



WORD OF LIFE

February 2005

Intercessions for Life

FEBRUARY 2005

Feb 6th FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who are defenseless against the forces of violence and hate,
and especially for the littlest of children in their mothers' wombs,
that God will protect them from all evil;
We pray to the Lord:

Feb 13th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

That through a deepening love for the poor, the broken, and forgotten,
the ashes with which we have been marked,
may remind us of the futility of selfishness and sin,
and lead us to embrace the cross of Christ;
We pray to the Lord:

Feb 20th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

That as our brothers and sisters prepare for Baptism,
they may each day see more clearly
the infinite inestimable gift which God has given us
in life and the ability to love like him;
We pray to the Lord:



Feb 27th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

For all who are imprisoned,
but especially for those condemned to die,
that by our prayers and our actions,
we might love them as God does;
We pray to the Lord:

“With courage and compassion, Bishops, priests and lay Catholics must seize the opportunity to propose to the sons and daughters of the Church, and to the whole of society, the truth about the special gift that is human sexuality. The false promises of the “sexual revolution” are now painfully obvious in the human suffering caused by unprecedented rates of divorce, by the scourge of abortion and its lasting effects on those involved. Yet the teaching of the magisterium, the development of the “theology of the body,” and the experience of faithful Catholic couples have given Catholics in the United States a uniquely powerful and compelling opportunity to bring the truth about human sexuality into a society that sorely needs to hear it.”

-Pope John Paul II, to the Bishops of Minnesota, North and South Dakota (June, 1998)

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