

Dignity of Human Life

December 2015



Diocese of
Green Bay

Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography

November 17, 2015

BALTIMORE—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a formal statement, "Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography," at their annual Fall General Assembly in Baltimore, November 17.

The formal statement provides a basic catechesis on human sexuality and chastity, an explanation of why the production and use of pornography is a sin, an overview of its effects in our society, a closer look at its effects on men, women, children, young people, marriages and families, and a word of hope and encouragement to those who have been harmed by pornography use or in its production. The statement's main audiences are Catholic leaders and parents, but it is also intended to be helpful for those who struggle with pornography use and all people of goodwill who want to work together for a culture of purity and respect for all women and men.

The full text of "Create in Me a Clean Heart" is available online at www.usccb.org/cleanheart, along with other USCCB resources on pornography.

{<http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-159.cfm>}

First Wednesday Devotion to St. Joseph

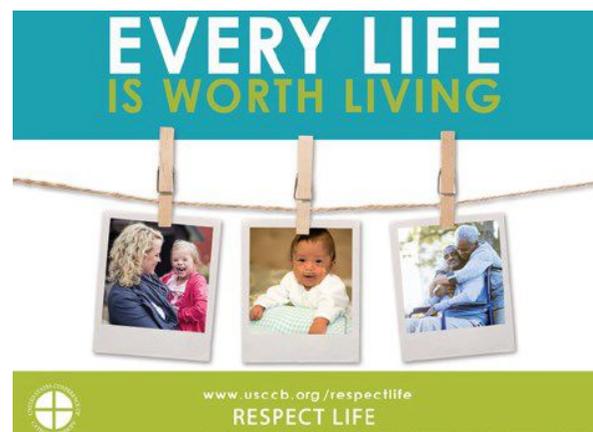
Wednesday, Dec 2
St. Joseph Chapel
Diocesan Campus

Fr. Tom Long will host with Confession/Holy Hour as we honor St. Joseph—Patron Saint of Workers, Protector of Mother Church, and Patron of a Happy Death during this first week of Advent.

- 5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour & Confession
- 5:45pm Rosary and Litany of St. Joseph

Respect Life Masses

Please join us for the annual Respect Life Masses:
Thursday, January 14 at St. Bernadette, Appleton
Friday, January 15 at Ss. Peter and Paul, Green Bay
Rosary at 6:30 p.m.
Mass at 7 p.m.



Praying for Life Year-Round: December 2015 USCCB Intercession

For those who are unexpectedly pregnant and anxious or afraid: May the Lord provide for their every need and grant them peace, the joy of new life, and assurance of his loving care.

Prayer: Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, Glory Be, Reflection

In his USCCB presidential address last month, Archbishop Kurtz noted "the need for us to accompany in gentle mercy those who are struggling." As we ask God to care for those in need, we also ask that others may encounter the outstretched hands of his mercy through our words and actions...

As we prepare ourselves this Advent to welcome the Christ Child with renewed love, let us be mindful of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Stand with Cathy for Conscience Rights

We invite you to watch *Stand with Cathy for Conscience Rights*, published by the USCCB.
<https://youtu.be/uknxrMI61WI>

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Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo, RN, was forced by her employer to participate in a late-term abortion against her deeply-held pro-life beliefs – a major violation of her conscience rights! Urge Congress to support the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act today! Go to: www.usccb.org/conscience

March for Life Chicago

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin as they travel to the 2016 March for Life of Chicago. It is shaping up to be the largest pro-life event in Illinois, with approximately 10,000 people anticipated!

WHEN: Sunday, January 17, 2016, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Central

WHERE: Federal Plaza 50 W. Adams Street, Chicago

WHO: Pro-Life Wisconsin and pro-lifers from all over the midwest

Pro Life Wisconsin has buses leaving from the following cities: La Crosse, Wausau, Madison, Green Bay, and Milwaukee

Please visit <https://www.prolifewi.org/get-involved/events#> for more information and to register. (Scroll down to 2016 Chicago March for Life)

May your hearts be filled with hope as we wait during this Advent season!

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