



## RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

### *Commitment Ceremony for Respect Life Ministers*

*This service may take place during the Sunday Eucharist following the homily, or in the context of Evening Prayer. Service to the local community is a focus and a motive for this gathering. The parish community should be present for this event.*

*Presider: Dear friends in Christ, our brothers and sisters have been entrusted with a ministry that protects, supports and defends all human life from conception to natural death.*

*In your ministry, you must continue to be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that though many, we are one in body because we share the one bread and one cup.*

*As Respect Life Ministers, you must be especially observant of the Gospel of Life, and remember to love your neighbor. You are entrusted with bringing the message of Life to others in areas of education, Christian service, and Christian witness.*

*And so I ask you,*

*Are you resolved to bring the message of Love through the Gospel of Life to your brothers and sisters and to serve to build up the Church?*

*Ministers: I am.*

*Presider: Are you resolved to bring the message of Life with the utmost care and reverence?*

*Ministers: I am.*

*Presider: Gracious Lord, you nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, that we may have eternal life.*

*Bless (+) our brothers and sisters who have committed themselves to bringing the message of Life.*

*May they remember every human life is a sign of God's love, a trace of His glory.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord of Life. Amen.*