

Today is Respect Life Sunday. At this Eucharist, we renew our commitment to respect all life from conception until death.

Celebrating a Baptism of one of our recently born infants is one way we respect life. Yesterday we had the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Another way we respect life.

In our funeral liturgies we honor those who have passed from this life to the next. We reverence the sick, suffering and dying. We witness to their dignity, respect and value.

Our Faith Formation activities from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through adult faith formation as well as our Children's Liturgies and Sr. Joann's teachings before Mass shows a respect for the community dimension of faith nourishment and growth.

When we collect food each month, we respect the right of each person to satisfy a basic human need: freedom from hunger.

As we tithe 1% of our monthly collections, we support area organizations and agencies who assist in responding to human needs of shelter, food, clothing and safety.

My sisters and brothers: When we go forth from here today, continue to respect life during the week. In Paul's words: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard....Then the God of peace will be with you."