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### **CHRIST OUR HOPE: IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE**

#### ***Respect Life Month Statement, October 2019***

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Although we must cherish, protect, and defend human life year-round, the Catholic Church in the United States sets aside each October as Respect Life Month.

This year's theme, *Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life*, is particularly suited for our times. While attacks against human life seem to grow ever more numerous and callous, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith.

Jesus asks us to be as leaven in the world, to bring His light to the darkness. Our daily activities take each of us to places only we can go, to people only we will meet. May we allow Christ to renew and strengthen us, that He may work through us in each moment of every day.

Be assured of my prayers for you and for our common efforts to bring about a world in which every life is cherished. And so, together, may we *hold fast to Christ, our hope*.