



WORD OF LIFE

April 2008

Intercessions for Life

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April 6th Third Sunday of Easter

For our Holy Father:
in thanksgiving for his devotion to the Gospel of life;
We pray to the Lord:

April 13th Fourth Sunday of Easter

For all grandparents,
and especially for those whose grandchild has been aborted:
that they might find healing and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

April 20th Fifth Sunday of Easter

For all newly married couples:
that through their closeness to God,
they might ever do his will;
We pray to the Lord:



April 27th Sixth Sunday of Easter

For those who have grown very old
and who are overburdened by their years:
that we might treasure the gift they are to us;
We pray to the Lord:

*I have come that they may have life,
and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.
from the Roman Missal*

Thirty-five years ago, the Supreme Court imposed a change on our nation that is at odds with our history, our Constitution and our humanity. And it is time to change *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion is wrong because it hurts everyone.

It takes the life of an innocent unborn child.

It victimizes the mother and father.

It compromises doctors and nurses.

It undermines respect for judges.

It implicates the taxpayer who pays for it.

It coarsens the society that tolerates it.

No woman should feel she must have an abortion. We can find a better way. We can build a society in which every woman and child can find the support and care they deserve. We can build a culture of life. We can give hope to every woman and every child.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Knights of Columbus, Remarks at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality: rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, January 7, 2008

With artificial insemination outside the body, the barrier protecting human dignity has been broken. When human beings in the weakest and most defenseless stage of their existence are selected, abandoned, killed or used as pure “biological matter,” how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as “someone” but as “something,” thus placing the very concept of human dignity in doubt.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, January 31, 2008

An independent Ontario study revealed that in the first 3 months after abortion, a woman falls victim to:

--a 4-times rate of hospitalization for infection

--a 5-times rate of hospitalization for another surgical procedure

--a 5-times rate of hospitalization for psychiatric care, in a health-care system when only the most dire psychological cases can get a hospital bed.

The world literature is replete with the reported increased risk of infertility, breast cancer, and subsequent premature delivery and its associated higher rate of cerebral palsy after an earlier abortion.

Will Johnston, President, Physicians for Life