

# Social Justice: January

## Dates Worthy of Note:

- 1 World Day for Peace
- 16 Religious Freedom Day
- 22 “Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope”  
Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration-  
Catholic Bishops of U.S. and Mexico
- 24-25 National Prayer Vigil for Life



## Monthly Focus: Respect for Life

## Suggested Actions:

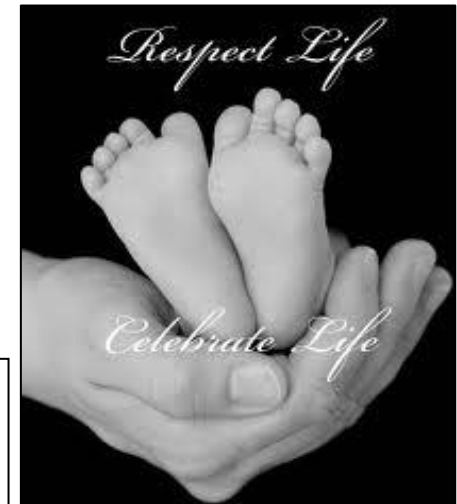
Enrich yourself with a spiritual reading book that focuses on peace-building, the sanctity of life, or the dignity of the human person. Perhaps you may find a treasure in your own convent library, or use a Christmas gift card for a new purchase.

Participate in a local pro-life activity or attend the National Prayer Vigil in Washington DC. Write to an inmate on death row.

Learn more about where your state stands on the moratorium to end the death penalty at the Death Penalty Information Center [deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://deathpenaltyinfo.org) and read about Archbishop Chaput’s call for clemency for Pennsylvania death row inmate Terence Williams.

*“I absolutely agree with the Church’s teaching that criminals should be given ample opportunity to repent, and that the death penalty is largely unnecessary for the protection of society.”*

—JoAnna Wahlund



## Prayer Response:

Say the “Prayer of St. Francis” for world peace and for peaceful relationships in neighborhoods and families.