

OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Suggested Intercessions for the Month of November

November 2nd **COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

For all children who have died from neglect, abuse or abortion: that God may grant them peace in his tender embrace; *We pray to the Lord:*

November 9th **DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME**

For the Church throughout the world: that she might witness to the Gospel of Life in all that she says and does; *We pray to the Lord:*

November 16th **THIRTY -THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all who have grown enfeebled by old age: that God might give us the grace to love and cherish them; *We pray to the Lord:*

November 23rd **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

For all government leaders: that they might acknowledge the truth, and govern with justice, humility and love for the gift of life; *We pray to the Lord:*

November 30th **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

For all little children: that in this season of waiting in joy, we might recommit ourselves to love each child with the love of the Blessed Virgin for her newborn Son; *We pray to the Lord:*

Suggested Bulletin Messages for the Month of November

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Do not be satisfied with the sole quest for economic advantage. Great affluence in fact can also generate great poverty. Only by building up, not without sacrifices and great difficulties, a society respectful of human life in all its expressions, that promotes the family as a place of reciprocal love and growth of persons, that seeks the common good and is attentive to the needs of the weakest, will there be guarantees of a future based on solid foundations and rich in goods for all.

-Pope John Paul II, welcome address in Slovakia, September 11, 2003.

In a community of faith... We discover the true dignity of each and every person made in the image and likeness of God. No matter how small the unborn, no matter how debilitated or unproductive the aged and infirm, we must take care of each other. No one is expendable. Each and every person counts in God's sight. The Gospel of Life will always be the centerpiece of the Church's social Gospel.

- Archbishop Sean Patrick O'Malley, OFM cap., Mass of Installation as Archbishop of Boston, July 30, 2003

The ultimate task is to preach in a modern way but clearly and without compromise... I'm referring primarily to the life issues – abortion, capital punishment and physician-assisted suicide. Catholics face pressures on other important issues, especially regarding sexuality, such as contraception, homosexual marriage and cohabitation outside of marriage. The genetic issues, including experimentation on embryos and certain fertility techniques, are also a source of conflict between faith and popular opinion. The church is often accused of being "primitive" with regard to these, but the purpose of the gospel is to guarantee the right relationship of human beings to God and to each other. How can that be primitive? The church has a clear role to play in preserving the dignity of the individual and promoting society's common good.

-Archbishop Charles Chaput, interview with Thom Beal, deputy editor of Rocky Mountain News.

SUGGESTED STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN INSERTS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

November 2, 2003 (All Souls)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

On the Feast of All Souls we pray for those who have gone before us and stand in judgment before God. May we share with each other the gift of love's memory, and console one another with the hope of resurrection.

November 16, 2003 (33rd in Ordinary Time)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

November 30, 2003 (1st Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy..." Jesus warns in today's Gospel. Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

December 14, 2003 (3rd Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

December 28, 2003 (Holy Family)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

November 9, 2003 (Dedication of St. John Lateran)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

As we pray today for an increase of spiritual gifts, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith."

November 23, 2003 (Christ the King)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service of* God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

December 7, 2003 (2nd Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

December 21, 2003 (4th Advent)
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

DIOCESAN MAILINGS AND COLLECTION DATES – 2004

	<u>Preparation</u>	<u>Info sent to parishes</u>	<u>To be read in parishes</u>	<u>Collection</u>
VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK January 11-17	Fr. Leo Wehrlin	December, 2003	January 11	(none)
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18-25	Nancy Yuhasz	September, 2003	January 4	(none)
CATHOLIC EXPONENT CAMPAIGN	Lou Jacquet	January	February	(none)
THE CHURCH OVERSEAS		January 19	February 8	February 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishops Overseas Relief • Aid to Eastern Europe • Holy Father/Peter's Pence • Latin America 	Brian Corbin Nancy Yuhasz Bro. T.A. Dolan Bro. T.A. Dolan			
RICE BOWL	Brian Corbin			April 8
HOLY LAND	Nancy Yuhasz	March 22	April 4	April 9
BISHOP'S APPEAL	Pat Palombo	March	April 25	May 2, May 9, May 16 (Commitment Weekends)
THE CHURCH AT HOME		May 17	May 30	June 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign for Human Development • Catholic Communications • Catholic University/Newman Apostolate 	Brian Corbin Nancy Yuhasz Nancy Yuhasz			
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY	Barbara Walko	September 6	September 19	(none)
RESPECT LIFE MONTH	Melinda Knight	September	October	(none)
STEWARDSHIP	Pat Palombo	September	September 26	September 26
MISSION SUNDAY	Bro. T.A. Dolan	October 4	October 17	October 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propagation of the Faith • Home Mission 				
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	Sr. Joyce Candidi	October	November 21	November 28