introduces “perinatal hospice,” a model of care for children—and the families of such children—who are expected to pass away before or shortly after birth. Provides practical guidance for friends and family, the parish community, and clergy and pastoral care workers.
Item #1545. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1555.
ABORTION

Another Look at Abortion
Shortened and revised from the 2011 brochure “Life Matters: Abortion,” this “back to basics” approach for addressing abortion summarizes key points.
Item #1841. Spanish Item #1851. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Additional bulk discounts are also available.

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child.
Item #1741. Spanish Item #1751 (limited supply available). Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Additional bulk discounts available.

Life Matters: Roe Plus 40
2013, 8-panel pamphlet
Erika Bachiochi, Esq., noted speaker and author, sums up the impact of 40 years of legal abortion on society, particularly vulnerable women and their children.
Item #1343. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1353.

Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities:
A Campaign in Support of Life
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2001
Item #0111. See page 6 for information. Cost: $3.95 each.

Roe Reality Check
USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, 2005
A full-color, 8 page (5 1/2 x 8 1/2”) booklet providing facts about the Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion nationwide throughout the nine months of pregnancy. This well-documented resource also explains what can be expected to happen to legal abortion if Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton are overturned.
Item #0532. Cost: 20¢ each; $17.50/100; $150.00/1,000.

Roe v. Wade: Questions and Answers
Easy-to-read parish bulletin insert provides clear information on the Supreme Court abortion decisions and the reasons why they must be reversed.
Item #0570. Cost: $12.00 (Packet 100). Spanish Item #0571.

A People of Life and a People for Life:
An Invitation
By staff of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2002, 6 pp.
Item #0240. See page 6 for information. Cost: 40¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each.

Poster: 9 Months
Full color, 11” x 17” that states, “...the amount of time the Supreme Court says it’s legal to have an abortion... Have we gone too far?”

Poster: The Supreme Court Says
Full color, 11” x 17” that states, “The Supreme Court says you can choose—after the heart starts beating, after it sucks its thumb, after it can survive outside the womb... Have we gone too far?”

Film: The Right Choice
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities
VHS; 20 minutes, 1993
A young girl’s journey from the despair of the abortion clinic to the hope of new life. The unexpected voice that guides her is that of her own unborn child. Designed for teens.
Item #9321. Cost: $12.95.

Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle
This article addresses the increasing abortion rate among American women experiencing poverty, the effect of abortion on poverty, and how we are called to respond.
Item #1443. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1453.

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Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing
Real-life stories illustrate how an abortion might later affect someone’s life. How can we be bridges of God’s mercy for people suffering after abortion? Suggestions are directed to groups of people from all walks of life.
*Names changed for privacy.
*Item #1344. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish item #1651.

Healing Within Marriage from an Abortion
Drawing from firsthand accounts, this article illustrates that although many marriages suffer from the effects of one or both spouses’ involvement in abortion, healing and growth as a couple are possible.
Item #1441. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish item #1451.

Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion
Susan E. Wills, Esq. addresses a major obstacle to healing after abortion—difficulty in accepting God’s forgiveness and forgiving oneself.
Item #1344. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish item #1354.

Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2010, 8-panel pamphlet.
Beautiful pamphlet inviting those who suffer from the pain of their own or a loved one’s abortion to “come back to God who is love and mercy,” with the caring support of the Church’s Project Rachel Ministry.
Item #1016. Cost: 40¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish item #1017.

“The Hollow Men”: Male Grief and Trauma Following Abortion
by Vincent M. Rue, PhD, 2008, 8-panel pamphlet.
As a practicing psychotherapist, Dr. Rue presents findings from clinical research and practice regarding male grief and trauma following abortion.
Item #0846. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50+ copies, 25¢ each.

How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion Revised 2013
What to say and do when a friend confides an abortion experience. Attractive and informative six-panel brochure for teens and young adults.
Item #0120; six-panel brochure. Cost: 25¢ each; $20.00/100; $180.00/1,000. Spanish item #0121.

Neither Do I Condemn You
How each of us can be a catalyst for bringing God’s forgiveness and healing to those wounded by abortion.
Item #9906. Cost: $7.00/100; $60.00/1,000.

TO ORDER MATERIALS, CALL TOLL-FREE (866) 582-0943.
Assists ministry team members and priests with various aspects of developing or strengthening a diocesan ministry for those suffering from abortion’s aftermath. Includes practical resources, prayer cards, and diagram of the integrated approach to healing, all in a 3-ring binder.
For order inquiries, please contact your diocesan coordinator for post-abortion healing ministry.

Prayer for Healing
Prayer card asking God to forgive, heal, and grant peace to mothers who have lost a child to abortion.
Item #9911. Cost: $10.00/100; $90.00/1,000.
Spanish Item #9912.

