

JULY 14, 2019 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish  Elm Grove, WI

OUR PARISH

MASSES

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Tuesday & Friday 8:00am
(school days only)
Saturday 8:00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday 2:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
Please check the weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule. Seasonal Tri-Parish Reconciliation Services are listed in the bulletin.

HOLY DAYS

Mary Mother of God..... Jan. 1
Assumption..... Aug. 15
All Saints Nov. 1
Immaculate Conception..... Dec. 8
Christmas Dec. 25
Mass schedules for Holy Days are announced in the bulletin.

PARISH ADDRESS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

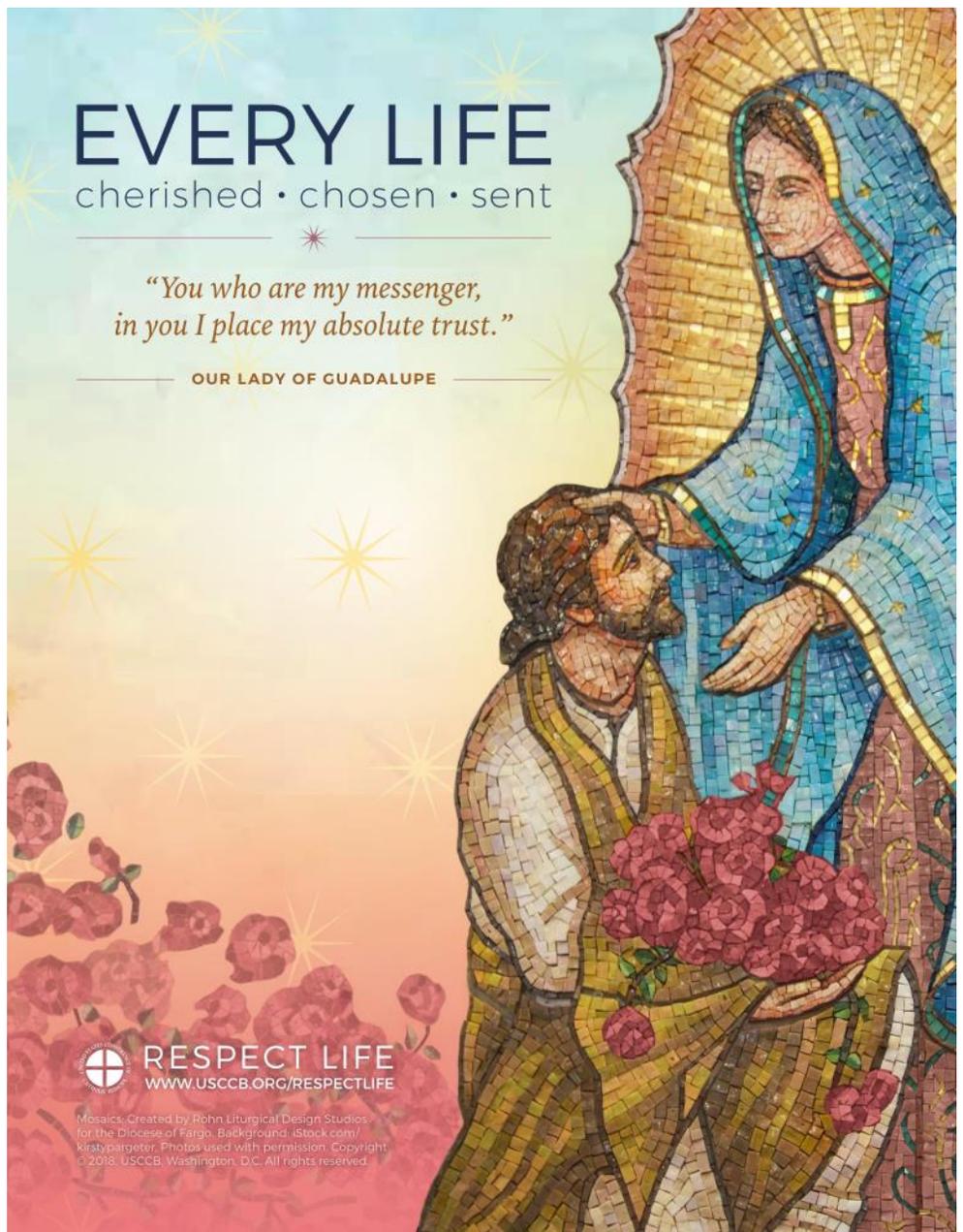
Monday-Thursday .. 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday 8:30am-noon

