

2010-11 NY Archdiocesan Respect Life Office

Calendar of Major Events (As of September, 2010)

JULY/AUGUST 2010

- Begin planning your parish Respect Life Month activities and plan your calendar for the year. Liturgy with USCCB Respect Life Packet theme for 2010-2011 will be sent to you in the mail.
Packet materials downloadable @ www.FLRL.org

SEPTEMBER 2010

- **September 3rd** -- 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.
- **September 26th** - Family Life/ Respect Life Office Thank You Barbecue for all mission volunteers

OCTOBER - Respect Life Month

- Respect Life Sunday ~ Oct 3rd
 - ◇ Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass 10:15 AM at St. Patrick's Cathedral
 - ◇ 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 8th with Mother/Baby Shower for Mother's Day
- **Oct 23rd – Spanish Pro Life Congress, Bronx**
Oct 24th – Spanish Pro Life Congress, Upstate

NOVEMBER 2010

- 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)

Sullivan County and Staten Island – dates TBD
Some meetings may be in the end of Oct into Nov.

DECEMBER 2010

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

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JANUARY 2011

- Morning of Prayerful Remembrance - Jan 15th St. Patrick's Cathedral – The Lady Chapel 9-12pm
- Sun, Jan 23rd – Annual Pro-Life Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 38th Annual March for Life, Washington DC **Monday, January 24 (Suggested Activity)** For Parishes and Youth Groups/Schools

MARCH 2011

- Annual Public Policy Forum Day ~ Albany (Empire State Plaza) – Tues, March 8th
- Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Spring Meeting NYC Family Life Office, 7-9pm
- Diocesan-wide RLCoordinators Spring Meeting Downstate St. John the Baptist, Yonkers (7-9pm)
- Diocesan-wide RL Coordinators Spring Meeting Upstate Sacred Heart, Newburg (7-9 pm)

Sullivan County and Staten Island – dates TBD
Some meetings may be into April

APRIL 2011

- **Family Life Conference –Saturday, April 9th** Dunwoodie Seminary, Yonkers, NY

MAY 2011

- Knights of Columbus Prayer Rally – Albany Tues, May 10, 2011
- Divine Mercy Sunday ~ May 1st (Suggested Activity)
Holy Hour or Day of Recollection in Parish
- Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 8th
Mother and Baby Shower – Encourage petitions at Mass for Mother's who have lost children to abortion and miscarriage/stillbirth

JUNE 2011

- **End of Yr Coordinators Mtg ~ June 4th**
- June 19 – 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 or Call: 800-376-0520
- **Monthly Holy Hour for Life**
- **Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Prayer Vigils at abortion clinics encourage in each vicariate**
- **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
- **Regular fasting/self-sacrifice** for life
- **Regular education 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
- **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 Groups**

*****PLEASE NOTE: PLANNING MATERIALS FOR ALL SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS LISTED** are available thru The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office at www.FLRL.org
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