

October 10, 2021
From Fr. Jim. . .

Respect Life: October is Respect Life Month. Our lives and our sharing fully in the life and love of God is a tremendous gift. We are all stewards of this tremendous gift. God entrusts this great gift of life to each of us. We are to give care to this gift of life always with respect and dignity and to image our Creator.

The Church teaches that there is a consistent theory of human life – that proper stewardship of God’s gift of human life involves giving the proper care and love for life beginning in the womb and continuing to the tomb. And within this continuum, human life is not to be abused, denied or taken away. Therefore, as Christians and as the Church of God in the world today, we need to be concerned with the major issues of our day that challenge the respect, dignity and care that all life, on all levels deserves and desires. Issues such as abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, sexual abuse, child abuse, spousal abuse, war, proper health care for everyone, treatment and care for the elderly, the death penalty and what else can we include? The continuum of life requires respect, dignity, protection, and rights for life on all its levels at all times. The responsibility of stewarding this incredible gift to us is never ending, always challenging and at the same time wonderful.

I believe being good stewards of all of God’s creation means living the great commandment to the best of our ability: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. This, too, is a continuous straight line and not a hierarchy of values. Therefore, one can’t really love God without loving neighbor and self and one can’t really love neighbor without loving God and self and one can’t love self appropriately without love for neighbor and God. So, too, dignity and respect and love for God’s life are continuous along the entire spectrum of life.

Included in our call to be good stewards of God’s life and love is the proper care for our planet. We are blessed to enjoy it and to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Therefore, as Christians and as the Church of God, we also need to be concerned about the issues of our day that threaten to destroy our planet. Such issues include pollution, global warming, shrinking rainforests, overconsumption and the lack of recycling.

We thank God for entrusting us to care for the life of all creation. We rejoice in the blessings that we receive from treating all life with respect and dignity. We ask for God’s healing, forgiveness and guidance for the times when we don’t steward God’s life well. We continue to work to promote the gift of God’s life on all levels and celebrate the growth of God’s people as they mature in faith. We pray, too, for God’s protection over our lives and the life God entrusts to our care. May all the peoples praise you, oh God. May all the peoples with all your creation sing your praises for the marvels of your life and love. Amen. Alleluia!

Don’t miss Cincinnati Right to Life’s Evening for Life Event! Thursday October 21st at the Sharonville Convention Center; social starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program 6:30 p.m.; featuring emcee Anna Mitchell and guest speaker George Dennehy. Reservations are required at www.CincinnatiRightToLife.Org or call 513.728.7870.

Collection Envelopes- If you are new to the parish or would like to receive collection envelopes please call the parish office at 513.921.1044 or sign up at the back of church on the sign-up sheet. If you already receive collection envelopes yours are automatically renewed.



Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at: RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX

You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can **read Fr. Jim’s letter** at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

We are looking for one table that can fit 8 chairs each. The Food Pantry is looking for rolling luggage if you have any to donate!

We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share. **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

COMMENT ON DRAFT “FAMILIES OF PARISHES” – Make sure your voice is heard! **Beacons of Light**, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into “Families” under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.BeaconsAOC.org. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

The seventh annual Catholic Men’s Eucharistic Procession is Saturday October 16th! It will begin with an 8:00 a.m. mass at the Cathedral, with the Eucharistic Procession at 9:00 a.m. moving through downtown Cincinnati with a spirit of reverence and prayer. This two mile procession will conclude at Old St. Mary’s Church at 11:00 a.m. to participate or to learn more call Dave at 513.305.6719.

SAVE THE DATE- March for Life 2022- January 19th – 22nd in Washington D.C. This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. More information to come on trip details and sponsorship.

McAuley Convent has various positions open such as: cooks, housekeeping, maintenance, nursing, and nursing aides. If you are interested visit www.mercysc.org to learn more or call Sister Judy at 513.681.2100 for an application.