# The Roman Catholic Parishes of

## St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

## St. Cecilia
in Meta

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## THE MOST HOLY BLOOD OF CHRIST – CORPUS CHRISTI

## June 2, 2024


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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

### Saint Thomas the Apostle
**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 2-9:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Denis Plassmeyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**Your Sunday Offering:**

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| Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: | $312,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | $286,000.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2023-2024: | **$312,966.96** |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | $ 26,966.96 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | $ 26,000.00 |

**Collection in Church:**

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|---|---|
| May 5 | $ 6,354.90 |
| May 12 | $ 5,663.62 |
| May 19 | $ 3,967.10 |
| May 26 | $ 2,777.30 |
| **Collection Online:** | $ 7,933.00 |
| **May total to date:** | **$26,695.92** |
| Difference for May: | +$ 695.92 |

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

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| Total Pledges/Donations | $496,579.08 |
| Total Collected | $534,295.01 |
| Total Expenses Paid | $699,195.95 |

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.

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| Church Renovation Loan Balance | $44,856.79 |
| Loan payments to date | $167,875.00 |
| (principal) $155,143.21 | (interest) $12,731.79 |

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Lydia
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
June 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Lisa Wieberg / Alanna
June 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Doug Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
June 15 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
June 16 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. –Larry Lueckenhoff

### Saint Cecilia
**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 2-9:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Ben Hake

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the
Bock & Holtmeyer Families

**Your Sunday Offering:**

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| Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: | $67,000.00 |
| Collection Total for 2023-2024: | **$67,157.00** |
| Offertory Goal per month: | $ 5,583.34 |

**Collection in Church:**

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| May 5 | $1,701.00 |
| May 12 | $1,366.00 |
| May 19 | $ 582.00 |
| May 26 | $1,082.00 |
| **May total to date:** | **$4,731.00** |
| Difference for May: | -$ 852.34 |

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**
June: Terry & Pam Libbert

***PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.***

**St. Cecilia Readers**
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even
Sunday, June 16 - 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Organist**
Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, June 16 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!***

**St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Michael Wooten
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Doug Stockman & Kelly Stewart
June 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Al Carter
June 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Keith Kliethermes
**Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.**
***Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.***

**St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Marshall Boessen
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jan Heckemeyer
June 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
June 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**
June 8 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering, Ben & Luke Otto
June 9 10:00 a.m.- Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues Angelina Veltrop
June 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –JD Volmert, Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Jude Luebbering
June 16 10:00 a.m. – Aliyah Buechter, Cadyn Libbert, Miranda Meyer, Virgil Lackman

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Bob & Donnie Luebbering
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Family of Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**
June 9 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 16– Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 23- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 30 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

**Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday**
June 9 Dunja Wieberg
June 16 Lauri Luebbering
June 23 Jenny Becker
June 30 Brooke Schell

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
June 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony & William Derkum, Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer
June 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Servers**
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen & Natalee Derkum
June 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Families of the Bock & Holtmeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**
June 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Glorious Mysteries
June 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer Sorrowful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**

**MASS STIPENDS: $10.00**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, - ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Janet Lueckenhoff – Glorious Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**
June 9: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
June 16: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
June 23: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
June 30: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
July 7: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

**SCRIP:** Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

**BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: THIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 9, if not you will not be assigned ministries until you have completed the training. THIS IS A DIOCESEAN POLICY!!!**
As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone **18 years or older needs the training.** Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website *(www.stthomasapostle.net)* or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link *(www.virtus.org).* If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH:** Are you someone who likes to spread our Catholic faith? Why not consider joining our St. Thomas Stream Team and help spread the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass? Operating the equipment is fun and easy! Please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 if interested.

**30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION:** Fr. Mark Porterfield, our former Pastor/Associate Pastor, will be celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on July 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, St. Thomas, MO, followed by a meal in the Parish Hall. You are cordially invited to join him for this celebration. If you would like to attend, RSVP to *frporterfield30@gmail.com* before June 21, 2024, so that he can have an accurate count for dinner.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** For our seminarians and deacon candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Orders: May they follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep, we pray to the Lord.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS IS MY BODY, THIS IS MY BLOOD.** (Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26) The last two precious gifts Jesus gave us are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday Corpus Christi is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as Emmanuel, God with us, in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because: because Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000, because Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper, because Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory, because "Nothing is impossible with God." We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by "transubstantiation" which means that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the substance of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents (like color, shape, taste etc.), remain the same. This year's readings for the Feast emphasize the theme of Covenant blood because the ancient peoples sealed Covenants with the blood of ritually sacrificed animals, and Jesus sealed his New Covenant with his own Blood shed on Calvary. Today's first reading describes how Moses, by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the Covenant Yahweh proposed and made with His People. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put It into our hands as food and drink: "Take … eat … this IS my Body which will be given up for you" (He did not say "This represents my body"), and "Take … drink …This IS … my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you many (nor did He say, "This represents my blood…") for the forgiveness of sins". A Sacrament and a sacrifice: Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and, b) as a Meal, The Eucharist nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection and Ascension. b) We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols. Therefore, friends let us appreciate the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving Him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence. 2) Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyors: By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home, in the workplace, and everywhere else, through love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble, self-giving, sacrificial service. 3) Let us offer our lives on the altar along with Jesus' sacrifice, asking pardon for our sins, expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received and presenting our needs and petitions on the altar.
***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Tuesday, June 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**HOLY HOUR AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following new members of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council: **Sonya Henson, Mike Wieberg, Brenda Schell, Logan Peters & Alanna Stockman.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Brett Volmert & Amanda Wooten*** who were elected to the St. Thomas the Apostle School Advisory Council.

