



October is Respect Life Month

Here are some of the activities, in parishes and around the Diocese, that will be held during October, which is Respect Life month. They were compiled by Erick Bell, director of the Family Life Office.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has said it is up to Catholic lay people "to participate directly in public life, helping to enact laws and policies that respect the lives of all."

Special concern is deserved by those who have no voice: unborn children, human embryos targeted for destructive research and those who are cognitively impaired, disabled or dying, said a statement issued by the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities office in Washington D.C.

"Whether we are writing letters to elected representatives, voting, campaigning or simply providing friends and colleagues with solid information about the grave moral issues of our day, our participation in American public life should at all times be guided by this fundamental truth: Each one of us - including those with whom we strongly disagree - is created, loved and redeemed by God. We, and they, are priceless in His eyes."

Oct. 1 Life Chain

Life Chain is a national, peaceful hour of prayer witnessing to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The first Life Chain started in 1987 by a pro-life ministry in California. At present, more than 1,000 cities promote promoting Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children. Families are encouraged to participate by joining a Life Chain at one of the scheduled events in the Diocese of Tulsa.

- Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, 1436 N. 67th East Ave., will have a Life Chain on the corner of Sheridan Road and Oklahoma Street after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

- Christian Chapel, 7807 E. 76th St., will be at 76th Street and Memorial Road from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Lining up for Life on Perkins Road will be from 2-3 p.m. in Stillwater. The Catholic section will be stationed from the El Chico to Applebee's restaurants.

Oct. 3 Update on Respect Life legislation

St. Pius X Respect Life Committee will host an evening with state Rep. Mark Liotta, who will give updates on respect life legislation such as unborn victims of violence, parental consent and other legislative issues at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Rep. Liotta is a graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy Officer Candidate School and has been a representative in the Oklahoma House since 1996. He is a lifelong parishioner of St. Pius X Church, and he and his wife, Alice, have five children. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Connie Turner, 664-4214.



Mark Liotta

Oct. 7 Bilingual Rosary Rally

The Family Life Office and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish are co-sponsoring the fourth annual Family Rosary at 7:30

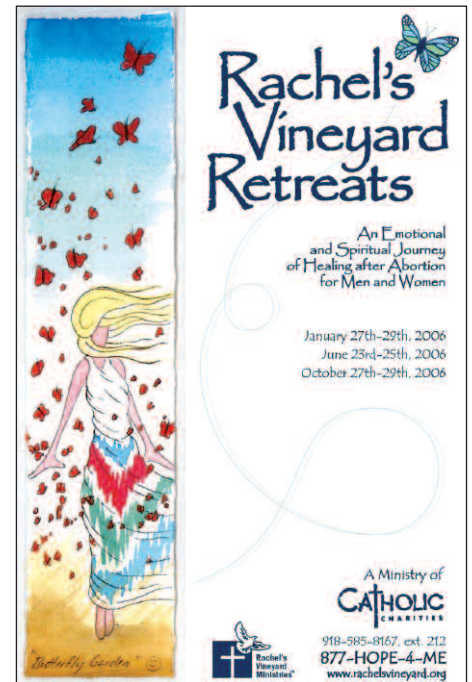
p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul in recognition of Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day. This will be a bilingual rosary, praying for a greater awareness of the dignity of all human life. Families will begin gathering in the ballfield at Sts. Peter & Paul, 1436 N. 67th East Ave., at 7 p.m. The bilingual rosary will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Family Life Office, 294-1904.

Oct. 13 March For Life Trip (deposit deadline)

The Pro-Life Office is planning its second trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the 34th annual March for Life on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. The pilgrimage, from Jan. 20 to Jan. 23, is open to high school juniors and seniors in the Diocese of Tulsa. Cost is \$350 per person, which covers hotel room (quadruple occupancy) and airfare. A deposit of \$125 will be due by Oct. 13; final payment of \$225 will be due Dec. 15th. Marchers will want to plan an additional \$150 for food, souvenirs, side trips and Metro travel. Application forms can be obtained from parish priests or from the Pro-Life Office. For more information, call 918-294-1904 ext. 140.

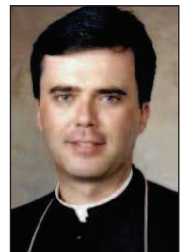
Oct. 27-29 Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion and mercy help participants work through repressed grief and anger. The \$100 registration fee includes lodging, meals and materials. Financial assistance is available. To register or to learn more, call Mary Lee Ingram at Catholic Charities, 918-585-8167 ext. 212.



Oct. 27 Living the Gospel of Life Guest Speaker and Mass with Bishop Slattery

The Pro-Life Office is sponsoring a pro-life Mass, dinner and lecture on "Living the Gospel of Life Amid a Culture of Death" beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Father Wade Menezes, a member of the Fathers of Mercy, will be the guest speaker. The evening will begin with a 5:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Slattery, followed by a 6 p.m. dinner catered by Escargot's and the 7 p.m. talk. Father Menezes will speak on what the Gospel of Life is and offer practical advice on how to live it out in a society that devalues the mystery of creation and fosters a culture of death. Tickets are \$10. Call 294-1904 ext. 141 to register by Oct. 24.



Father Wade Menezes



The Gabriel Project: Parish-based Crisis Pregnancy Intervention

The Gabriel Project is a new apostolate in the Diocese of Tulsa that aims to assist women and families facing crisis pregnancies in a spirit of Christian solidarity to obtain the help needed, physically, spiritually and emotionally. The primary goals are to build continually supportive relationships with expectant mothers in crisis; to move beyond the state of crisis pregnancy with love and compassion and to address the deeper needs of every person involved; to mentor and usher the expectant mother into solid Catholic support resources on her way to giving birth and beyond. Anyone facing a crisis pregnancy or someone who would like to know more about the Gabriel Project and what it takes to get it going in their parish may call the Family Life Office, 918-294-1904 ext. 140.

