

CALL TO PRAYER

FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



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In this Year of Faith, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for a nationwide effort to advance a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty through prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Catholics across the nation are being encouraged to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

Time of unprecedented challenges

This call to prayer is prompted by unprecedented challenges to the Church and the nation, particularly the HHS Mandate and current trends in government and culture toward redefining marriage.

The goal of this call to prayer is twofold: (1) to increase awareness of these challenges and (2) to build spiritual stamina and fortitude among the faithful so that we can be effective and joyful witnesses of faith, hope, and charity and agents of the New Evangelization.

Need for spiritual stamina

Beginning on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the *Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty* has five components:

- Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hours in cathedrals and parishes
- Daily Rosary by families and individuals
- Special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses
- Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays
- A Fortnight for Freedom in June/July 2013

Join the movement!

Pray for our nation. Pray for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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