

Respect for Life Commission

Meeting Notes

DCCW Board Meeting September 17, 2022

Respect Life webpage: <https://www.dioslc.org/respect-for-life>

Walking with Moms in Need support has begun in the following parishes: St. Joseph the Worker, St. Ambrose, St. Thomas More, St. Mary (West Haven), and Holy Family (Ogden). Please support their efforts! If your parish has not yet begun this USCCB program, please consider leading the charge, or joining with someone who would like to lead the program in your parish.

The diocese is looking for volunteers to help with various activities and events during our diocesan-wide **Eucharistic Revival** (2022-2024). The Family Eucharist Celebration Contest needs volunteers/judges, and the Eucharistic Marriage Enrichment online classes – the “Bouquet of Love” – need help being promoted. Please contact Crystal Painter, the Director of Marriage and Family Life, for more information - crystal.painter@dioslc.org.

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Celebration – July 9, 2023 – Save the date!

Stay up to date with what’s happening in **Life, Justice, and Peace** –
<https://www.dioslc.org/offices/life-justice-and-peace/prayer-and-action-network>

September events and activities

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign – September 28-November 6, 2022 (plans in both Salt Lake City and Ogden)

Suicide Prevention Month - Catholic Mental Health Ministries provide vital spiritual accompaniment for people experiencing mental illness, as well as for those who care for them. <https://catholicmhm.org/>

Training and educational resources: <https://catholicmhm.org/educational-resources>

October events and activities

Respect Life Month

Word of Life – <https://usccb.org/resources/word-life-october-2022>

USCCB resources – <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Catholics for Family Peace Initiative – <https://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org>

Talking with your pastor about celebrating a special Mass (weekend or weekday) during Domestic Violence Awareness Month and respect Life Month would provide an opportunity to share the Church's pro-life teaching on these issues.

There will be no **Life Chain** nor **March for Life** in January.

Pro-Life Utah is looking for volunteers to join them in sidewalk prayer.

The **Bilingual Rosary** and the **Mass for the Unborn** (Diocesan events) are being planned.

St. Martha's Baby Project is looking for volunteers "who don't need a lot of hand holding" to work in their pantry to sort the donations, or who know how to sew or crochet to create layette items. Please contact Crystal Painter for information.

**** Please let Casey Pond (casey.pond@comcast.net)** know of anything you and/or your council sisters are doing to support, lead, or plan any Respect Life or Pro-Life activity. This includes your baby showers, food donation drives, fundraisers for the Pregnancy Resource Center, writing to your legislator about a pro-life concern, visiting shut-ins or visiting the sick, praying a Rosary together for any life concern (conception to natural death) or any life and faith promoting activity. I will then share those happenings at our Commission meeting – I'll happily brag about the good works of our women.

Saint Mother Teresa, pray for us.

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Saint Gianna Molla, pray for us.