



**Our Parish Respect Life:** Special yearly projects help keep the sacredness of life in the forefront of the church and the minds of the parishioners. In January, we focus on the Supreme Court Decision of January 22, 1973 when Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion. In October we have a parish-wide activity, a display in the social hall, or prayer as we join with many other churches around the country celebrating Respect Life Sunday on the first Sunday of October. In December, we have our annual National Night of Prayer for Life where parishioners have an opportunity to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. We are open to other life projects as we try to cover all aspects of life since it is the church's mission to defend human life over the entire course of life from conception to natural death.

In addition to local parish activities, we keep parishioners informed of other local and state-wide activities such as the Walk for Life, Life Chain, Respect Life Conferences, Banquets, and various other programs.

The Respect Life Committee encourages the parishioners of Nativity to read about Respect Life in the Sunday bulletins and online and participate in pro-life activities. It is a startling statistic that in Hillsborough County alone, 7,114 babies were aborted in the year 2007. There were 91,954 abortions in the State of Florida. Let's work together to put an end to abortion.

A member of the Respect Life Committee may be contacted by calling the Parish Office at 681-4608. A Respect Life brochure is also available in the Social Hall or in the Church library. Please feel free to call with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer. Information and guidance is available on such topics as:

- **Post-abortion trauma** (Project Rachel) 813-631-4395
- **Project Gabriel** (A mentoring program for pregnant moms.) 813-631-4395
- **Natural family planning**
- **End of life issues**
- **Capital punishment**
- **Human Cloning**

**Do you know someone suffering from the trauma of an abortion? We can help:** **Project Rachel Office of Catholic Charities** offers healing and reconciliation for post-abortion individuals – men and women – through the efforts of specially trained priests, lay support individuals, and licensed mental health professionals. Call 813-631-4395 and ask for Maria Costa. Members of our parish Respect Life Committee, our parish Priests, or the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of St. Petersburg are available to assist women and men experiencing the aftermath of an abortion. God's healing touch is only a phone call away.

**Legislative:** Parishioners are encouraged to write and call their State and Federal Senators and Representatives. Many Bills are acted on quickly and it is important to let your Senators and Representatives know how you stand on life issues. Phone calls and letters do make a difference. Legislative information, representatives, addresses, and e-mail addresses can be found at [www.thomas.loc.gov](http://www.thomas.loc.gov). Phone number for the U.S. Capital switchboard is (202)-224-3121.

If you want to receive legislative alerts, send an e-mail to Stephanie Martin at [stephaniescharrer@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniescharrer@hotmail.com). Won't you take a stand for life?

Contact Lupe Gladu, [lupegladu@juno.com](mailto:lupegladu@juno.com) for any questions or more information.

#### Web Sites:

Diocese of St. Petersburg  
[www.dioceseofstpete.org](http://www.dioceseofstpete.org)  
Ministry of Life (Diocese of St. Petersburg)  
<http://home.catholicweb.com/lm-dosp/>  
Florida Catholic Conference  
[www.flacathconfo.org](http://www.flacathconfo.org)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
[www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)  
Catholic Charities  
<http://www.ccdosp.com>