

Mission Statement

Trusting in God's love and relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance, we seek to bring the teachings of the Catholic Church concerning ethical issues (e.g., contraception, euthanasia, abortion, etc.) to all the faithful, to help them understand and embrace them.

We are committed to building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

Under the direction of the Bishop, the Office of Family and Sanctity of Life coordinates with all the parishes of the Eparchy of Saint Maron to proclaim the Gospel of Life and affirm the dignity of every human person through prayer, education, outreach, and public policy in order to defend and inspire a culture of life.

*"No one owns their own life. Everyone is called to safeguard and respect life from the time of conception to natural death."
—Pope Benedict XVI*

Parish Support

There are forty-three parishes in the Eparchy of Saint Maron. Our hope is to have an active Respect Life Committee in every parish and an Eparchial Respect Life Committee as well. Let us help you start a pro-life committee in your parish or get you connected with an existing one.

Help needed!

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life is looking for dedicated people who are willing to volunteer for the service of the Eparchy.

Please contact us if you are interested in :

- Becoming a Respect Life coordinator for your parish
- Volunteering for or hosting Office activities and programs.

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*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
—John 10:10*



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

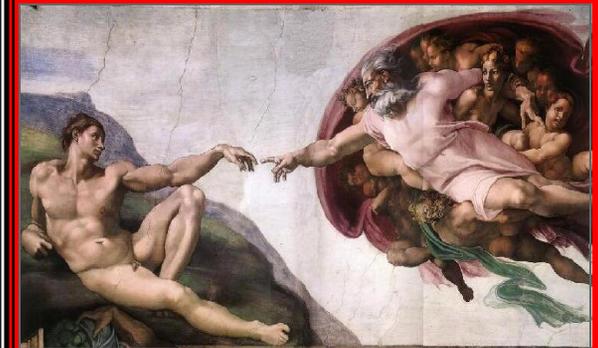


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OFFICE OF FAMILY
AND
SANCTITY OF LIFE

Dedicated to the honor and glory of God in Whom is found the dignity of every person

**Would you like to help
build a culture of life
in your parish and
in the Eparchy of
Saint Maron?**



"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." —Genesis 1:27

Office of Family and Sanctity Of Life Activities and Programs

Public Information and Education

- Help the pastor organize and promote family and marriage programs.
- Prepare bulletin announcements with prolife information.
- Start or join a respect life committee in your parish.
- Organize prolife and chastity speakers to give talks at your parish.
- Set up Pro-Life resource tables to provide educational leaflets and pamphlets.
- Host a Pro-Life movie night at your parish.
- Provide educational seminars for medical personnel and couples about Natural Family Planning and NaproTechnology.
- Bring the beautiful teachings of Blessed John Paul II on love and marriage to your parish.
- Communicate the Pro-Life message through the internet and social media.



Public Policy Advocacy

- Join the USCCB Action Network to receive updates about Pro-Life issues and advocacy.
- Encourage everyone 18 years and older to become informed about life issues and vote.
- Participate in the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC, and in local Pro-Life events.



Outreach & Pastoral Care

- Learn about and promote post-abortion healing services and retreats by support groups like Project Rachel.
- Support pregnancy centers and maternity homes in your area that provide help for pregnant women in crisis.
- Promote awareness of the assisted reproductive techniques for couples who struggle with infertility.
- Volunteer to serve the elderly, the sick, the poor and the homeless.

Prayer and Worship

- Start Cenacle of Life group in your home.
- Help your pastor host a Holy Hour for Life once a month.
- Participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life on December 8–9.
- Pray in front of abortion clinics; be trained in sidewalk counseling.
- Participate in the 40 Days for Life Campaign.
- Distribute Pro-Life prayer cards.
- Fast and offer sacrifices in your daily life for Pro-Life intentions and for the conversion of souls.
- Pray the Rosary every day for the good of the family and for Pro-Life efforts.

