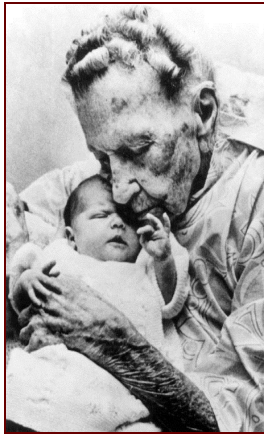


Protecting life at all stages Addressing a wide spectrum of issues

Abortion
(Procedures, Risks, Consequences)
Abortifacient contraceptives
Abortion/breast cancer link
Advance Directives for Healthcare
Assisted Suicide
Bioethics
Chastity Education
Contraception
Death Penalty
Disabilities
End-of-Life Issues
Euthanasia
Fetal Development
HIV/AIDS
Human Cloning
Infertility/NaPro Technology
Perinatal Hospice
Post Abortion Healing/Project Rachel
Pregnancy Assistance
Reproductive Technologies
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's)
Stem Cell Research



Mission:

- **Education:** To deepen respect for human life and heighten public opposition to abortion and euthanasia and other threats against human life both in the Catholic Community and among the general public.
- **Outreach/Pastoral Care:** Help to promote public awareness of outreach programs such as pregnancy help, chastity education, adoption, post-abortion healing, care for the elderly and dying.
- **Public Policy:** Using a parish network, coordinate and encourage advocacy on national, state and local levels to promote laws that defend and protect all human life.
- **Prayer and Worship:** Promote programs of prayer among communities and individuals, that the culture of death will be replaced with a culture of life.

**modeled after the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*

The Office of Human Life And Dignity



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Public Information and Education:

- Maintain a Speakers Bureau - Pro-life presentations in schools and parishes.
- Respect Life Poster/Essay/Arts Contest to promote pro-life message among students.
- Prepare and distribute Respect Life Calendar.
- Hold educational conferences/workshops addressing a variety of life issues including, cloning, stem cell research, the death penalty, euthanasia and abortion.
- Maintain Resource Library with literature and videos.
- Launch Media Campaigns such as those initiated by the USCCB.
- Expand The Ministry for Persons with Disabilities.
- Provide technical support for bioethics concerns/questions.
- Encourage high school involvement through Student Ambassador program.

Outreach/Pastoral Care:

- Promote awareness and support of pregnancy centers and maternity homes.
- Promote awareness and participate in the Post Abortion Healing Ministries.
- Provide youth with chastity education programs Teen Outreach Events.
- Work to expand outreach to the Hispanic Community.
- Communicate through parish network.

Public Policy/Legislation:

- Hold legislative advocacy workshops for effective lobbying.
- Encourage Parish Voter registration drives.
- Activate phone, e-mail chains for legislative Action Alerts.
- Initiate letter -writing campaigns as initiated by the National Committee for Human Life Amendment and NJ Catholic Conference.
- Participate in state-wide or diocesan “Legislative Dialogue events.”

Prayer and Worship

- Diocesan Respect Life Mass/Pro-Vita Awards.
- Life Chain—interfaith prayer.
- Organize annual participation in the Youth Rally & Mass for Life and the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and the Rally for Life in Trenton.
- Promote programs of private prayer such as Rachel Rosary, Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Children.
- Provide clergy with pro-life liturgy guides, including intercessions for life.

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