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:** Lydia Hurst is looking for volunteers to make desserts for the dessert auction for the St. Cecilia Parish Picnic on July 14. Please contact her at 573-821-1370.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR PROGRAM TEACHERS NEEDED:** St. Thomas PSR is currently looking for a first grade teacher. This position would share the teaching and would teach every other week. If interested, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-295 or *bgraessle1@gmail.com.*

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC QUILT AUCTION:** If you have a baby quilt or t-towels for our parish picnic auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-690-9098 by June 10.

**HELIAS LADY CRUSADER BASKETBALL CAMP:** The Helias Lady Crusader Basketball Youth Camp will begin on June 10-13. This camp will work on the basic fundamentals of basketball, fostering a competitive nature, all while having fun, and is for all levels of basketball skill. Please consider joining Coach Wiggans and the Lady Crusader team and improve upon your basketball ability. Helias Lady Crusader Camp T-Shirt is included with the price. K-5: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 6th-8th: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Registration Link: *https://www.heliascrusaderscamps.com/girls-basketball-camps.cfm*

**LIFE TEEN GROUP:** St. Stanislaus & St. Francis Xavier are organizing a youth group for high schoolers in the area. They are starting a Life Teen Group that will meet every Sunday night 7:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Those who are currently in 8th-12th Grade from St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia are more than welcome to attend.

**TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 – 28:** Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this either online at *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html* or use the paper form that is a part of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

**OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN** is Sunday, June 2, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. $15.00 meal, serving cafeteria style & to go meals. Free bingo 12:00-3:00 p.m. Quilt auction 4:30 p.m.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK** is Sunday, June 9, serving fried chicken, German pot roast dinners. Drive Thru from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Carry -outs from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL-ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY** is Wednesday, June 19, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral Cana Hall/Undercroft. Ice Cream & cake $4.00 (ticket), also serving chicken breast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs & sides (food not included in the ticket price). Proceeds benefit Patient Care services St. Mary's Hospital. Tickets may be purchased in advance at St. Mary's gift shop.

**ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN** is Sunday, June 23, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dine in and carry out, $17.00 per meal. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Washer Tournament 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES:** **Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church**
**July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic**
**August 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic**
**November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy**

# Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2024 Registration Form: June 23rd – 28th for Grades 1-12
Register online: http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville**
**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at St. Stanislaus. Wardsville**

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Stanislaus:

| Name: | Grade (In fall): | Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of: |
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**Cost for the week is $25 per child for Grades 1 – 6. $75.00 for three or more children.**
**Lunch is provided. Each child will need to bring a water bottle.**
**Evening program is free for Grades 7 – 12. Please bring a water bottle.**

**Totus Tuus Volunteers 2024**

**Food**

We are providing meals for the 4 Missionaries (plus the priest if they wish to come) each Evening at 5:30 pm in the Wardsville's school cafeteria. If you wish, the missionaries would love for you to eat with them, but it is also fine to just drop the food off.

| Food | | |
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| | Name | Contact number |
| Thursday, June 27th | | |

**Day Volunteers**

To support the missionaries, we are asking for volunteers to be available during the day to help check in, check out and host for the day.

| | Name | Contact |
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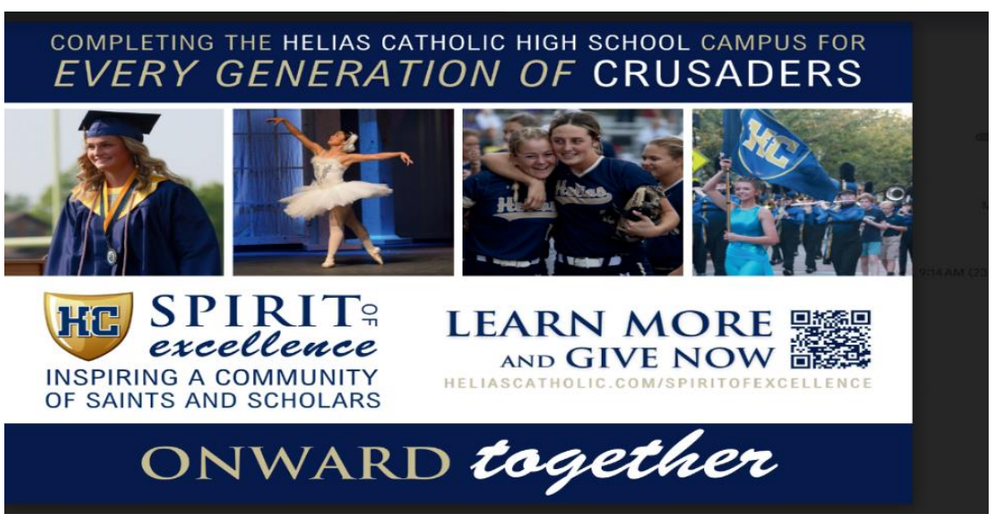
| Thursday, June 27th | | |
| Friday, June 28th | | |

**HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN.** Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helia Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliasatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.



## Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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