



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As we enter the month of October this weekend, we mark once again **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**. But this year, there is a **BIG** difference. For the first time in over 49 years, thanks to the overturn of Roe-vs-Wade in June, human life in womb can now be protected by the law. ALLELUIA!

On May 22, 2022, in anticipation of this joyful news, I called for the formation of a parish work group to reflect on the following question: ***How might St. Patrick be, what might we do or put in place for our community in a post Roe nation?*** I am happy to share with you that that work group has not only formed but has created a plan to assist our community to value, respect and indeed love human life more fully:

from the womb to the tomb at every stage in-between, for every man, women and child no matter who and no matter what! I thank our parishioners who have been involved in this venture and look forward to sharing more of their good work as the month goes on. In the meantime, I share this powerful word from Archbishop Lori, the Chairperson of the US Bishops Life Committee. May it convict us deeply to be a people of, for and about LIFE. Archbishop Lori:

In a post-Roe world, Catholics must now work together for another, even deeper paradigm shift. We must move beyond a paradigm shift in the law in order to help the people of our nation better see *who we can be as a nation* by truly understanding *what we owe to one another as members of the same human family*. To build a world in which all are welcome, we must heed the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta and remember “that we belong to one another.”

In a post-Roe world, we must shift the paradigm to what Saint Pope John Paul II described as “radical solidarity,” making the good of others our own good, including especially mothers, babies (born and preborn), and families throughout the entire human lifespan. It is a call to friendship and compassion rooted in the truth that we are made to love our neighbor as ourselves.

What does this mean concretely? How do we practice radical solidarity and unconditional love in a post-Roe world? First, by speaking the truth that abortion not only unjustly kills a preborn child, but also gravely wounds women, men, families, and the nation as a whole. It degrades the practice of medicine and corrupts the law. We must *speak* these truths with compassion, and we must *live* these truths with compassion. We must extend the hand of compassion to all who suffer or are in need in the aftermath of abortion, including those who do not yet see the truth in its fullness. Moreover, the call to love compels us to practice civility and charity when we speak to and about those with whom we disagree.

Words alone are not nearly enough to bring about the revolution of love necessary to create a world where all mothers, children, and families are welcomed and protected. For this we must have the courage to love—to *act* and *bear witness* by caring for the least among us, without condition or expectation of recompense. It is only through such radical witness that hearts will be softened such that they can receive the truth of the Gospel of Life.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

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**2022 ARCHDIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE**

To the
Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

IN HONOR OF

Our Lady of the Most Blessed
Sacrament

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Our bus will be leaving Sacred Heart at
8:30 am and return at 7:30 pm.

There is no charge for the bus.

**For more information and to sign-up contact
Dos at 610-416-2720 or
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STAND FOR LIFE WITH ST. PATRICK CHURCH

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

2:30PM-3:30PM

ALONG CYPRESS STREET

Since 1987, thousands of Christians nationwide have gathered on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully stand for life. Please join your fellow St. Patrick Parishioners to bear witness and share with the Kennett Square community your commitment to the culture of life. All are welcome to join us this day along both sides of Cypress Street for a peaceful and prayerful witness for LIFE. For questions, contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4364.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, October 7 at 7:00PM in Church

Everyone is welcome!