

# Pray, Grow, & Serve

Learning about the dignity of the human person

The PELICAN  
PROJECT

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21st | Green

## A people of life and a people for life!

**Grow:** In what areas can we share God's love and uphold the dignity of each person? We can develop laws and rules that justly protect the sanctity of human life. We can encourage prayer and worship to reawaken a culture that joyfully celebrates life. We can be thoughtful in our efforts to connect hurting people with the Church and her healing sacraments, and we can teach all those we encounter that each of us is wonderfully and fearfully made by God! We have great examples of faithful disciples doing this important work!

### Four Areas of Service

**1 PUBLIC POLICY** **Pope St. John Paul II** was a fierce defender of human life! Many times, St John Paul explained that laws that did not protect the sanctity of human life were unjust. He explained that every community must respect, defend, and promote the dignity of every human person at every moment and in every condition of that person's life! No exception!

**2 PASTORAL CARE:** **St Gregory the Great** was a pope. He wrote a book about a priest's role as a doctor of the soul. He helped other priests and Bishops understand the very important job of caring for those who struggle to believe that God created them out of love for a great purpose and that they are worthy of God's great mercy.

**3 PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** **The Sisters of Life** are a religious order that focuses the work of their mind, heart, and words, to celebrate and protect the sanctity of human life. The Sisters know that daily Mass, adoration, and prayer are the most powerful tools we have in caring for the dignity of every human person. As a part of their mighty work to protect human life, they pray and worship, making it a part of their daily practice.

**4 EDUCATION** **St. John Bosco** was a great teacher! He knew the mission of the Church was to witness to and serve all human life. He taught each student how deeply God loved them and their responsibility to care for one another well.

These are four areas where our Bishops encourage you and me to joyfully reawaken a culture of life!

**Serve:** Think of 3 other saints who joyfully affirmed and cared for the dignity of the human person. Share them with your family!

**Pray:** In prayer, ask God how He desires you to honor the sanctity of human life. Pray for the intercession of St. John Bosco, St. Gregory the Great, and Pope St. John Paul II to understand God's call to love one another well.

*"Together we are involved in God's work in promoting the dignity of the human person."*

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