# RESPECT LIFE



Prayer Guide | JUNE 2023

#### **INTERCEDE**



# **PRAY**

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

#### REFLECT

June 24th marks the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. As we approach this anniversary, we continue to offer thanksgiving to God that states can once again protect the lives of preborn children in law

In God's profound providence, the Court handed down its historic decision on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and during the month that we also celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Since the *Dobbs* decision, many states have enacted strong pro-life protections. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion access and continue to pursue extreme pro-abortion policies. At this critical moment, whether we reside in states with pro-life or pro-abortion policies, we are presented with new *opportunities* and *responsibilities* to continue building a culture that welcomes and celebrates life.

Let us each draw close to Christ's Sacred Heart in the Eucharist and sincerely ask how He is calling us to use our unique gifts for the cause of life.

## ACT (choose one)

- Make a Holy Hour for this month's intention. Join your heart with Jesus' Sacred Heart and ask for the virtue of fortitude in working to protect the lives of preborn children. (Pro-life Holy Hours are available at <a href="https://www.bit.ly/pro-life-holy-hours">www.bit.ly/pro-life-holy-hours</a>.
  Although designed for communal prayer, individuals can also use them for quiet reflection.)
- Choose one day this week to offer a sacrifice for this month's intention. Consider abstaining from a favorite food, caffeine, social media, TV, or something else.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

#### ONE STEP FURTHER

Look up your State Catholic conference and sign up for local action alerts: <a href="masced.org/directory">nasced.org/directory</a>.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival kicks off on June 11, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This second phase seeks to foster Eucharistic devotion in parishes, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions and more. Learn more: <a href="mailto:eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources">eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources</a>.