



# *WORD OF LIFE*

*February 2006*

# Intercessions for Life

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- Feb 5th**      **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
For all who are homeless, forgotten, or abandoned:  
that we might come to see Christ present in their lives  
and rejoice at the gifts they bring to us;  
We pray to the Lord:
- Feb 12th**    **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
For every child born this day,  
that God might give us the grace  
to love and support them;  
We pray to the Lord:
- Feb 19th**    **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
For all who are engaged in medical research,  
that they might be guided by the Church's love for the truth;  
We pray to the Lord:
- Feb 26th**    **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
For all who teach young children:  
that by their lives and by their words  
they might teach the beauty and value of life  
from conception to natural death;  
We pray to the Lord:

We must continue to search for helpful and effective means of appreciating the dignity of all of human life. We must find more and better ways of being in greater solidarity with one another on this human journey. Especially, we must look deep into our own hearts to identify those attitudes which are contrary to Jesus command to love neighbor as ourselves.

Bishop William Skylstad (October 26, 2005)

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