



# *WORD OF LIFE*

*June 2004*

# Intercessions for Life

JUNE 2004

## June 6<sup>th</sup> MOST HOLY TRINITY

That the creative, sustaining and obedient love  
of the Most Holy Trinity  
might strengthen the love of all husbands and wives;  
We pray to the Lord:

## June 13<sup>th</sup> BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

That by their reception of Holy Communion,  
all engaged and newly married couples  
might grow in holiness each day of their lives;  
We pray to the Lord:



## June 20<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That through a growing love of the Gospel of Life,  
those who govern us might come to see  
the infinite value of all human life from conception to natural death;  
We pray to the Lord:

## June 27<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That as the new life of springtime,  
might remind us of the everlasting love of God,  
Who for ever brings us new life  
and calls us to rejoice in it;  
We pray to the Lord:

*Marriage and the family cannot be considered a mere product of historical circumstances or a superstructure imposed from outside on human love. On the contrary, they are an inner need of this love to fulfill itself in its own truth and in the fullness of the reciprocal gift of self. Even those features of spousal union that today are all too often misunderstood or rejected, such as unity, indissolubility and openness to life, are instead requests for the authenticity of the covenant of love. It is in this very way that the bond which unites the man and the woman becomes an image and symbol of the covenant between God and his People, which finds its definitive fulfillment in Jesus Christ.*

*-Pope John Paul II (February 26, 2004, To the Priests of Rome)*

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