



WORD OF LIFE

December 2006

Intercessions for Life December 2006

3 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For women haunted by the memory of abortion:
that God might grant his Church the grace
to heal and support them;
We pray to the Lord:

10 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For all newborn babies:
that they may teach us the consummate beauty and value
of every human life;
We pray to the Lord:

17 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

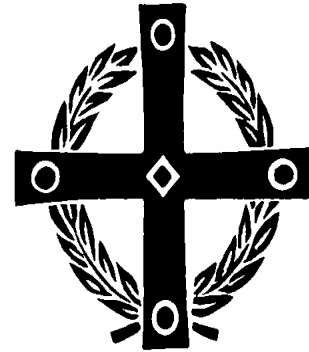
That as we prepare to receive the Newborn Christ
God may give us the grace to recall our responsibility
to protect and sustain the life of every single child;
We pray to the Lord:

24 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For children who are lost, abused, or homeless:
that the joy of the coming Christmas Season
may give us the strength and the wisdom
to love and protect them
We pray to the Lord:

31 SUN THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

For those who, like Simeon and Anna, have grown old:
that we may treasure their lives and rejoice in their presence;
We pray to the Lord:



The first right of the human person is his life. He has other goods and some are more precious, but this one is fundamental - the condition of all the others. Hence it must be protected above all others. It does not belong to society, nor does it belong to public authority in any form to recognize this right for some and not for others: all discrimination is evil, whether it be founded on race, sex, color or religion. It is not recognition by another that constitutes this right. This right is antecedent to its recognition; it demands recognition and it is strictly unjust to refuse it. (*Declaration on Procured Abortion*, no. 11 Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1975)

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