August 17, 2016

Dear Pastor,

In order to assist your parish’s observance of Respect Life Month in October, enclosed is the 2016-17 Respect Life kit developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. This year’s theme is “Moved by Mercy”. Downloadable copies of all the materials are available in both English and Spanish at www.usccb.org/respectlife. As we conclude the Year of Mercy, I would highlight one of the articles "Bridges of Mercy for Post Abortion Healing" which specifically addresses ways in which parishes can promote the healing ministry of Project Rachel.

You will also find the following information

- “Intercessions for Life” prepared by the USCCB praying for the gift and sanctity of all life
- A flyer for this year’s observance of Respect Life Sunday, October 2, 2016, to be held at Saint Patrick Parish
- Fall Project Rachel Retreat flyer
- General bulletin notices for Project Rachel and Pregnancy Help (English, Spanish, and Portuguese respectively) that can be used throughout the year to inform parishioners about these ministries.

The Pro Life Office, Project Rachel and the Metrowest Pregnancy Help office have moved to a new location at 61 South Avenue, Natick 01760 (on the grounds of St. Patrick’s Parish). All other contact information remains the same.

Thank you for your service to the Church and your support of the life-affirming ministries of the Pro Life Office.

Sincerely,

Marianne Luthin, Director
Pro Life Office
Moved by Mercy

Respect Life Sunday
Mass & Celebration
In the Year of Mercy

Sunday, October 2, 2016

11:30 am  Respect Life Mass
Saint Patrick Church
44 East Central Street, (Rte. 135), Natick

Celebrant: Most Reverend Walter J. Edyvean
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Boston

1:00 pm  Blessing of Pregnancy Help,
Project Rachel, Pro Life Offices
61 South Avenue, Natick

In the spirit of the Year of Mercy, those attending are welcome to bring a warm
Fall/Winter outfit (Newborn or 0 –3 months) to assist mothers and babies served
by the Pregnancy Help ministry of the Pro Life Office.

Sponsored by the Pro Life Office-Archdiocese of Boston
508.651.1900
ProLifeOffice@rcab.org
Come to the Waters of Healing

One Day Retreat for Hope & Healing
After Abortion

Fall 2016 Dates:
♦ Saturday, September 24
♦ Saturday, November 12
♦ Saturday, December 3
   9:00AM – 5:00 PM

“God’s forgiveness knows no bounds.”
Pope Francis

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. It will offer a loving and confidential environment

♦ hear stories of post-abortion healing
♦ share Scriptural encounters with Christ’s healing love
♦ spend quiet time in prayer before God
♦ receive Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) and the great gift of Christ in the Eucharist

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston
Location is confidential. Requested donation of $10 to cover lunch cost. Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants.
For more information, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or e-mail: help@projectrachelboston.com
Moved by Mercy
Intercessions for Life

Respect Life Month
October 2016

For all Catholics: May we be channels of God’s mercy by loving each person and celebrating the gift of his or her life; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church’s post-abortion healing ministry help them find peace through God’s limitless mercy; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For those nearing the end of life: May God strengthen their faith and comfort them through other’s loving support; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For those doubting their own worth: may they find lasting reassurance in the truth of God’s love for them; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For those longing for a child of their own: May they find comfort in the assurance of God’s loving plan; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For parents placing their children for adoption: May they encounter the outstretched hands of the Father’s love through our words and actions; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For the criminal justice system: May it be rooted in mercy and healing and affirm the sacredness of each person’s life; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For those diagnosed with a terminal illness: May each hour of their lives be cherished with care that honors God’s gift of life; 

*We pray to the Lord*

For all people: May the Lord soften our hearts with compassion, that we may treat each person with respect that affirms the gift of his or her life; 

*We pray to the Lord*
Project Rachel Bulletin Notice:

“Project Rachel helped me so much in dealing with the shame that I have felt for over 40 years. The retreat gave me hope. I now know that I can once again be active in my faith.”

Many women suffer from the pain of a past abortion. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston provides confidential support for post-abortion hope and healing through its one-day retreats and referrals to specially trained priests for sacramental Reconciliation (confession). For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Trust in the tender mercy of God!

Pregnancy Help Bulletin Notice:

Pregnancy Help is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to provide alternatives to abortion. Trained and caring nurses and case workers are available to assist any woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, referrals, material assistance, and ongoing support. All services are free, confidential and available for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients. For assistance call 888-771-3914, text 617-903-7960 or email help@pregnancyhelpboston.org

Pregnancy Help es un centro de recursos y apoyo patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis de Boston que proporciona alternativas al aborto. Enfermeras y consejeros entrenados y capacitados, están disponibles para apoyar a mujeres con embarazos difíciles. Pregnancy Help ofrece pruebas de embarazo gratuitas, examen de ultrasonido limitado, referencias, y asistencia material y apoyo continuo. Todos los servicios son gratuitos, confidenciales y disponibles para clientes que hablen inglés, español y portugués. Si requiere asistencia, nos puede llamar al 888-771-3914, enviar mensaje de texto al 617-903-7960 o al siguiente correo electrónico help@pregnancyhelpboston.org

Pregnancy Help é um centro de recursos para gravidas, patrocinado pela Arquidiocese de Boston no qual oferece alternativas ao aborto. Neste local existem enfermeiras e trabalhadores sociais bem treinados e atenciosos, que estão disponíveis a ajudar todas as mulheres que estejam enfrentando dificuldades na gravidez. Pregnancy Help oferece testes de gravidez gratuito, ultrassom limitadas, referências, assistência material, e apoio antes e depois da gravidez. Todos os serviços são gratuitos, confidenciais, e disponíveis para clientes que falam Inglês, Espanhol e Português. Para obter assistência por favor ligue para 888-771-3914, envie mensagem de texto para 617-903-7960 ou e-mail help@pregnancyhelpboston.org.