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers who strive to be faithful and to teach the truth of the Roman Catholic Church. We see beauty in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We promote goodness in this world, following the example of our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Visitation, by serving the needs of others.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

An unmistakable characteristic of a Christian's life of prayer is the "Our Father," or the Lord's Prayer. If someone unfamiliar with the Christian faith were to observe carefully, they would quickly realize the central importance of this prayer that the Lord Himself has given us. Consider the fact that the Lord's prayer is prayed at Baptism, the Mass, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. It spans the entire Christian life. Moreover, it fills the Christian life. It is prayed in the morning and evening hours of the Church's daily prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, and it is attached to numerous devotions such as the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, novenas, etc.

We can say that the Lord's Prayer is "ordinary" in the sense that it makes up a regular and continual part of our prayer. However, found within the ordinary is the extraordinary character of this prayer. Thus, it is my hope that during these summer months in Ordinary Time where many of us take moments to rest with family and friends, taking refuge from the busyness of our lives in order to return to the ordinary, it would be fruitful to reflect on this extraordinary prayer over the next few weeks.

In the Gospels of Luke and Matthew (Lk 11:2-4, Mt 6:9-13), which record the Lord's Prayer in the written Tradition, we are situated within Jesus' own prayer. In Luke's Gospel, it was the disciples who asked Jesus, after seeing Him in prayer, to teach them how to pray (Lk 11:1). In Matthew's account, Jesus is already teaching the disciples the fundamental principles of the Christian life in the Sermon on the Mount. Thus, in the Lord's Prayer, Jesus is teaching us to pray.

Indeed, without God's help, "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Rm 8:26). The Lord's Prayer, given to us by God, orients our own prayer. St. Augustine wrote that "if we pray rightly, we say nothing which cannot find its place in [the Lord's Prayer]." St. Thomas Aquinas, too, writes that, "this prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them."

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,

Before the first petition, before asking God for anything, we are instructed to address "Our Father who art in heaven." This brief line teaches us several keys to Christian prayer.

To call God "Our Father" points to two important and connected truths. First, it is Jesus who reveals the Father to us. To call God "Father" is not to add our own image of fatherhood onto God (distorted as it may be). Rather, to call God "Father" looks to Jesus and His life which reveals to us God's Fatherhood. Jesus, who reveals the Father (Jn 14:9), teaches us the Fatherhood of God. The love of the Father is above all a love that endures to the very end (Jn 13:1). Thus, when Jesus tells us to call upon God as Father it is revealed at the same time that we are His children.

Here emerges the use of "Our" in calling God "Our Father." This use of "Our" calls to mind the communal nature of the Christian life. Our relationship to God is always communal and is always achieved through Jesus. In Baptism we really become a member of Christ's Body. It is from within the Body of Christ that we call God "Father." Thus, as children of God we enter into the prayer between the Father and the Son which is eminently seen in the Lord's Prayer.

Finally, we look to "Our Father" in heaven. This is not to push God further away in order to make Him transcendent. Instead, it calls to mind our heavenly homeland which this prayer orients us to.

The Lord's Prayer truly is a "school of prayer" and a "summary of the Gospel." May we return to the simplicity of this prayer and allow it to teach us how to pray in a new and fresh way. There is surely no greater teacher than the Lord Himself.

Justin Weber serves as St. Mary's Visitation's summer seminarian intern. Justin is studying for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30am † Ray Horcher

Tuesday, July 16, Weekday

6:30am † Wesley & Dorothy Anderson

Wednesday, July 17, Weekday

6:30am Intention of Rekowski and Wycklendt Family

Thursday, July 18, Weekday

6:30am † Ida Saje

Friday, July 19, Weekday

6:30am † Jerry Kelly

Saturday, July 20, Weekday

8:00am † Sam Aspinwall

2:30pm Wedding: John Heffernan & Olivia Volkert

5:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Richard Semrau

9:00am † John Cordes

11:00am † Joseph Smetek

WEEKDAY MINISTERS

Sacristan: Mary Hundt

Lector: Mary Pat Hornak

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Pat Hornak and Tony Ziebert

Server: Jim Maciejewski

READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 14, 2019

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9a]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



In your charity and prayers,
please remember the souls of those who
have recently died and their families.

