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Bulletin Inserts and Prayer Intentions

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November 9 – “We live in a very troubled and an increasingly dangerous America. Our culture has lost sight of God’s supreme right over when life begins and when it ends, and has “turned on its head” the true meaning and value of suffering and compassion.” Bobby Schindler, LifeNews.com, 6/12/14.

November 16 - George Will wrote a column, “Jon Will’s Gift,” to celebrate his Down Syndrome son’s 40th birthday: Jon was born just as prenatal genetic testing... was becoming common. And Jon was born eight months before *Roe v. Wade* inaugurated this era of the casual destruction of pre-born babies. This era has coincided with the full, garish flowering of the baby boomers’ vast sense of entitlement which encompasses an entitlement to exemption from nature’s mishaps, and to a perfect baby. So today, science enables what the culture ratifies, the choice of killing children with Down syndrome before birth, the fate of 90% of those with this prenatal diagnosis. **Washington Post**, 5/2/12

November 23 - Pondering the gifts we have been given this Thanksgiving, a statement by the Italian bishops provides both a cause for gratitude and a challenge. “God is the provident creator of every human life. ‘He made us, His we are.’ And so we are the gift of the living God. Our life has not been given us as our absolute property but as a treasure to be administered and of which we shall have to render an account to the Lord.”

November 30 - As we begin the season of anticipation of Christ’s birth, we would do well to contemplate Pope Francis’ words in a homily during a Mass outside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem: “Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared and protected, the family is healthy, society is healthier, and the world is more human.”

December 7 - Abortion advocates believe that the decision to have an abortion should be made by a woman and her physician. Yet the abortion decision is frequently made by a frightened young woman talking with a “counselor” in a clinic with a deep financial interest in abortion. “That frightened woman, who has often been abandoned by an irresponsible man, is then remanded to an abortion ‘provider’ who is no more ‘her physician that he or she is “her hairdresser.”” George Weigel, “*On Really Not Getting It*” **The Southern Cross**, 9/13

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December 14 – “If human rights are not inherent, if the State can dispose and withhold ‘rights’ at will, there can be no equality under the law for any of us. One cannot hope to achieve a just society when those in power can freely kill, enslave or arbitrarily discriminate against the vulnerable. For this reason, all people of good will must defend the inherent right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

December 21 - “Contemplating the birth of Christ, we might be struck by the similarity of His struggles to those of today’s children in the womb: In the words of Pope Francis, “Every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord, who even before His birth, and then as soon as He was born, experienced the rejection of the world.” Susan Wills, **NRL News**, 9/08

December 28 - “Millions of Americans consider abortion the taking of human life. Viewed in that light, abortion “is an intrinsic evil. No euphemism, no perversion of language can change that essential truth.” Bishop Jaime Soto, president of the California Catholic Conference.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS

November 9- That we may come to see that each human being is a temple of God, to be cherished, not destroyed, we pray

November 16 – That the light of truth about the preciousness of each life may shine into the darkness of our times, we pray

November 23 – For those who minister to troubled pregnant woman, that they may rely on Christ for guidance and strength, we pray

November 30 –For our nation, that it may turn from legalized abortion on demand and again follow God’s commandments, we pray

December 7 – For all doctors and nurses who do abortions, that they may turn to Christ the Good Shepherd to lead them out of darkness, we pray

December 14 – That in this Advent season, we may be proclaim to the world God’s love for all His vulnerable people, we pray

December 21 –That as we kneel at the cradle of Christ, we may remember that all human life is sacred from conception to national death, we pray

December 28 –May all families affected by abortion turn to the God of forgiveness and compassion, we pray