

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of October

October 2 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Shawn Conoboy, a seminarian of the Diocese, that as he is ordained a deacon this Thursday he may devote himself to the service of others as he continues his preparation for priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

October 9 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That Christ's lay faithful come to know and embrace their unique vocation and mission in the Church and in the world, we pray to the Lord.

October 16 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those "called by name," chosen by God, that they respond with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

October 23 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That all Christians may come to embrace love of God and love of neighbor as their fundamental calling, we pray to the Lord.

October 30 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those called to shepherd, that they may serve others with a gentle heart, "as a nursing mother cares for her children," we pray to the Lord.

Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for October/ November

October 2, 2005 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

October 16, 2005 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God”?

October 30th, 2005 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others.

November 6th, 2005 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today’s parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

November 20th, 2005 (Christ the King)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God’s blessing and inherit the Kingdom.

October 9, 2005 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today’s second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

October 23rd, 2005 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship – joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s need.

November 13, 2005 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

November 27, 2005 (1st Sunday of Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if at the Lord’s coming we are ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Intercessions for Life

OCTOBER 2005

Oct 2nd TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the little child who lives in his mother's womb:
that our love might shepherd him to birth;
We pray to the Lord:

Oct 9th TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For young people in High School and College:
that they might learn to give thanks to God
for the gift of life he has given them;
We pray to the Lord:

Oct 16th TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who have grown weak with age and sickness:
that we might cherish their presence in our midst,
as a sign of God's care for us;
We pray to the Lord:

Oct 23rd THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the justices of the Supreme Court,
that as their term begins,
they may defend the right to life
of each and every person;
We pray to the Lord:



Oct 30th THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who work for the Gospel of Life:
that God might grant them the grace of patient endurance;
We pray to the Lord:

“Life is precious and unique: it must always be respected and protected,
also by proper and careful conduct on the roads.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message, June 26, 2005

October 2005: Bulletin Briefs
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Man is this mysterious creature who comes entirely from the earth, but in whom has been placed the breath of God . . . the breath of his love, of his truth and of his goodness.

Pope Benedict XVI, homily, May 15, 2005

[E]very human being is always deserving of the greatest respect and has the right fully to express his personal dignity. In such a perspective the family, state and Church, each within its own area of competence, is called to discover anew the greatness of the human person and the value of suffering, which is "present in the world in order to release love, . . . in order to transform the whole of human civilization into a 'civilization of love.'"

Pope John Paul II, Address to the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers, November 21, 1993

The freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery.

Pope Benedict XVI, homily, May 7, 2005

Embryonic stem cell research raises grave moral objections because it requires the destruction of human life, and its possible use in future treatments remains a speculation. By contrast, this bill [funding umbilical cord stem cell research] relates to an area of stem cell research and treatment that is indisputably acceptable on moral grounds and remarkably promising in terms of clinical benefits. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have successfully treated thousands of patients with with dozens of diseases.

Cardinal William H. Keeler, letter to the Senate regarding S. 1317, "Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act," July 11, 2005

The proof of *Roe*[v. *Wade*]'s failings comes not from the writings of those unsympathetic to women's rights, but from the decision itself and the friends who have tried to sustain it. Justice Blackmun's opinion provides essentially no reasoning in support of its holding. And in the almost 30 years since *Roe*'s announcement, no one has produced a convincing defense of *Roe* on its own terms.

Edward Lazarus, "The Lingering Problems with *Roe* v. *Wade*..." October 3, 2002