

Greeting from the Respect Life Office! ***September 2010***

Dear Friends of Respect Life:

As we move into September and look forward to planning for October, there are some important opportunities that I would like to highlight. Many will be further touched on at the ***Respect Life Workshop*** right around the corner. So starting there, please see [this flyer](#)..... in summary:

On Saturday, September 11, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Belleville, there will be a workshop especially for those who are involved in, or may have an interest in becoming involved in, Respect Life ministry. The workshop will take place from 10:45–2:00 and will include a working lunch. Cost is \$10.00, with a discount for additional participants registering at the same time, from the same parish. Check www.respectlife.catholicweb.com under Upcoming Events for more information or call 235-9601, ext 146.

(We look forward to receiving your registration! Please come ready to share ideas, if you have favorite resources feel free to bring them as well!)

Additional events

“40 Days for Life” begins September 22! Praying at an abortion facility and seeing women enter keeps abortion from being an abstract idea. Not only do we trust in the power of prayer for others, but the experience impacts us as well; youth groups particularly have been moved by the experience. This national campaign, where people are praying at the facilities near them for an end to abortion, makes a difference in communities and individual lives. Plan to gather a group and go to “The Hope Clinic for Women” 1602 21st. St., Granite City, IL 62040. Visit the [“40 Days for Life” website](#) for daily reflections and more information.

Annual Life Chain takes place on October 3, 2:00-3:00pm ([website](#)). It is a silent and prayerful witness to life for the community as well as a moving experience for participants. It is great for families to do together, confirmandi, youth groups, RCIA groups...

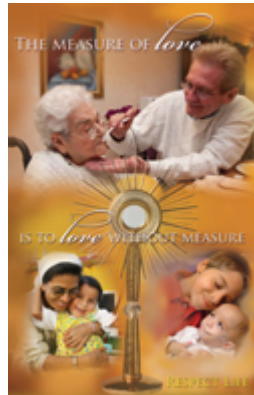
On September 23, ***Dr Alveda King will have a free lecture*** at the Howlett Building in the Capitol Complex in Springfield, 7:00-8:30pm ([see here](#) for a flyer). The daughter of the late civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife, Dr. King currently serves as a Pastoral Associate and Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. She is also a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions, God’s forgiveness, and healing.

Mark your calendar and on October 5 plan a working lunch!! There will be a ***Webinar*** from 12:00-1:30 on “Poor Prenatal Diagnosis of Lethal or Non-lethal Conditions & Disability” that will be made available for group viewing at least at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. This is a particularly important topic as diagnostic testing during pregnancy has become routine and counseling for abortion in the advent of an adverse diagnosis common place; despite that as Catholics we believe neither disabilities nor frailty nor illness in any way diminishes the inherent dignity and great value of **every** person. Realizing how broadly the subject has touched lives, the expert panel will also address outreach to parents who followed a doctor’s advice and may struggle with post-abortion effects. [Click here](#) for a flyer about the webinar, but watch for more details about our local viewing.

On October 9 There will be a Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Walk and Prayer Vigil at the **Granite City Abortion Facility**, followed by lunch. In addition to the work that is accomplished at any time we make a prayerful presence at the abortion facility, on this occasion (as happens on a **much larger scale** on the March for Life in Washington DC * Mark you calendars Jan 23-25!) there is the impact of seeing there are many people standing all together to defend life! For a flyer and map [click here](#).

Our neighbors, the St Louis Archdiocese, will host their 34th Annual **Respect Life Convention** on Sunday, October 24, at the St Charles Convention Center. For the convention webpage [click here](#), for a flyer with registration form [click here](#). E-mail ledwards@diobelle.org if interested in car pooling opportunities.

Program information



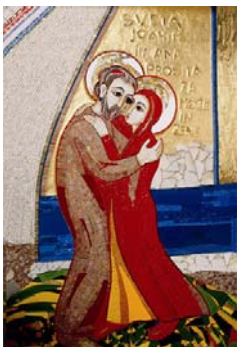
The Measure of Love is to Love Without

Measure: [2010-2011 Respect Life Program](#)

Website includes a downloadable bulletin insert format for included articles (each also available in Spanish), Liturgical Guide, plus several pages of possible Bulletin Quotes, as well as clip art not included in the mailed packet.

This year's articles are: [The Promise of Pro Life Youth](#), [Make Room for People](#), [Divine Mercy and the Death Penalty](#), [Caring for Each Other, Even unto Death](#), [Hope for Married Couples Who Want to Have a Child](#), [Losing a Child to Suicide: Trusting in God's Mercy](#), [Sex Trafficking: The New Slavery](#).

***[The Program Flyer](#) is also available on line, but you might choose instead to order it: **Item #1006. Cost: \$10/100; \$90/1,000**, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Toll-free (866) 582-0943. This would be an excellent addition for Respect Life Sunday on October 3, so you might want to **order soon!!**



Marriage – Unique for a Reason: [New USCCB website](#)

Website includes new video with Viewer's Guide and Resource Booklet:

Made for Each Other: A Catechetical and Educational Aid on Sexual Difference and Complementarity

Help Local Pregnancy Care Centers

[Fonteballa](#), a maternity shelter, will host a 5k “Stride for Babies” on September 11, [click here](#) for information.

(Participants should still be able to attend the Respect Life Workshop ☺)

[Mosaic Pregnancy and Health Centers](#) are located in Granite City and Belleville. They will host a Walk for Life fundraiser on September 18.

For more information [click here](#).

Please check locally for more opportunities!

News Links

[Bishops Welcome Ruling Against Embryonic Stem Cell Funding, Urge Government to Pursue Ethical Stem Cell Research](#)

[Cardinal DiNardo Urges Support for Law Preventing Federal Funding of Abortion](#)

[Cardinal George Decries Court Decision Striking Down California Marriage Law](#)

Something new...

We will soon have available an opportunity to order polo shirts with the Witness to Life logo for [Friends of Respect Life](#) to wear!

Thank you for the many ways you work to [Protect, Heal, and Celebrate Life](#)!!

Blessings,

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May truth and love promote healing and wholeness!