

# Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

*The Gospel of Life*



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. Below are events and programs offered by the Diocese of Saginaw as a **Call to Action** in protecting the sanctity of life, from womb to tomb.

### Youth Witness Event "Surrounded by Saints"

This online event will include a special message from Bishop Robert Gruss, music by Village Lights, a reflection from Doug Tooke and more. Plan to attend November 1, 2020 at 7 p.m. Details are available at [www.witnessevent.org](http://www.witnessevent.org).

**TAKE ACTION:** Reach out to a friend going through a difficult time. Invite them to join you at this event!

### Faithful Citizenship

*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, is a resource to help Catholics form their consciences, apply a consistent moral framework to issues facing the nation and world, and shape their choices in elections in the light of Catholic Social Teaching. Visit [www.saginaw.org/election-resources](http://www.saginaw.org/election-resources)

**TAKE ACTION:** Do your due diligence. Research the candidates and ballot issues. Share your values respectfully in public discussions and promote actions which will serve the greater good.

### Catechesis Disability Ministry

The Body of Christ is called to be a faithful witness to the Gospel. Disability is an ordinary part of life, and each member of the Body of Christ, disabled or not, is part of the mission of Christ. This ministry promotes education and awareness of the great gift that persons with disabilities are to our communities and to assist parishes as they provide opportunities for full and meaningful participation for all people, including those with disabilities, in all aspects of life in the Church.

**TAKE ACTION:** Choose to become a welcoming presence, befriend a person or family coping with disabilities and encourage others to use their Baptismal gifts to serve the church.

### Walking with Moms in Need

This is a new parish initiative to create a ministry of walking with and providing resources for pregnant and parenting women and families. Many women who have had abortions have shared that if one person would have been there for them in their time of need, they would have chosen LIFE for their child.

**TAKE ACTION:** Become involved in helping moms in your parish and community choose LIFE! Ask your parish leader for details or visit [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com)

### The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund

Established in 2005 to serve the needs of families with limited financial resources. As of today, more than 1000 babies have received infant car seats, portable cribs for safe sleep, diapers and formula through the Mother Teresa Endowment Fund's financial support of local pregnancy centers.

**TAKE ACTION:** Donations welcomed at [www.ccfmm.org/fund/the-mother-teresa-fund](http://www.ccfmm.org/fund/the-mother-teresa-fund)

### Post Abortive Support

Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard are faith-based programs created by the church to provide love, mercy and healing to those suffering the wounds of abortion. The Diocese of Saginaw has a specially trained team which provides a safe and confidential environment for individual support, bible study groups and weekend retreats.

**TAKE ACTION:** Do you know someone suffering the effects of abortion? Walk with them on their journey. Encourage them to reach out for God's mercy, healing and forgiveness.

### January 2021 March for Life Events

"Witness to Life" 9 Day Reflection on the Dignity of the Human Person is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 through Friday, January 29, 2021. For more details, visit [www.saginaw.org/events](http://www.saginaw.org/events)

**TAKE ACTION:** Encourage ALL in your community to Stand for Life! Join a parish committee to plan and promote Respect Life throughout the year. Contact your parish leader today.

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