

## Info Alert 232

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“No one is exempt from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly, from the sick to the unemployed, citizens and immigrants alike.” Pope Leo XIV, Audience to Members of the Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See, 16 May 2025

### Respect Life Month

October is the month we as Catholics are invited to pray and act in ways that support our core belief that all human life is sacred. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provide ample resources to amplify this message. This year’s theme, Life: Our Sign of Hope, reflects the Jubilee year of Hope. More information on this can be found at this link: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

### Death Penalty

“The death penalty falls squarely on the continuum of life issues. Taking the life of any person — innocent or guilty — is an affront to the sanctity of life. The reality is, however, that many people do not consider the death penalty as a pro-life issue, nor is it frequently included in pro-life advocacy. This Respect Life Month, we are challenged to bravely speak up about capital punishment through the lens of your faith and the defense of the dignity of life.” *Catholic Mobilizing Network* You can find more information and insights about Catholics and the Death Penalty at Catholic Mobilizing Network, Respect Life Month Toolkit. Just follow this link: <https://catholicmobilizing.org/resource/respect-life-month-toolkit/?emci=e7bd4a66-738e-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&emdi=1a9bc31b-7d8e-f011-b484-6045bdeb7413&ceid=3748859>

### Amnesty International: Let Children Live

As we watch the devastation occurring in Gaza and the children who are suffering and dying, Amnesty International is providing a way we can speak out “for the children.” It is an action called: Let Children Live. Each participant receives the name of a child for whom she will pray and say his/her name aloud, so we are all reminded that these children are real and not just statistics. Follow this link to join this action: <https://amnesty.no/let-children-live-global-campaign-children-gaza-and-west-bank>

### Feast of St. Francis

October 4<sup>th</sup> celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. It ends the Season of Creation but also celebrates the 800th anniversary of the “Canticle of the Creatures”, St. Francis’ homage to creation. Catholic Climate Covenant has compiled a resource, “Spreading the Seeds of Peace and Hope for Creation.” This collection of eco-spirituality resources is designed for use with any pilgrimage or event that celebrates *Laudato Si’* during the Year of Hope. Slide 34, the section entitled Prayers, Slide 36, and what follows may provide some helpful information for your ministry and personal prayer.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/seeds-9-Final-.pdf>

Prayer: *Laudato Si’* in Spoken Word taken from “Seeds of Peace” slide 49

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/laudato-si-in-spoken-word/>

### Actions

1. Remember to pray with and for migrants on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. <https://adw.org/event/mass-to-commemorate-the-111th-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=91b24da6-cd64-4714-a308-5ae441e1dbd8>
2. Find ways to celebrate the gift of life and pray for those who live in a world of violence.
3. Pray for all those who are incarcerated, the guilty, and those unjustly convicted. Take action with Catholic Mobilizing Network for the men who are on death row.