



WORD OF LIFE

February 2009

Intercessions for Life

February 2009

February 1st

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who teach young children:
that by their lives and by their words
they might teach the beauty and value of life
from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

February 8th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For doctors who struggle to do the right thing,
and for their patients:
that the Gospel of Life might be their guide;
We pray to the Lord:

February 15th

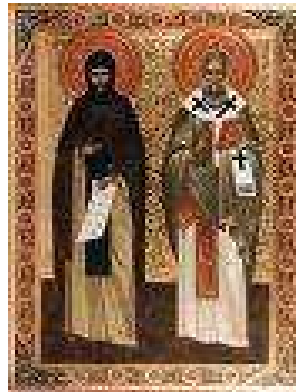
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:

February 22nd

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those whose desperation tempts them
with death,
and especially men and women
contemplating suicide:
that God might teach us to bring them his
hope;
We pray to the Lord:



In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God confirmed the dignity of the body and soul which constitute the human being. Christ did not disdain human bodiliness, but instead fully disclosed its meaning and value: “In reality, it is only in the mystery of the incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear.”

--*Dignitas Personae*, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Sept. 8, 2008, n. 7.

By virtue of the simple fact of existing, every human being must be fully respected. ... discrimination with regard to human dignity based on biological, psychological, or educational development, or based on health-related criteria, must be excluded.

--*Dignitas Personae*, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Sept. 8, 2008, n. 8.

“This boundless and almost incomprehensible love of God for every human being reveals the degree to which the human person deserves to be loved in himself, independently of any other consideration – intelligence, beauty, health, youth, integrity, and so forth.”

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There are those who say that the moral teaching of the Church contains too many prohibitions. In reality, however, her teaching is based on the recognition and promotion of all the gifts which the Creator has bestowed on man: such as life, knowledge, freedom and love. Particular appreciation is due not only to man’s intellectual activities, but also to those which are practical, like work and technological activities. By these, in fact, he participates in the creative power of God and is called to transform creation by ordering its many resources toward the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings and of the human person in his entirety. In this way, man acts as the steward of the value and intrinsic beauty of creation.

--*Dignitas Personae*, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Sept. 8, 2008, n. 36.