

MINISTRY EXPECTATIONS

How do I become a member of the Respect Life Committee? An interest in the committee can be indicated on the Stewardship of Talent card; or you may contact the parish office or the ministry leader, directly.

What defines an "active" member of the ministry? Participation in at least one respect life activity during the year. And someone who wants to receive emails about life issues and legislation.

How do I end my membership in the ministry?

Notify the committee leader or the parish office that you are no longer interested in being a member.

Is the attire of the member important? No.

What special talents/characteristics are desired in a member of the ministry? Compassion and a knowledge and awareness of organizations that provide pregnancy assistance.

What is the time commitment?

Time varies. Whatever amount you can donate is appreciated.

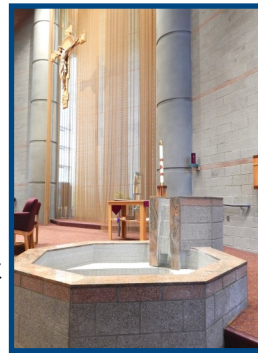
What can I expect in the way of support/training for my role in the ministry?

The ministry leader is able to give information to anyone who expresses an interest in the ministry and can offer a variety of ways that they can be involved in pro-life activities. All members are invited to attend all parish respect life events.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Stewardship has its beginning in baptism. Our baptism as one of Christ's disciples calls us to share our gifts — **including our talents.**

By giving of our talents, we can support our parish's efforts to carry out the mission Christ gave us.



Parish Mission

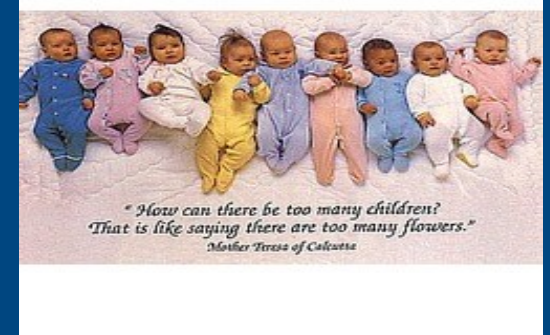
We, the Parish of Mary, Queen of Peace, are a faith community, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We gather together, welcoming in spirit, united in our diversity, committed to peace through justice, as witness to our faith. We seek to be the family of God, by our active participation in stewardship through worship, education, service, and social activities. Our lives will bear witness to our beliefs.



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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Stewardship Through Education



MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

What We Do

- Sponsor the Spiritual Adoption Program that educates parishioners about the monthly development of infants from conception to birth. The parish is asked to pray for the well being of all pregnant women during the program.
- Provide space on the Respect Life kiosk for pregnant mothers in the parish to keep the parish updated on their pregnancies and births.
- Sponsor a baby shower in the spring for the mothers at Harrington House. Parishioners are encouraged to provide baby items to these women.
- Co-sponsor a poster contest with the Knights of Columbus for elementary and junior high school students that centers on "Life" themes.
- Provide resources for women, who may be experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, to organizations that will assist them. Provide information on "Project Rachel" that assists women suffering from the after-effects of an abortion.
- Provide compassion, prayer and companionship to the elderly and seriously ill.
- Promote opportunities for care for the vulnerable – from the preborn to the elderly – in our parish and the community at large.
- Alert the parish to legislation on the local and national level that affect Life issues, and encourage parishioners to contact their elected officials. Coordinate attendance at the March for Life in Olympia in January.

Prepares/Gabriel Project/

PREPARES, sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of Washington State and open to all people. PREPARES provides services to pregnant mothers, fathers, and their families by walking with them on the journey from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday. PREPARES provides pregnancy and parenting support and activities through Catholic parishes across the state. One does not need to be Catholic to receive anything through PREPARES.



PREPARES supports the commitment to the sanctity of human life, especially in its most vulnerable early stages. It seeks not only to assure healthy births and avoid the tragedy of abortion, but also to provide emotional support to nurture the family as the essential unit of society. Pregnant women can request assistance by calling 1-888-926-2643. The woman is assigned to the Prepares/Gabriel Project parish nearest to where she lives.

Our Motivation

We Strive to Live "The Gospel of Life"

- We believe God calls us to see in all persons the image of God who made them.
- Pope John Paul II gave us the Encyclical, The Gospel of Life. This encyclical is a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God to: Respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life.
- The Gospel of Life is an essential pathway for growing closer to the Risen Christ. It is a call to protect and promote the right to life and the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.
- We seek opportunities for members of our faith community to take positive action to find solutions to abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide, human trafficking, slavery and the death penalty.
- Our love of Jesus Christ leads us to support the most vulnerable among us through prayer, advocacy, material help, and loving presence.

Become Involved as Much
or as Little as Your Time Allows

Our members are contacted by email or telephone as our various annual projects take place. We do not hold monthly meetings.

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