Trust in God’s Mercy
Answers the request of priests for a post-confessional prayer card to help women accept that God has forgiven their sin of abortion.
Item #9913. Cost: $10.00/100; $90.00/1,000.
Spanish Item #9914. (See page 13 for front of prayer card.)

Poster: “Something Inside Dies After an Abortion”
22 x 17” poster. Photo of a woman’s haunted eyes illustrates the message, “It has burned a hole in my soul and changed me forever.” The tag line reads, “If you’re suffering because of an abortion, don’t suffer alone.” References www.hopeafterabortion.org for information on abortion's aftermath and where to get help. Shipped separately.
Item #0020. Cost: $2.00 each; 10+ copies, $1.75 each.
Spanish Item #0021.

Mini-Posters
Four 11 x 12” posters, each with a quotation from a woman who has undergone an abortion. Each references www.hopeafterabortion.org.
Cost: 75¢ each; 10-24 copies, 65¢ each; 25-99 copies, 55¢ each; 100+ copies, 50¢ each.
Beth: “I let you convince me there was nothing good about having the baby.” Item #0126
Margo: “It has burned a hole in my soul and changed me forever.” Item #0127.
Cathi: “Not one day goes by that I don’t think of my baby boy.” Item #0128
Margo (Eyes): “It has burned a hole in my soul and changed me forever.” Item #0129.
PRAYER AND WORSHIP

“Parishes should include in the petitions at every Mass a prayer that ours will become a nation that respects and protects all human life, born and unborn, reflecting a true culture of life.”

Prayer Card: “Every Life is Worth Living”
This 2 x 3.5” (standard business card size) prayer card is based on the 2015-16 Respect Life Program theme, “Every Life is Worth Living.”
It is perfect for joint prayer after Mass and distribution to parishioners to carry with them and pray daily during Respect Life Month and throughout the year.
Full-color on the front, black text on the back.
Item #1512. Cost: $12.00 (package of 100).
Spanish Item #1513.

Prayer Card: “Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us”
The front depicts a vibrant painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe; a prayer seeking her intercession on behalf of human life is on the reverse.
Item #1012. Cost: $12.00 (packet of 100) Spanish Item #1013.

Prayer for Healing
Prayer card asking God to forgive, heal and grant peace to mothers who have lost a child to abortion.
Item #9911. Cost: $10.00 (packet of 100); $90.00/1,000. Spanish Item #9912.

Trust in God’s Mercy
Answers the request of priests for a post-confessional prayer card to help women accept that God has forgiven their sin of abortion.
Item #9913. Cost: $10.00 (packet of 100); $90.00/1,000. Spanish Item #9914.

Faith and Perseverance: Saints Anne & Joachim Novena
Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving. Beautiful, full color mosaic on the cover of this (4” x 6”) four-page pamphlet.
Item #0422. Cost: 25¢ each; $15.00/100. Spanish Item #0423.

A Heart Open to God’s Will: Novena to the Blessed Mother, Feast of the Annunciation
This beautiful novena to Our Blessed Mother includes an excerpt from the Gospel of Luke’s Annunciation account, the novena prayer and a reflection on the challenge of doing God’s will in today’s world. Promoters of NFP have looked to this feast for inspiration to welcome more children into the family.
Item #0726. Cost: 30¢ each; $20.00/100.

Note: Word of Life - suggested Prayer of the Faithful Intentions and parish bulletin quotations - is distributed each month to every Catholic diocese in the U.S. The Word of Life series can also be accessed at www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm.

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BIOTECHNOLOGY

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility
Primarily directed to couples struggling with infertility, this brochure seeks to provide compassionate guidance that is both practical and informative. Other readers may also find it helpful in better understanding this issue.
Item #1644. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1654.

Children as Commodities?
While recognizing the true suffering that can accompany infertility, this article demonstrates that the use of some reproductive technologies does not respect the dignity of the children produced by them.
Item #1442. Cost: 40¢ each; 10-49 copies, 30¢ each; 50-99 copies, 25¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1452.

Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology
Item #1070. See page 8 for information. Cost: $2.00 each.

The Dignity of a Person (Dignitas Personae)
Item #0972. See page 8 for information. Cost: $6.95.

Life Matters: Reproductive Technology
2011, 8-panel pamphlet.
Children are the supreme gift of marriage. They have a right to be conceived through their parents' act of love, not by a laboratory process that subjects them to quality control. While one in six couples has difficulty conceiving, today many causes of infertility can be corrected. But instead, fertility clinics often begin with expensive IVF procedures, which involve risks to embryonic children created by IVF—the majority of whom end up dead—and to their biological mothers.
Item #1147. Cost: 40¢ each; 100+ copies, 20¢ each. Bulk discounts available. Spanish Item #1157.

Life Matters: Embryo Research
2011, 8-panel pamphlet.
Destructive experimentation on human embryos violates the God-given right to life of very young human beings. It violates the Fifth Commandment, as well as ethics declarations by the World Medical Association and the standards for federally funded research enacted by Congress every year since 1995.
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