Our Lady of Peace

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS:

Forgiven

EXPLORE THE GRACE AND HEALING OF CONFESSION. THE SACRAMENT OF GOD'S BOUNTIFUL MERCY AND LOVE.

MONDAYS IN LENT
FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 22
6:30 - 8:00PM IN THE CHURCH

Participate in person or from the comfort of your home. The video series is available on FORMED. Visit www.olp.org to join in not already registered. Group discussion will take immediately following the video and will be livestreamed on our Facebook page,

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 11:00AM Mass & 12:30PM respectively. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available (6-7PM): **2021: Call the office for info.** Call the Parish office to register.

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesdays 11:30-12:00 or by appt.
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM

New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:
Day: Kandace, 453-6515
Night: Donna, 866-0792

Our Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb. 14, 2021
Whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

February 2021

14th Spaghetti Sauce / Spaghetti
21st Toiletries / Peanut Butter
28th Cereal / Oatmeal

Pantry is OPEN February 23rd (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for *extra food donations*:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Any non-perishable food/item that you are able to donate
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Granola Bars

The Food Pantry is so thankful to those who have continued to make donations.

Sunday's Readings:
Entrance Antiphon - Be my protector, O God, / a mighty stronghold to save me. / For you are my rock, my stronghold! / Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
First Reading - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).
Psalm - I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).
Second Reading - Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1).
Gospel - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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Family Discussion of the Week: **Models of Christ**
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1
Adults: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?
Kids: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBUARY 15, 2021
7:00AM Edward & Eleanor Chimenti - EJ & Judy Johns
12:10PM Peggy Pulice - Family

Church Offices Closed Today
Will reopen 8:00AM Tuesday

TUESDAY, FEBUARY 16, 2021
7:00AM Joseph Konieczny - Friends
12:10PM Joan Jackson - Alison Price

WEDNESDAY, FEBUARY 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday
7:00AM Diane Campbell - Jerry Dombrowski & Family
9:00AM **School Mass** - Jeanne Izbicki - Friends
11:30-Noon **Confessions**
12:10PM Dennis Drake - Wife, Linda
5:30PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
7:00PM Sharon Bruno - Aunt Pauline Tatara

THURSDAY, FEBUARY 18, 2021
7:00AM Helen Yard - Friends
12:10PM Carmine Camillo - Tom & Phyllis Burke

FRIDAY, FEBUARY 19, 2021
7:00AM Bernard Gray - Friends
12:10PM Chuck Harrity - Wife, Bev & Family
6:00 PM **Confessions**
7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, FEBUARY 20, 2021
8:00AM Jeanne Werner - Joe & Dianne Yochim
8:30-9AM **Confessions**
3:45-4:45PM **Confessions**
5:00PM Patricia Kirk - Gary & Cheryl Carver

SUNDAY, FEBUARY 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent
7:30AM Vilma & Pete Battista - Ehrman Family
9:00AM Don DiPlacido - Chuck & Linda Rohrbach
11:00AM Parishioners
RCIA Rite of Election
4:30PM Connie Ratajczak - Linda Drake

The church will remain open for private prayer daily from 7:00AM - 8:00PM.

The church office staff is available by phone or email: 833-7701 / olp@olp.org

Confessions available (in the Chapel):
Wednesdays 11:30-Noon
Saturday 8:30-9AM and 3:45-4:45PM
or by appointment - call the Church Office

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Anthony Patsy - Daughter, Marcia.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Jim Feronti, Sr. - Friends.

Readings for the Week of February 14th

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Year End Giving Statements

To request your giving statement
please contact Cynthia in the church office by:
Calling: 833.7701 x 201 or **E-mailing:**
cynthia.berarducci@olp.org

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:
Feb. 14: Nancy A., Mary Fran P., Peggy R., Alice S.
Feb. 15: Jean H., Mary Alice W., Loretta B.
Feb. 16: Dee Dee B., Kathi K., Laura D., Kevin D.
Feb. 17: Len & Cathy K, Helen W, Barbra W., Nancy D.
Feb. 18: Frank G, Carlee Y., Rachel O.
Feb. 19: Amber D, Chris L.
Feb. 20: Debi C., Kim D., James T., Roseann G., Donna G.
Feb. 21: George O., Maureen T., Rami S.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for Vocations by praying the prayer below:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk…

It is hard to believe that Lent, our "great annual Catholic retreat," is already upon us. This is a special time we set apart as Catholics to recommit to the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to grow in our relationship with God and make more room for Him in our hearts and in our lives. We begin that journey this **Ash Wednesday. We will have Masses at 7am, 9am (school Mass), 12:10pm, and 7pm. There will also be a Service for Distribution of Ashes at 5:30pm**. Recall that this is not a holy day of obligation but Mass is still a noble way to start this great season of grace. It is also a day of abstinence from meat for Catholics 14 years and older (as are all the Fridays in Lent), and a day of fasting for Catholics age 18-59. Those obligated to fast may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain one's strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

