

RESPECT LIFE MASS

“It is from the blood of Christ that all draw *the strength to commit themselves to promoting life*. It is precisely this blood that is *the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.*” *Gospel of Life* n. 25.

Celebrate a school-wide Respect Life Mass or incorporate respect life themes at daily Mass.

Invite pregnant moms to participate in the Mass by bringing up the gifts.

For the USCCB Word of Life Series (including prayer intentions, bulletin information, and homily notes): <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

“[A] *great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.*” *Gospel of Life* n. 100.

Archbishop O’Brien encourages all classes to pray one decade of the rosary each day for one week. The Joyful Mysteries are suggested.

For rosaries, including very inexpensive “cord” rosaries www.Autom.com
For children, about the rosary: www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/rosary/index.html
For children, the Joyful Mysteries: www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/rosary/intro-joy.html

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

It is very simple. Participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program pledge to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her 'spiritual parent', God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming 'their child' helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to teach children about fetal development and the miracle of life. The Little One Sweet Poster Series is an invaluable resource.

The school year is very well-suited to conducting Spiritual Adoption. If children “adopt” a child in September, they can track their child’s development and pray for 9 months for that child in danger of abortion.

Post developmental landmarks as your adopted babies develop. For a school-wide program, post in the cafeteria; for a classroom adoption, post in the classroom.

In May, throw a baby shower for the spiritually adopted children and donate items to a local pregnancy center. Students should be encouraged to purchase the items with money they have earned or from their allowance. For a list of pregnancy centers or to adopt a pregnancy center as a school, please contact the Respect Life Office at life@archbalt.org.

For more resources: <http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption/>
<http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/posters/>

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Place baby bottles at cash registers in the cafeteria for loose change. Next to baby bottle, put information about a local or sponsored pregnancy center. Donate proceeds to that center.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Organize students to attend the Marches for Life in DC and Annapolis.

ESSAY/POETRY/ART CONTEST

Hold a school wide contest on a specific respect life theme. Post winning entries prominently on a bulletin board and recognize students.