John Fobair

REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's Visitation is always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the Parish Office, 262-782-4575 or email Nora Mihm, nmihm@stmaryeg.org to make an appointment.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Parents who request baptism for a child are expected to complete a preparation class. It is offered bi-monthly. The scheduled classes for 2019 include:

Saturday, September 7th from 10:30-11:30am in church

Saturday, November 2nd from 10:30-11:30am in church

It is generally easier if the preparation is done before the birth of the child. If you have attended a session within the last five years, it is not necessary to retake the class. To schedule a baptism, please view the baptism dates on the parish website, www.stmaryeg.org/baptism. Please contact Jenny Dascoli at 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org for more information or to register for the baptism class.

Children ages 6-12: Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

Adults ages 12 and up: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and were not baptized can participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Josh Dieterich, Director of Catholic Formation, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Generally at least 6 months should be allowed for this preparation. Engaged couples themselves should call the parish office to schedule an appointment to discuss their plans. Marriage can take place any day of the week, although Saturday is generally preferred by couples. Sunday weddings are possible, but a wedding Mass is not allowed for such occasions.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every Monday after the 6:30am Mass. Please stop by the sacristy prior to Mass to let the priest know. Members of the parish facing surgery or other medical procedures or tests are invited to receive this Sacrament prior to their appointment. If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who would like a visit from a Parish staff member, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14

Feed the Hungry Weekend
5pm The Family Rosary, Church

Monday, July 15

9am-4pm Thrift Shop Open
9am Centering Prayer Group, Senior Center

Tuesday, July 16

9am-4pm Thrift Shop Open
6:30pm Youth Group, Attic

Wednesday, July 17

Thrift Shop Closed

Thursday, July 18

9am-6pm Thrift Shop Open

Friday, July 19

9am-4pm Thrift Shop Open
9:30am Holy Dusters, Church
9:30am Kiwanis Golden K of EG, Senior Center
2pm-5pm Reconciliation, Church

Saturday, July 20

7-8am AA Meeting, Senior Center
8:45-9:15am Reconciliation
9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open

EVERY LIFE —

CHERISHED. CHOSEN. SENT.

SMV Respect Life Ministry is adopting this theme from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which calls us “to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.”



SMV RESPECT LIFE
MINISTRY

Every person is *cherished*. We are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him.

Every person is *chosen*. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life.

Every person is *sent*. As messengers of God’s love, we are given the mission to uphold the sanctity of God’s love to our society, to foster a culture that cherishes all human life.

According to Archbishop Jerome Listecky, who has been involved with the pro-life movement since the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, the tide is turning in the abortion battle. (*Please see the article on page 6 of this bulletin.*) The archbishop credits advances in technology, in particular the ability to use ultrasound to image a child in the womb, for bolstering support for the pro-life movement. “Although early on little hope was offered to stem the tide of the pro-choice mentality,” said Archbishop Listecky, “There was and always has been at the very ‘heart and soul’ of the pro-life movement the truth that this entity in the womb is a human life.”

The time is now to focus on and communicate the truth. In upcoming weeks, look for the heading **Every Life** for crucial pro-life facts to ponder and to pass along to family, friends, co-workers and lawmakers. With facts as our foundation, we can protect and defend those most vulnerable, from conception to natural death.

— SMV Respect Life Ministry

2019-2020 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

Advertising Opportunity

St. Mary’s partners with Guide Book Publishing to provide a Guide Book & Directory for our parish that we publish and update annually. This book is delivered directly to all parishioners at no cost to our parish. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book, but we want to make sure our parishioners have first access to prime locations in the directory. Recent results of a survey taken by GBP shows that 92.1% of families would rather patronize an advertiser over a non-advertiser and 70.9% consciously look to see who is advertising. If you are interested in advertising in our upcoming directory, please contact Mary Sue Protz, msprotz@stmaryeg.org. Thank you for your support!

