RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

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What is Respect Life Sunday?

The history of Respect Life Sunday dates back to 1972, when the U.S. bishops started a respect life program in October, in anticipation of the Roe vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in January 1973.

Halton Alive has supported parishes in observing the first weekend of October as Respect Life Weekend for over a decade, providing churches with materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.

Start a Life Team at your church!
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STEPS

1.PROMOTE RLS IN YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN AND ON THE WEBSITE.

2. PREACH ABOUT RESPECT FOR LIFE DURING THE HOMILY.

3. PRAY FOR PROTECTION OF LIFE IN THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL.

4. HANDOUT THE CUSTOM RLS BROCHURES CREATED BY HALTON ALIVE

5. HOST A LIFE TALKS SEMINAR TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION OF YOUR PARISH.

Prayers of the Faithful

For all Catholics: That on this Respect Life Sunday we may recommit ourselves to upholding the dignity of every human life. We pray to the Lord:

That during this Respect Life Month our hope in Christ's resurrection will strengthen us in protecting the gift of human life;. We pray to the Lord:

That the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, might be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts;
We pray to the Lord:

For women and men suffering after abortion:
May the Church's abortion healing ministry help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy;. We pray to the Lord:

For those nearing the end of life:
May they receive care that respects their dignity and protects their lives
as they place their hope
in the promise of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord:

May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health;
We pray to the Lord:

Links for Homilies

These links offer reflections and ideas that the priest can use to deliver the respect life message:

- **www.priestsforlife.org**
- **www.respectlife.org**

Sample Mass Announcement

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its natural end. Today we take a moment to pray for the most vulnerable in our community, educate ourselves better on the life issues facing our culture, and consider how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world when it comes to these issues. Take a moment to connect with our parish Life Team at the back to learn more about some upcoming events and opportunities.