



THE  
**Diocese of Rockville Centre**  
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LONG ISLAND, NY

## RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

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August, 2016

Greetings!

We wish you peace and blessings for a successful 2016-17 season. Thank you for your ongoing support of all programs and initiatives the Respect Life Office promotes and offers parishes and school communities. Each year the office provides a new agenda designed to educate and serve the diocese through advocacy and prayerful participation aimed at protecting and respecting all life from conception through natural death.

With your continued support of Respect Life through parish Respect Life Committees, schools, religious education programs, parish communities and the Respect Life Collection in October, we can continue to serve and inform many on Respect Life concerns and issues guided by Church teaching.

Enclosed is the **NEW 2016-2017 Respect Life Program**

### **MOVED by MERCY**

This year we will hold the **15<sup>th</sup> annual Respect Life Contest** for grades 7-12. Details and program guidelines are included in this package and will be on the [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org) website. We kindly ask you to review the program materials and encourage your parish school and youth programs to participate as well!

Don't miss out! Make sure you receive your **Respect Life Monthly ENEWS** emailed each month which provides details and information on programs and initiatives the office is promoting for the year.

*Get ready for October, RESPECT LIFE MONTH!*

*October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Respect Life Sunday!*

**RESPECT LIFE PROGRAMS and Important dates. (See detailed information on programs enclosed.)**

**\* Rosary and Adoration for Life.** The Respect Life Office is asking each parish to offer Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary for Life one day during the month of October. We are hopeful each vicariate will be offering opportunities each day to participate in Adoration and Rosary for the month of October. **\*SIGN UP** and please see the form enclosed for your parish to register a chosen date and time for Rosary and Adoration for Life. Please note the **deadline is the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please email or call the Respect Life Office as soon as possible.**

**\* Maternity- Advent Project, an Act of Kindness.** The Project will begin on **September 6, 2016** with parishes calling or emailing the office orders for collection boxes that raise awareness and funds. Included with this package is a special *Maternity-Advent, an Act of Kindness Calendar and sample donation box*. This project supports Maternity Residences in the diocese for women who need housing and assistance during their pregnancy. We ask this year for the Respect Life Committees at each parish to assist in collecting and sending all donations to the Respect Life Office.

**[ONLINE donations opportunity now available](#)**

**\* SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM OF AN UNBORN CHILD.** This is a prayer campaign to spiritually adopt an unborn child. Please see one example of a spiritual adoption program provided by the Archdiocese of New York with prayers and certificates. [nyfamilylife.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption](http://nyfamilylife.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption)

**\* March for Life Friday, January 27, 2017 Washington D.C.** The Respect Life Office will be hosting the post-march gathering at St. Joseph's Church in D.C and will provide signs for the event. More details for buses and registration can be found on the Respect Life Office website [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org). (Please include bus companies, Insurance form and Flier)

Complementary diocesan signs are available, please place your order with the office and arrange for signs to be picked up before the march.

**\* 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Respect Life Contest Awards WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2017** will be held at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School - Auditorium (see attached for program guidelines and deadlines)

Thank you very much for all of your hard work and dedication and constant devotion to the protection of human life!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison O'Brien".

Allison O'Brien, Director