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respect life month

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to serve
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October is Respect Life Month.

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

This is a perfect time to ask ourselves whether we are good witnesses to the respect we are called to have for all human life. This is challenging in a society in which there is tremendous pressure to limit our love and ignore the sacredness of human life.

Although Roe has been overturned and Ohio is a heartbeat state, abortion remains legal, though more restricted, in Ohio. Some other states have few or no restrictions on the killing of innocent life in the womb. As Catholics, we must stand for the right to life of the most vulnerable among us and hold other Catholics accountable to do so. **Stand** for an end to abortion. **Pray** abortion becomes unthinkable.

Be A Pro-Life Witness.

- **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion. The fall campaign runs Sept. 28-Nov. 6. It takes place outside Planned Parenthood at 3255 E. Main Street. Join St. Joan of Arc Respect Life members from 10-11 a.m. each Saturday during this time or pick your own time to pray. Carpooling available; contact Leslie at respectlife@stjoanofarcpowell.org.
- **Into Life: Love Changes Everything Conference** invites participants into a new vision of pro-life ministry; one grounded in authentic relationships, genuine dialogue, and intentional accompaniment. October 29 at St. Catharine Church, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life and Diocese of Columbus. To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/into-life-tickets-362598109707>.
- **Rosary for Life:** Every Tuesday after the 6:15 p.m. Mass; fourth Sunday of the month at 7:10 a.m.
- **Baby Item Collection:** for mothers helped by pregnancy resource centers. Drop-off is in the narthex.
- **Pray** for mothers tempted to abort, those who provide and promote abortion, legislators, and those who have lost children to abortion.

See the St. Joan of Arc website for more information on the Respect Life Ministry and pro-life volunteer opportunities in the community.

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