I cannot encourage you enough to make a plan NOW for your Lenten commitments in those areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (giving to the poor). Here are some opportunities at OLP to consider to intensify your spiritual commitment during Lent: DAILY MASS (it has been a powerful Catholic tradition to commit to this prayer more regularly during Lent); DAILY ROSARY is said at 11:35am in the main church from Monday through Friday; STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7pm on Fridays during Lent; ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on Friday, March 5th from 7:30am-7pm and March 30th to March 31st (Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week) from 1pm to 12 Noon (23 hours straight); **"24 Hours for the Lord" at St. Peter Cathedral on March 12th and 13th from 5pm-5pm with Adoration and Confessions available**; OPERATION RICE BOWL (given to all school students and in the bulletin) to support Catholic Relief Services; ADULT FAITH FORMATION **"Forgiven" Series from FORMED on Mondays in Lent from 7-8:30pm (see flyer in bulletin); and the "Light is On for You" where confessions are heard at all participating local parishes from 5-7pm on Wednesday, February 24th.**

In addition to these communal opportunities, there are many personal spiritual commitments to explore and consider. I remind you that we regularly hear Confessions each week on Wednesdays from 11:30am-12Noon and Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm. In addition to these opportunities there will also be the opportunity for Confession after all the Sunday Masses during Lent and on Fridays from 6-7pm (before Stations). Fr. Mark and I are always willing to set up an appointment for Confession as well.

Whatever your plan is, Lent should look different for us as Catholics so let's get ready to begin to renew our spiritual health…. may God bless our week and Lent ahead!

Fr. Rich

****World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA** (February 7–14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The date selected is based on the old feast of St. Valentine (February 14th) who, legend has it, was a priest who was willing to risk death in order to help couples experience the grace and beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage. Let's pray for all married couples and those preparing for marriage in a special way this week.

****Stations of the Cross and Confessions** Once again during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm. Confessions will be offered on Fridays in Lent from 6-7pm (prior to Stations of the Cross) in the Chapel.

****Special Masses This Week** Monday, February 15th- Mass for those in Public Office; Tuesday, February 16th- Mass In Time of Pandemic; Wednesday, February 17th- Ash Wednesday; February 18th- 20th- Lenten Weekdays.

****Our Parish Annual Mardi Gras Gathering is cancelled this year due to COVID-19.** Thank you for your understanding.

****OLP School Open House** There will be an open house for all six schools of the Erie Catholic School System on Sundays, February 21st and 28th from 12-2pm. Please consider Catholic education for your children's formation and know that there is some financial aid for those that the tuition is prohibitive. Registration is required, please see the back page of this bulletin for more information.

****Men's Conference** The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 27th from 9am-1pm**. Several parishes (including OLP) will host smaller groups of men who will participate virtually together and have an opportunity for Confession and Adoration as well. More information can be found in the bulletin. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards as well.

****Women's Conference** OLP will host the Annual Women's Conference on **Saturday, March 20th**. There is limited seating so make your reservation now to ensure a seat. More information can be found in the bulletin. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards.

****Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2021** The theme is "Forward Together." The work of our church takes more than the efforts of any one parish, school or ministry. Each diocesan office and ministry, serves our sprawling diocese. Some of these offices oversee Catholic schools, faith formation, charitable agencies, and, quite importantly, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. I strongly encourage you to read the Faith Magazine that you recently received which outlines all that the Diocese does and how our money is used. Please be assured that funding from the annual CSA is strictly designated for spending on the ministries and services coordinated through diocesan offices. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse scandal.

Also remember that every dollar raised over our assessment of $137,524 stays in our parish to fund different

projects. This year the project identified by our parish Properties Committee in conjunction with our Finance Council is the upgrading of our interior church lighting to LED. This will not only decrease our lighting expenses and improve our energy efficiency, it will also provide a brighter worship space. In order to fund this project our overall parish financial goal for CSA 2021 is $195,000. And I am glad to report that we have already raised $16,000 towards this goal through last year's "Erie Gives" effort. This leaves a remainder of $179,000 to reach our overall goal. Below is a summary:

Diocesan Assessment	$137,524
+Parish Project- Upgrade Church Lights	57,476
PARISH GOAL for CSA 2021	$195,000
-Erie Gives 2020 money raised	$16,000
Total needed to meet goal for CSA 2021	$179,000

Please prayerfully consider your response this year. Pledges can be made as a one time payment, twice a year or over a ten month period. Today is Commitment Sunday. You should have received a pledge envelope with our recent CSA mailing or pick up an envelope in the church. Please return your pledge card whether or not you are making a financial pledge to let me know you received it and are invested in our spiritual family. I truly appreciate all the sacrifices you and your family make for our parish and Diocesan Church.

St. Joe's Homeless Shelter Sign Up Info

This year, the St. Joseph/Bread of Life Overflow Shelter will be located on the second floor of the Mental Health Association (MHA), located at 1101 Peach St., Erie, PA 16501. **St. Joe's will be hosting the shelter beginning Wednesday, February 17th, at 7:00PM thru Wednesday, March 3rd, at 7:00AM**. You can sign up online with the Sign-Up Genius hyperlink below. You can also call, text, or email Shawn Tubbs (number below) if you have any questions. There are several time slots needing to be filled. All COVID-19 restrictions and information can be found on the Sign-Up Genius website.

