



WORD OF LIFE

November 2007

Intercessions for Life November 2007

Nov 4th THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who seek to lead us,
and especially for candidates for President:
that they might protect the rights of all citizens,
from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

Nov 11th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For medical researchers,
that God might implant within their hearts
a love and respect for all human life,
and reward them for their work to save lives;
We pray to the Lord:

Nov 18th THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For a growing spirit of thanksgiving
for the gift of life:
that we might be grateful for every moment
given to us by the Lord;
We pray to the Lord:

Nov 25th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

That on this feast of Christ the King
we might recognize God as the author of life
and praise him for this inestimable gift;
We pray to the Lord:



Nov. 4th Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation are prevented.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Responses to Certain Questions Concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration*, August 1, 2007

Nov. 11th Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A patient in a “permanent vegetative state” is a person with fundamental human dignity and must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principal, the administration of water and food even by artificial means.

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Nov. 18th Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is “a deep wound in society,” as the late Cardinal Franz Koenig never tired of repeating.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Authorities and Diplomatic Corps, Vienna, Sept. 7, 2007

Nov. 25th Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Whoever wants to keep his life just for himself will lose it. Only by giving ourselves do we receive our life. In other words: only the one who loves discovers life. And love always demands going out of oneself, it always demands leaving oneself. Anyone who looks just to himself, who wants the other only for himself, will lose both himself and the other. Without this profound losing of oneself, there is no life.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Vienna, Sept. 9, 2007