Address and Phone Updates

Please make sure we have your current phone number and address on file. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575, and our receptionist will be more than happy to assist you.



III John Heffernan and Olivia Volkert
I Andrew Hansen and Melissa Dobratz

ST. MARY’S THRIFT SHOP

Find your hidden treasure here!



We are busting at the seams! On Thursday, July 25, come in and save on clothing, housewares, shoes and more! Don’t forget every Tuesday seniors (60 and older) save 20% off their entire purchase. Please stop in and see our beautiful boutique items, and be sure to check us out on Instagram!

Thrift Shop Hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Friday 9-4; Thursday 9-6; Saturday, 9-1.
Visit our website, stmaryeg.org/thrift-shop.html for more info.

ADORATION CHAPEL

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: *“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.”* Help yourself and the world — make frequent visits to the St. Mary’s Perpetual Adoration Chapel. *“Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hand full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them”* according to St. Peter of Alcantara. St. John Bosco pleads: *“Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.”* St. Mary’s has provided the Chapel, but **the decision is yours as to how often you take advantage of it!**



We Need Coverage:

Sundays: 9-10am, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays, Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
10-11am, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
2-3pm, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
3-4pm, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
5-6pm, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
Mondays: 1-2am, Call Mary Rhomberg, 262-786-1974.
12-1pm, 2nd week, Call Mary Rhomberg, 262-786-1974.
Tuesdays: 1-2am, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.
Fridays: 11am-12pm, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th weeks.
Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
Saturdays: 10-11am, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.
7-8pm every other week, call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.

You may also sign up online on our website, stmaryeg.org/perpetual-adoration.html

DIVINE TEMPTATIONS 4 YOU

St. Mary’s Christian Women are currently collecting recipes for our fourth parish cookbook. Please help us by submitting your favorite recipes. Our goal is to collect 500 recipes and have the book published in time for the holidays, in fall 2019. You can pick up recipe forms from the Parish Office or go to the Parish website, www.stmaryeg.org/christian-women/html and download a form, complete an online form, or upload a copy of your recipe to a dropbox. Please return all completed forms to the Parish Office. If you are interested in helping with this project, we need help inputting the recipes in a database and also proofreading. Please contact Lynne Miller at 262-786-9433 or Jean Kelly at 262-797-0937.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the school office is open by appointment only with the exception of July 15-19 when the office will be closed. Please email Principal Mary Tretow, mtretow@stmaryeg.org to make an appointment.

CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT WEEK OF VBS

We had a great week of St. Mary’s Visitation’s Vacation Bible School, “Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!” We hope the children learned that the love of Jesus gives true peace when life gets wild and His love brings everlasting joy no storm can take away! Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers (pictured above) who made this year’s VBS a great success!

REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 CATHOLIC FORMATION CLASSES

Catholic Formation registration for K5-12th grade is open and you are invited to **complete registration by July 15!** The form can be downloaded from our website, www.stmaryeg.org/catholic-formation-registration.html. Please contact Elizabeth Harrison, eharrison@stmaryeg.org or 262-782-4575 with questions.

CATECHIST TRAINING SESSIONS

Please consider becoming a teacher in our Catholic Formation programs! Please note full time catechists and assistants receive a Catholic Formation discount. We offer training for all catechists as follows:

- **9th-12th Grade Catechist Training**
Saturday, August 17, 8:30-4:30pm, St. Raphael, Oshkosh
”Empower” Life Teen Leader Training (18 years and older)
Registration is required, please contact Elizabeth Harrison, eharrison@stmaryeg.org if interested.
- **K5-8th Grade Catechist Training**
Sunday, November 17, 2019, SMV Attic, noon-2pm
Please contact Elizabeth Harrison, eharrison@stmaryeg.org if interested.
- **Confirmation Leader Training**
Available online through Chosen and Decision Point programs. Please contact Elizabeth Harrison, eharrison@stmaryeg.org if interested.

THANK YOU FOR YOUTH SPACE DONATIONS!

We received many wonderful donations for our Attic Youth space! Thank you so much to all the generous parishioners who answered our prayerful request.

