



30,000 Rosaries for Life

For several years, The Diocese of Charleston has prayed Rosaries for Life during the month of October, which is Respect Life Month. We are excited to say we have exceeded our goal each year. Our goal to this year is to pray 30,000 Rosaries for Life.

Here's how the Program Works:

Each parish appoints a coordinator to promote and gather the counts of the rosaries being said. This person should have access to email so they can easily receive and send updated information. Knights of Columbus have a nice little (pocket-sized) "How to Say the Rosary" pamphlet that you can order through their local council. The Knights or Legion of Mary may be willing to order extra rosaries for this campaign as well.

On **September 16th**, put the enclosed flyer in the bulletin explaining the program. Then have your priest or someone in your Respect Life Group promote the program at each Mass that weekend.

On **September 30th** remind people to start praying the Rosary in October. Have a convenient way to turn in the rosary counts weekly. Some parishes have people write their counts on a slip of paper and return it in the offering basket or a designated basket in the church; other parishes have participants send counts to an email address. (*Remember to change the enclosed flyer to reflect the method of collecting counts, both on the flyer and on the cards.*) Bulletin announcements are provided for each week and if your priest is agreeable, reminders at Mass work great!

Each week the parish coordinator should turn in their parish's counts so that a state-wide total can be tallied. Please email the counts to rosaries4life@hotmail.com or call Rosary for Life coordinator, **Valerie Baronkin @ 864-297-8838**. We will send you updated rosary counts turned in throughout the month through emails. The final count will be sent to you by November 13th.

Bulletin Announcements

9/30/07 – Please remember to start praying your Rosary for the intention to end all assaults on God's precious gift of life. Extra flyers explaining the 30,000 Rosaries for Life prayer campaign are located in the back of the church.

10/7/07 – The most fundamental building block of a just social order is respect for human life. Pray to end of the "Culture of Death" and pray that we can be authentic witnesses to a "Culture of Life." Please turn in your 30,000 Rosaries for Life rosary count for this week in the basket located in the back of the church.

10/14/07 – During this time when life is threatened in so many ways, we pray that through God's grace, we will understand and believe that all human life is a cherished gift from God. Please turn in your 30,000 Rosaries for Life rosary count for this week in the basket located in the back of the church.

10/21/07 – Please pray for our Bishop Baker and others who promote the God-given dignity of every human from conception to natural death. Please turn in your 30,000 Rosaries for Life rosary count for this week in the basket located in the back of the church.

10/28/07 – Each of us is created in the likeness of God ... Every one of us matters ... no person is defined by someone else's choices ... and no life exists only as a means to someone else's end. Please turn in your 30,000 Rosaries for Life rosary count for this week in the basket located in the back of the church.

11/04/07 – Thank you for coming together spiritually and prayerfully to end the assaults on the sanctity of life. Let us always celebrate the precious gift of life, given to us all by our loving God. Please turn in your final 30,000 Rosaries for Life rosary count in the basket located in the back of the church.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kathy Schmugge, Family Life Coordinator, Diocese of Charleston
Valerie Baronkin, Rosary for Life Coordinator