

Respect Life Bulletin Announcements for January

Jan 7

There is still time to register for the 39th annual March for Life in Washington, DC and be an advocate and witness for LIFE. The trip for the Diocese of Belleville will run Sun – Thurs, Jan 21-23, departing from our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. For more information and registration forms visit www.respectlife.catholicweb.com. Registration deadline is January 10.

Jan 7 and/or 14

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, will be the celebrant and homilist at a special “Mass for Life” at 9:00 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Peter. This Mass will mark the 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The Bishop would like to invite you to join him in praying for a renewed appreciation for the dignity and intrinsic value of every human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. We will come together to express our gratitude to God for the great gift of life and to pray for a conversion of hearts so that our society may turn from a Culture of Death to a Culture of Life turning away from violence, war, the death penalty, and attacks on vulnerable developing human life. We will pray a “Rosary for Life” in the chapel prior to the Eucharist at 8:30 am. After the Mass, refreshments will be served in the undercroft of the cathedral and the Bishop will visit with all of those involved in Respect Life Ministry throughout the Diocese.

Jan 14 and/or 21

On Saturday, January 28 from 8:00am-11:00, the combined West-end Belleville Respect Life group will host a “Respect Life Gathering” to pray, inspire and inform with Mass, continental breakfast and guest speaker. It will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Belleville. Registration form and information can be found at www.respectlife.catholicweb.com. You may also call Jan Brennan (618) 397-5120 or Joan Hormberg (618) 234-1539. Suggested donation is \$5.00, please register by January 24.

Anytime in January

SAVE the DATE: A state wide advocacy initiative, coupled with a prayer campaign, will be supported by all the Catholic Dioceses during the upcoming legislative session. The focus of the advocacy days will be to seek further legal protections for mothers and their unborn children, primarily through the Ultrasound Opportunity Act. The Diocese of Belleville will join the Diocese of Springfield for the prayer campaign specifically the week of March 25-31, with an ***advocacy day at the state capital in Springfield on March 28.***

Ongoing, but may be especially helpful Jan 22 (additional Project Rachel may be found [here](#))

Neither Do I Condemn You....

The Catholic Church lovingly offers help with neither judgment nor condemnation through the ministry of Project Rachel which brings hope and healing to the hurting. Call **1-888-456-HOPE (4673)**. Or you may visit www.respectlife.catholicweb.com for an on-line post-abortion healing series.