

# 2009-10 NY Archdiocesan Respect Life Office

## Calendar of Major Events (As of June, 2009)

# 2010

### JULY/AUGUST 2009

- **Begin planning your parish Respect Life Month activities/Liturgy with USCCB Respect Life Packet theme for 2009- 2010**  
Packet materials downloadable @ [www.FLRL.org](http://www.FLRL.org)

### SEPTEMBER 2009

- Submit to FL/RL office by email, events that your parish will host in October for respect life month so that we can publish in Catholic New York.
- **Family Life/ Respect Life Office**  
Thank You Barbecue for all mission volunteers  
September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

### OCTOBER - Respect Life Month

- **Respect Life Sunday ~ Oct 4<sup>th</sup>:**
  - ◇ Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass 10:15 AM at the Cathedral of St. Patrick's.
  - ◇ Local parish celebrations - special liturgy available using Liturgy Guide from Respect Life packet
  - ◇ Participate in or organize a local Life Chain
- **Begin Spiritual Adoption Program in parishes** (\*\*Suggested Activity) and end May 9th with Mother/Baby Shower for Mother's Day
- **Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Spanish Pro Life Congress, Bronx**  
**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Spanish Pro Life Congress, Upstate**
- **Rosary for Life** (\*\*Suggested Activity)  
local parishes/schools throughout diocese
- **Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigils at abortion clinics** encouraged in each vicariate

### NOVEMBER 2009

- **Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Fall Meeting Upstate**  
Sacred Heart, Newburgh (7-9pm)
- **Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Fall Meeting Downstate** St. John the Baptist, Yonkers (7-9pm)
- **Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Fall Meeting NYC**  
FL/RL Office (7-9pm)

### DECEMBER 2009

- **National Nights of Prayer for Life (Dec 8-9<sup>th</sup>)** (\*\*Suggested Activity) Local parishes
- **Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec 28<sup>th</sup>)** Helpers Prayer Vigil – Mass at Holy Innocents Church in NYC with Sisters of Life and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

### JANUARY 2010

- **Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
New York City
- Sun, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- **37<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life, Washington DC**  
Friday, January 22 (\*\*Suggested Activity)  
for Parishes and Youth Groups/Schools ---

### MARCH 2010

- **Annual Public Policy Forum Day March 9, ~ Albany**  
(Empire State Plaza)
- **Family Life Conference – Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Dunwoodie Seminary, Yonkers, NY

### APRIL 2010

- **Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
(\*\*Suggested Activity)  
Holy Hour or Day of Recollection in Parish
- **NYC RLCoordinators Spring Meeting**  
Family Life Office, 7-9pm
- **Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Spring Meeting Downstate** St. John the Baptist, Yonkers (7-9pm)
- **Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Spring Meeting Upstate** Sacred Heart, Newburgh (7-9pm)

### MAY 2010

- **Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Mother and Baby Shower – Encourage petitions at Mass for Mother's who have lost children to abortion and miscarriage/stillbirth

### JUNE 2010

- **End of Yr Coordinators Mtg ~ Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Villa Maria Guadalupe, Stamford, CT
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day – Encourage petitions at Mass for Father's who have lost children to abortion and miscarriages/stillbirth

## **ONGOING and \*\*\*SUGGESTED IDEAS**

- **Encourage hosting speakers** in your parish or joining with area parishes to host speakers on topics pertinent to our day (Speakers Lists available from our office).
- **Post Abortion Healing Informational Evenings** – Host Theresa Bonopartis (Lumina Hope and Healing) <http://www.postabortionhelp.org/> for speaking in your parish at an evening event on “how to reach out to those who are suffering”. Fliers for promoting this are available.
- **Start a Cenacles for Life group** - see <http://www.cenaclesoflife.org/> The **Cenacles of Life** are prayer groups that pray two rosaries (ten mysteries) offering the rosaries up with fasting.
- **Host “Education Video Nights”** in your parish/combined with free (simple) dinner – show DVDs on pertinent topics (ex: Fr. Tad DVD on Stem Cells) see <http://www.ncbcenter.org/> for resources
- **An Introduction to Theology of the Body: A Four Part Series for Adult Faith Formation (2DVD)**  
*Parish Committees could propose this as a continuing education tool or open it up to the parish.*  
Drawing on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, Christopher West shares God's original plan for marriage and sexuality and provides an understanding of this plan and how it gives profound meaning to our lives. Order Securely On-Line [www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com) or Call: 800-376-0520
- **Monthly Holy Hour for Life**
- **Intercessions for Life at Sunday Mass** (Provided by USCCB ~ either weekly or once a month)
- **Spiritual Adoption Programs** in each parish
- **Masses** to End Abortion and pray for healing of those who suffer as a result of abortion
- **Rosaries for Life**
- **Regular fasting/self sacrifice** for life
- **Regular educational bulletin inserts and bulletin blurbs** received from Family Life Office
- **Make resources available to others on the Effects of Abortion** – see the Elliot Institute for excellent major resources at <http://www.afterabortion.info/Resrc1.html> or Abortion Changes You <http://www.abortionchangesyou.com/>
- **Letters and phone calls on legislative alerts as requested** – join the Catholic Advocacy Network <http://www.nyscatholicconference.org>

### ***Parish Coordinator Supports***

- **Diocesan – Wide Respect Life Coordinator Meetings:** (currently 3x annually: Fall/Spring/June) on RL Coordinator topics, concerns, future event planning
- **Sample folders of Evangelization materials** on the Gospel of Life for parish and youth
- **On-going visit & advice/support as needed** from Archdiocesan Respect Life Office Staff – please call us to schedule a visit
- **Presentations to parishes seeking to start Respect Life Group**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: PLANNING MATERIALS FOR ALL SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS LISTED** are available thru The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office at [www.FLRL.org](http://www.FLRL.org)

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