

# POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

## Bulletin Announcements

### January 2009

**Please run January 10-11:**

**PRO-LIFE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN:** We are currently facing a very serious threat to pro-life policies - the "Freedom of Choice Act" or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. If FOCA becomes law, it will put at risk all the widely-supported laws that for 35 years have promoted women's health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement, safeguarded rights of conscience, and respected the desire of most citizens to not support abortion with their tax dollars. Postcards to your national legislators will be provided for you to sign on January 24-25. Please take the time then to ask your legislators to oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and retain laws against federal funding and promotion of abortion. For more information go to [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org).

**Please run January 17-18 (advance notice of the coming event):**

**PRO-LIFE POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!**

On January 24-25, our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message asking our members of Congress to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion.

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**Please run January 24-25 (weekend of the postcard campaign):**

**THANK YOU FOR SIGNING PRO-LIFE POSTCARDS TO YOUR LEGISLATORS THIS WEEKEND!**

Today our parish, along with thousands of other parishes across the nation, will sign postcards urging Congress to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) or other pro-abortion bills and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. Thank you for standing up for life at this important time!

**Feel free to edit these bulletin announcements or adapt them for use as Mass announcements. Postcards may be returned to the Diocesan Office of Life Ministry by February 2<sup>nd</sup> for delivery to the Legislators' District Offices. For more information, contact Sabrina Burton Schultz at 727-344-1611 \*325 or [sab@dosp.org](mailto:sab@dosp.org)**