

Pray, Grow, & Serve

Learning about the dignity of the human Person

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The Epiphany of the Lord
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A Culture of Life

"In the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life" (The Gospel of Life, 5)

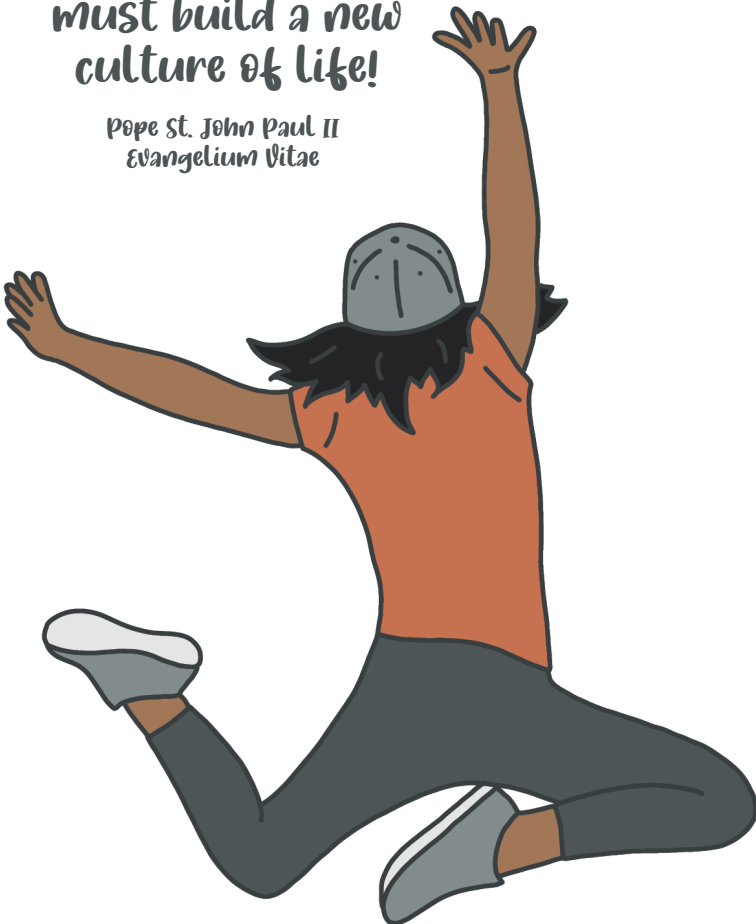
Thoughtful Gifts

Pray: Epiphany is a time to prayerfully remember the three Kings who traveled a long journey, guided by God's light, to offer their hearts with gifts and adoration to the infant Jesus! The Magi came from places far beyond Israel; their journey to Christ is a beautiful reminder that Jesus came for every person in every place. No one is beyond the love, grace, and mercy of Christ. Pray for all those who struggle to understand how deeply God loves them!

The Magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In a special way, these gifts tell the story of who Jesus is and why He came. Gold was a gift fit for a King, frankincense was used to worship God, and myrrh was used on a body after death. Jesus is God, the King of kings, who died for you and me!

All together we
must build a new
culture of life!

Pope St. John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae



The Best Gift

Grow: Do you know who the best gift-giver of all time is? God! God gave you and me the gift of life! Like the magi's gifts, the gift of life helps us understand who we are and why we are here. Who are we? We are the creative work of God, made in His image and likeness and brought to life with the breath of His love. We were created to share in God's love and to spend forever with Him in heaven!

To care for this precious gift of life, the **United States Council of Catholic Bishops**, (the USCCB are Shepherds of the Catholic faithful in America), **asks us to boldly proclaim the value of every human life with joyful energy by intentionally respecting, protecting, loving, and serving every human person!**

A Special Guide

Serve: The Bishops have written up a special guide for you and me to understand the way in which we must respect, protect, love, and serve all human life called the **Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities**. They remind us of 3 very important things..

- 1 We must proclaim that human life starting at the moment of conception is a precious gift from God.
- 2 Each person who receives this gift has responsibilities towards God, oneself, and others.
- 3 Our laws and communities must be developed in a way that protects and nurtures human life at every stage of existence.

We serve one another best when we understand our God-given responsibilities. Commit these 3 points to memory!

Word Review!

Sacred means "set aside for God." Human beings are the only creatures made in God's image and likeness created to share in His love and to spend forever with Him in heaven! Because we are the only creatures invited into this special eternal relationship with God, we say that human beings have **dignity**, meaning worthy of respect!

