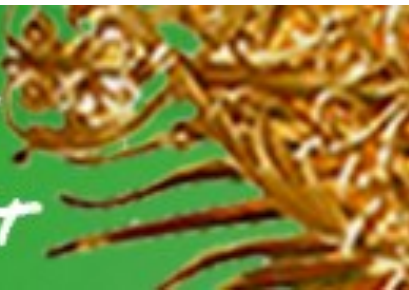




Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty *JOIN THE MOVEMENT*



Friday May 24

Intention:

For the conversion of all who support abortion, that Christ's love may open their hearts to the truth and that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they may experience the depths of God's healing mercy and forgiveness.

(If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential help is available.

Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org or EsperanzaPosaborto.org.)

Did you know?

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, today is a special day of prayer and penance in reparation for the crimes against the sacredness of human life, especially in the womb. It is also the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China. [Join in prayerful solidarity](#) with the faithful in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as they unite their prayers and penances with the same intentions for the [Church in China](#).

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Reflection:

Although we may understand intellectually what abortion is, after 40 years since its legalization, we may start to become numb to its reality. However, the recent convictions of the Philadelphia abortion provider, Kermit Gosnell, for the killing of three babies who were born alive, manifested in yet another vivid way the horrific details of the abortion culture that confronts the [Gospel of Life](#). These children remind us of the urgent necessity to promote and defend the sanctity of all human life.

We can do this by being witnesses of Christ's love to all those who support abortion and by praying for their conversions. We must strive to imitate the absolute character of God's longing and love for each of them, which can then evoke the conversion that each needs. Remembering the conversions of St. Paul and Mary Magdalene, which show us that with God all things are possible and that no one is beyond the reach of His mercy and forgiveness, let us pray for every heart to be opened, reconciled, and united with the Lord.

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