



WORD OF LIFE

July 2005

Intercessions for Life

JULY 2005

July 3rd 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For priests and bishops everywhere,
that they might be courageous witnesses to the Gospel of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

July 10th 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all families,
that in the coming months of summer,
they may rejoice together in the gift of life
which God has given them;
We pray to the Lord:

July 17th 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who have grown very old and weak,
and especially all who are discouraged, lonely, or afraid,
that God might inspire others to care for them;
We pray to the Lord:

July 24th 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the conversion of all who have sinned
against the Gospel of Life;
We pray to the Lord:

July 31st 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For teachers in high schools and colleges
throughout our country,
that they might recognize and teach
the dignity of every human person;
We pray to the Lord:



“The freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery.”

**Pope Benedict XVI
Installation as Bishop of Rome
May 7, 2005**

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Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Mass of Installation, April 24, 2005

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