



Respect Life Office Diocese of Worcester, MA

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Respect Life News & Updates

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Novena to St. Joseph for the Sick and Dying - starts Sept. 12

The eleventh annual Novena to St. Joseph for the Sick and Dying will take place at Christ the King parish, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester, on Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. from Sept. 12 - Nov. 13. All are welcome! For more information [click HERE](#).

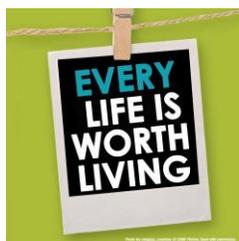


Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment - Sept. 24

All are invited to attend a **Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment** on Saturday, **September 24**, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The theme of the day is “Life in the Eucharist” and will include presentations by Msgr. James Moroney on the centrality of Eucharistic Revival in pro-life ministry, and Allison LeDoux on building a culture of life in a post-Roe world. The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign - starts Sept. 28

Join in the life-saving work of 40 Days for Life by praying and fasting for an end to abortion. Through prayer and peaceful vigil thousands of lives have been saved! Learn more about the local campaign which takes place from Sept. 28 through Nov. 6 and how you can participate by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.



Annual Life Chain - Oct. 2

All are invited to join the annual **Life Chain** on **Sun., Oct. 2** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on **Respect Life Sunday** across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St. and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in

Shrewsbury. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life!

Culture of Life Mass - Oct. 2

The Massachusetts Knights of Columbus will sponsor their state council Culture of Life Mass on Sunday, Oct. 2. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McManus at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. All are welcome.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH RESOURCES

October is Respect Life Month!

The new edition of the **Respect Life Program** launches on **October 2**, which is celebrated as **Respect Life Sunday** in dioceses across the U.S. This year's theme is **"Called to Serve Moms in Need"**.

Some of the program resources are now available at the USCCB's special Respect Life Program resource page: www.respectlife.org.

Copies of the print edition have been mailed to all parishes, schools, and college campus ministries in the Diocese of Worcester

WATCH FOR ANOTHER EMAIL COMING SOON WITH MORE DETAILS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR USE!



CALL TO ACTION

Oppose Dangerous Sex-Ed Curriculum in Worcester Public Schools

One year ago, the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, "Rights, Respect, Responsibility" is explicit, contains pornographic content, is age inappropriate, and without moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with kindergarten **again this Fall**. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs, but **they must opt out again each year**. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum (<https://www.3rs.org>) and to opt their children out. All Worcester parishes are making parishioners aware of this dangerous program and opt-out forms are available at your local Worcester parish. Please share this information with friends and neighbors and anyone you know who lives in the city of Worcester who may be unaware of the content of this program or of their rights as parents to opt their child out. Thank you.

More information is available in [this article](#) from the 9/2 edition of *The Catholic Free Press*.

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