

WORD OF LIFE: NOVEMBER 2023

Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!

FEATURED THIS MONTH...

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

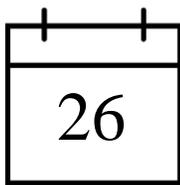
This is a great opportunity to highlight the topics of hospice, palliative care, and other end-of-life topics. The following resources are available:

- **[Catholic Care for the Sick and Dying](#)**
This webpage features prayers, articles, and educational resources to help Catholics bear Christ's love to those who are suffering from illness or dying.
- **Bulletin Insert: [The Witness of the Good Samaritan](#)**
This four-page summary article offers a brief overview of key points from *Samaritanus bonus* with a specific focus on what it says about palliative and hospice care.
- **Handout: [Resources on End of Life Care](#)**
This two-page handout provides a listing of the most relevant resources on end-of-life care provided by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.
- **Browse End-of-Life Resources in the [Respect Life Store](#)**
Several resources are available in the Respect Life Store that highlight different issues at the end of life including: accompaniment, assisted suicide, advance directives, and more.

National Adoption Awareness Month

This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption. Resources are available to assist you in supporting and praying for all whose lives are touched by adoption:

- [An Adoption Love Story](#)
- [Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption](#)
- [Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption](#)



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023

[Resources are available](#) to help educate the faithful about the Solemnity of Christ the King and its connection to religious liberty.

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Intercessions for Life

November 1st

For all Christians:

May we look forward to the resurrection of the dead
by preparing now, in hope,
for our passage from this life into eternal life;

We pray to the Lord:

The Solemnity of All Saints

November 5th

For the sick, suffering, and those near death:

May they receive adequate care which embraces
their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs
as they journey toward eternal life;

We pray to the Lord:

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12th

For all public officials, especially those newly elected:

May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God,
and protect life from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord:

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19th

For married couples considering adoption:

May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,
grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will;

We pray to the Lord:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 26th

For all the faithful:

May the Lord help us build a culture of life
in vigilant expectation of His return;

We pray to the Lord:

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Bulletin Quotes

November 5th

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.”

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“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



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November 12th

“In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.”

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

“Living Radical Solidarity”



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November 19th

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,

“An Adoption Love Story” ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))



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November 26th

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

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“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”



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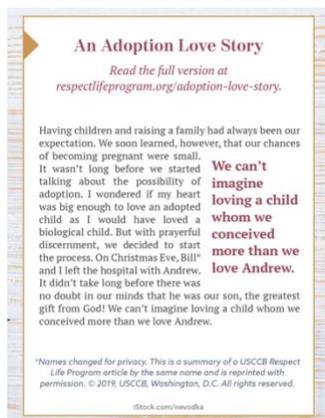
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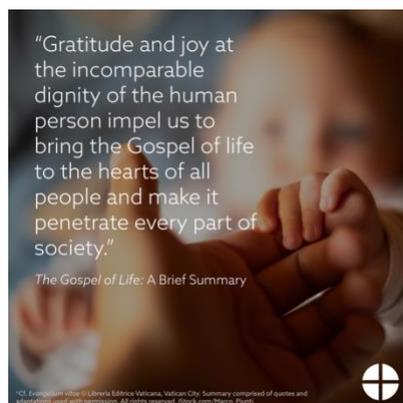
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