



WORD OF LIFE

June 2005

Intercessions for Life

JUNE 2005

- June 5th** **TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For those who seek to teach the Gospel of Life
by the example of their lives:
that we might all learn to cherish
the littlest the most vulnerable among us;
We pray to the Lord:
- June 12th** **ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For all who are close to death today:
That from them we might learn the value of life;
We pray to the Lord:
- June 19th** **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For a growing understanding of what it means to be a father:
that following the example of good Saint Joseph,
every man who is called to this noble vocation
may cherish the gift given him in sons and daughters;
We pray to the Lord:
- June 26th** **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
For all have been condemned to die:
That we may learn to cherish all human life,
And defend those most in need of God's mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

“This level of *dignity* and *quality* belongs to the ontological order and is a constitutive part of the human being; it endures through every moment of life, from the very moment of conception until natural death, and is brought to complete fulfillment in the dimension of eternal life. Consequently, the human person should be recognized and respected in any condition of health, infirmity or disability.”

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Pope John Paul II, Message for Lent 2005

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Jean Vanier, Talk given at a retreat in Barcelona, Spain, January 22, 2005

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