Walking with Moms in Need
SAMPLE TIMELINE

Walking with Moms in Need is designed to be a yearlong initiative comprised of a number of simple steps. To help parishes and dioceses plan for and organize their participation in this nationwide effort, the process is broken up into five specific phases of parish activity. This sample timeline offers suggested timeframes for completing each phase. However, parishes and dioceses are encouraged to adjust this schedule to account for events, observances, or other schedule conflicts at the local level. *As always, you are encouraged to adjust and adapt these resources to best meet your needs!*

Because each diocese and parish is unique, you may want to adjust the suggested timeframes for each phase (listed below) to meet your specific needs using the editable timeline. Phases can be condensed or extended to accommodate for scheduling challenges and conflicts at both the diocesan and parish levels. When planning your timeline, remember to take into account seasons that are particularly busy with parish activities, like Advent and Lent.

- **Phase 1:** Introduce *Walking with Moms* and Begin Building a Core Team (1-2 months)
- **Phase 2:** Launch Parish Inventory Process (3-4 months)
- **Phase 3:** Share Inventory Results and Begin Assessment and Planning (3-4 months)
- **Phase 4:** Announce and Commit to Parish Response (1-2 months)
- **Phase 5:** Celebrate and Implement Parish Plans (1-2 months)

The following are examples of how the phases can map out over a year, based on what month you choose to launch.

Beginning in March – Anniversary of *Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)*
- **Phase 1:** Introduce *Walking with Moms* and Begin Building a Core Team (March)
- **Phase 2:** Launch Parish Inventory Process (May)
- **Phase 3:** Share Inventory Results and Begin Assessment and Planning (September)
- **Phase 4:** Announce and Commit to Parish Response (January)
- **Phase 5:** Celebrate and Implement Parish Plans (March)

Beginning in October – Respect Life Month
- **Phase 1:** Introduce *Walking with Moms* and Begin Building a Core Team (October)
- **Phase 2:** Launch Parish Inventory Process (December)
- **Phase 3:** Share Inventory Results and Begin Assessment and Planning (April)
- **Phase 4:** Announce and Commit to Parish Response (August)
- **Phase 5:** Celebrate and Implement Parish Plans (October)

Beginning in January – Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*
- **Phase 1:** Introduce *Walking with Moms* and Begin Building a Core Team (January)
- **Phase 2:** Launch Parish Inventory Process (March)
- **Phase 3:** Share Inventory Results and Begin Assessment and Planning (July)
- **Phase 4:** Announce and Commit to Parish Response (November)
- **Phase 5:** Celebrate and Implement Parish Plans (January)

Phase 1	**Introduce *Walking with Moms* and Begin Building a Core Team**	**Notes**
[month, year]	Overview of process and parish participation. Appoint a parish leader. Begin assembling core team.	e.g. liturgical seasons, parish events, schedule conflicts, etc.
[month, year]	Pastor introduction to parish and invitation to participate. Call to action to help moms in need. Pray for mothers.	
Phase 2	**Launch Parish Inventory Process**	**Notes**
[month, year]	Invite parishioner engagement with personal asks and announcements. Establish and meet with core team.	
[month, year]	Contact diocesan Respect Life office. Review inventory form and process. Launch inventory process.	
[month, year]	Parish volunteers take inventory of local resources for pregnant moms in need.	
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Phase 3	**Share Inventory Results and Begin Assessment and Planning**	**Notes**
[month, year]	Review and evaluate inventory results. Review ideas and models for a parish response.	
[month, year]	Share inventory results in parish-wide meeting. Invite parishioner engagement in deciding next steps.	
[month, year]	Brainstorm possible parish responses and sample models for offering and communicating help to moms in need.	
[month, year]	Finalize parish plans for offering and communicating help to moms in need.	
Phase 4	**Announce and Commit to Parish Response**	**Notes**
[month, year]	Announce plans in parish-wide meeting. Invite parishioner engagement in homily and announcements.	
[month, year]	Develop a strategy to communicate efforts to those in need. Begin implementation of parish response.	
Phase 5	**Celebrate and Implement Parish Plans**	**Notes**
[month, year]	Celebrate progress and parish plans with parish community. Invite additional parishioner involvement.	
[month, year]	Continue implementation of parish plans. Support pregnant and parenting women in need through prayer.	