Herald of Hope: Tide is Turning in Abortion Battle



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I have been involved with the pro-life movement since the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade in 1973. It occurred while I was in law school. Although early on little hope was offered to stem the tide of the pro-choice mentality, there was and always has been at the very "heart and the soul" of the pro-life movement the truth that this entity in the womb is a "human life." It seemed obvious to all of us yet there are those that chose to mask and hide the obvious.

Early on, the statistics were not encouraging; 60 percent of Americans supported a woman's right to choose. It was seen as a progressive determination which recognizes the right of a woman over her body. So men and women prayed and marched in defense of the defenseless. They were mocked and scorned as people out of touch. But what drove them forward was the truth that life was a gift from God and they were life's defenders, answerable to God for their actions and inactions.

In the generation that followed, things began to change, technology emerged imaging the child in the womb and science declared the imprint of human DNA. It was through the scientific technology that younger people began to take notice and recognize the truth in the Church's teachings. The 40 percent in support of life suddenly was changed to 50. Marches on Washington produced hundreds of thousands of people, and these individuals were ignored by the mass media mainly because "the pro-life issue" did not fit into their agenda. I was present when more than 500,000 people were present for the March for Life in Washington, D.C. There was also a group of a couple hundred people protesting the marchers and they received more coverage than the pro-life marchers. During this period, Wisconsin Right to Life used communication technology to educate and inform that life needs to be protected, Pro Life Wisconsin witnessed to the dignity of human life, and Forty Days for Life started prayer vigils in front of abortion clinics. Slowly, the mask hiding the truth of life was being removed.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Early on, pro-life supporters were told that they were insensitive for showing pictures of abortions. Pro-choice advocates even resorted to violence when these pictures were displayed, claiming they injured those engaged in legal activities. If we can hide the atrocity, we can pretend that it is not there. Most Women's Care Centers, who offer women an alternative to abortions, will report that an ultrasound (showing the picture of the baby in the womb) will save lives. Our Knights of Columbus have been promoting the ultrasound initiatives at Women's Care Centers.

Now we have entered an era where infanticide is promoted by political leaders, the mask has been totally removed and the horror of abortion is disclosed. The truth is made known that a hidden holocaust has been perpetrated on the American public and the protection of life, in the land of the free and the brave, is not assured.

Young people began to understand the gravity of the action of abortion and rejected the lies that supported death. They also heard the testimonies of those that survived abortions, which allowed these young minds to understand the truth that these are human beings who were attempted to be killed. Today, the current statistic is that 60 percent of the public support the pro-life movement.

It has always been strange to me that in this era of "feminism" that a part of the radical agenda of the feminist movement is the destruction of human life, coded in a term "reproductive medical rights" language. As a gender, women rightly fought for recognition of equal rights. However, the power of women is found in their God-given creative power: they can accomplish something a man can never do. The spiritual power of women is seen in the Blessed Mother, who is an example for us all. She maximized the power of her life as an instrument for God.

The anti-life movement has become more vitriolic and violent. I believe this is because they understand that their lie is being exposed, which endangers their business, their politics and their understanding. It must be difficult for a person to realize that they have engaged in the taking of human life.

I find it interesting that the majority of the states passing legislation that would protect the unborn (fetal heartbeat laws, etc.) are southern states. Perhaps this is an acknowledgement that in the past, the southern states were on the wrong side of the issue in the acceptance of slavery and failed to support the dignity of human life. Now they are taking the lead in the truth that the dignity of human life of the unborn must be protected. I applaud their honesty and forthrightness.

But there is so much more work to be accomplished; however, the future is bright. Why? Because of young prophetic voices that are not afraid of the truth and it is "only the truth that will make us free." We are on the right path, the path of the just, but the anger and dismissiveness of the anti-life movement will try to block all progress. As St. John Paul told us, "Be not afraid." Remember, the Lord is with us.

As we leave the month of May, the month of Mary, we call upon her to strengthen the work of the pro-life movement: *Give to them courage in the face of a society prone to choose convenience over sacrifice, pleasure over love, and the material over the spiritual. Help them always to understand that when we choose life we promote your will and diminish the culture of death. Let them never be discouraged but relish in the understanding that they are doing God's will. Dear Mother, strengthen us all to be advocates of life, knowing that it is only in collaboration with your son Jesus that we can change the hearts of our brothers and sisters and celebrate your gift of life.*