

WORD OF LIFE: DECEMBER 2016

Intercessions for Life

December 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

May God move us to act
with tenderness and compassion
for the most vulnerable;
We pray to the Lord:

December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent

For parents who receive
a difficult prenatal diagnosis:
May they be comforted by the assurance
of God's loving plan for their child's life;
We pray to the Lord:

December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For expectant mothers and fathers
who are afraid:
May God provide for their every need
and bless them with peace;
We pray to the Lord:

December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

For all Christians:
May the light of Jesus' birth
enflame our hearts to welcome and protect
the gift of each person's life;
We pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Briefs

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Sunday, December 4, 2016

“Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. ‘Everything is connected,’ he reminds us. (LS 91).”

— “Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation,” www.goo.gl/xdm378
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Sunday, December 11, 2016

“A child is loved because he is one’s child: not because he is beautiful, or because he is like this or like that... Not because he thinks as I do, or embodies my dreams. A child is a child: a life generated by us but intended for him, for his good, for the good of the family, of society, of mankind as a whole.”

— Pope Francis, [General Audience](#), February 11, 2015.
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Sunday, December 18, 2016

“Help one another: This is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart.”

— Pope Francis, [Homily on Holy Thursday](#).
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Sunday, December 25, 2016

“What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”

— [John 1:3-4](#), NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.



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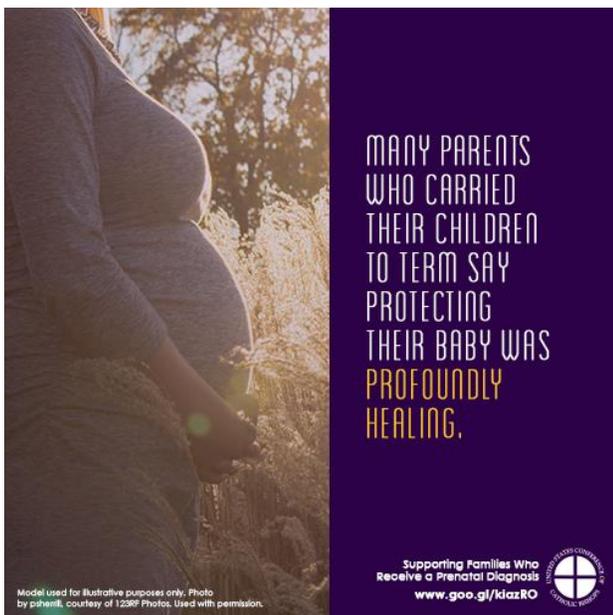
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Sunday, December 11, 2016

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