

# WORD OF LIFE

*September 2014*

## **Intercessions for Life**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For all married couples:

That they may be open to receive courage from the Lord to be open to new life;

We pray to the Lord:

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**

For those whose days on earth are drawing to a close:

That they may be welcomed into the joys of eternal life in heaven;

We pray to the Lord:

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the unborn:

May they be welcomed into the world with love, joy and the support they need to flourish;

We pray to the Lord:

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For those involved in post-abortion healing ministry:

That the Father of mercy would fill them with the necessary grace and compassion to minister to those in need of healing;

We pray to the Lord:

## Bulletin Briefs

“Abortion [...] cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is ‘a deep wound in society’.”

— Pope Benedict XVI, *Meeting With the Authorities and the Diplomatic Corps*, Hofberg, Vienna, 7 September 2007

“If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’—the living house of God—then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. *All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation.* These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right – the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand.”

— “Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics” (A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States), no. 22, (USCCB)

“As Christians, we are called to help build a civilization of life and of love, in which seriously ill persons and their families are never abandoned, but are supported with services, friendship, and love.”

— *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life*, p. 23, (USCCB)

“...the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

— *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life*, p. 24, (USCCB)

“Our witness to life must address the pain and grieving experienced by those who have lost a child. Just as we recognize the humanity of the unborn child lost to abortion, we must acknowledge equally the unborn child lost to miscarriage. ... As members of the body of Christ, the Church, we are called to bear witness to the loss of every life, no matter how brief or small.”

— “Life Issues Forum: Loving Parents After Miscarriage,” (USCCB)

**Pray for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.**

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