Please note:

- We will only be providing dinners on these two Saturdays: February 20th and 27th. They are cold meals (e.g. sub sandwiches & chips) and must be bagged or boxed. We need volunteers who are willing to make the meals and deliver them to the MHA by 7PM. If you are interested please contact Shawn Tubbs.
- The Erie United Methodist Association will be providing paid volunteers for both the evening and early morning shifts. However, we need at least one volunteer for the 7-11PM evening shift, and two volunteers for the 11PM-3AM (late night) & 3-7AM (early morning shifts).
- Due to COVID-19, we are not permitted to have a standard clothing drive. We are accepting cash donations to be used for the 2 meals and for necessities. Please contact Diane in the office if you would be willing to make a cash donation, 452-2982.

Sign-Up Genius Link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044eacae2fa0fe3-ourneighbors

or text "Sign-Up" to 823-5520 to receive a Hyperlink to your phone

Shawn Tubbs cell: 814-823-5520 **Email:** pavecareserv@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the church.

February 14: Confirmation forms due: Bishop Letter Part 2

February 28: Final Bishop Letter and Service Hours paper

Remember that forms may be turned in before the due dates and can be dropped off in the church vestibule (in the box provided) or mailed to: Our Lady of Peace Church, Faith Formation Office, 2401 W 38th St., Erie, PA 16506

All forms can be found on our website under the Faith Formation tab at www.olp.org
For more info please contact Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director, at 838-9983 or Tammie.mang@olp.org

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Thursday, February 18th - Lenten Weekday

Friday, February 19th - Lenten Weekday

Saturday, February 20th - Lenten Weekday

Journey *through* Scripture Series St. Paul Center

Register for their free Lenten video series:
PAROUSIA The Bible and the Mass

Journey to the heart of the Mass beginning Ash Wednesday.

Visit: https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/

LENT AND CRS RICE BOWL

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Begin Your Journey, Ash Wednesday This Lent, we reflect on how caring for our neighbor is caring for Christ. **Read Matthew 25:431-40**, and write your Lenten promise on your CRS Rice Bowl. **Visit: crsricebowl.org.**

A Rice Bowl has been stapled to this bulletin.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Want envelopes

Ways to stay connected during this time:

As most of our communications will be by EMail please make sure the office has your current email.

We are sending weekly emails with updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life. Also visit our website: **www.olp.org**.

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we will use the App as well to communicate during this time.

To the right are directions for the App and how to log into FORMED, which is one of our greatest resources.

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Our OLP app is available to download for iPhone and Android smartphones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via FaceBook or Twitter. **Download the myParish app by texting APP to phone number 88202.** You will receive a reply with the app link to download. Once downloaded, select Our Lady of Peace, Erie, PA.

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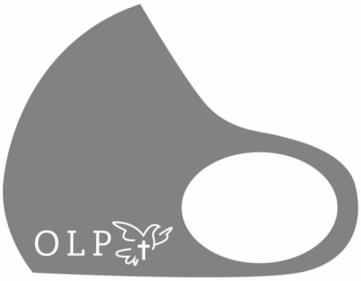

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2021 Men's & Women's Conferences

Both Conference's will offer in-person & Zoom format. Flyers are available on the OLP Bulletin Board

22:32 Men's Conference
At a Parish near you
Saturday, February 27, 2021
9:00AM to Noon

For more info, please contact Greg Sweigard at greg.sweigard@outlook.com or call 814-323-7841
Visit: **www.2232men.com**

1:38 Women's Conference
Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie
Saturday, March 20, 2021
9:00AM to Noon
Visit: **www.138women.com** for more info and to register

Happy Valentine's Day!

Erie City Mission Volunteers Needed

We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:
February 20; March 20
Time: 9:00AM to 1:30PM
Where: 11th & French St.
What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal
Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older
Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

Qualifies for service hours!

A Family Perspective

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "Good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

OLP Casserole Club benefiting Maria House Project

Anne Frank said, "No one has ever become poor by giving." One of the most common things said when people bring in a **casseroles** benefiting Maria House Project is, "Thanks for doing this." It seems like by the act of "giving" many are "receiving." Perhaps that's what Anne Frank meant.

Everyone involved with Maria House Project thanks you for all you have given for over ten years.

The February casseroles, benefiting Maria House Project, can be delivered to the Our Lady of Peace church social room (basement) on Saturday, February 20th, between 3:30 and 4:30pm. If you prefer another way, you can deliver it to our house by calling Skip or Dottie Glover at 814-440-3496 or email us at scottiedippy@gmail.com. If you bring the **casserole** to OLP all COVID procedures must be followed: face mask covering nose and mouth, and six foot distancing. The area will be sanitized before and after the event. You may also leave the **casserole** with the student in the office during the drop-off time.

FEAST OF FAITH — The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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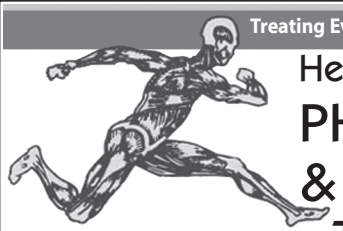
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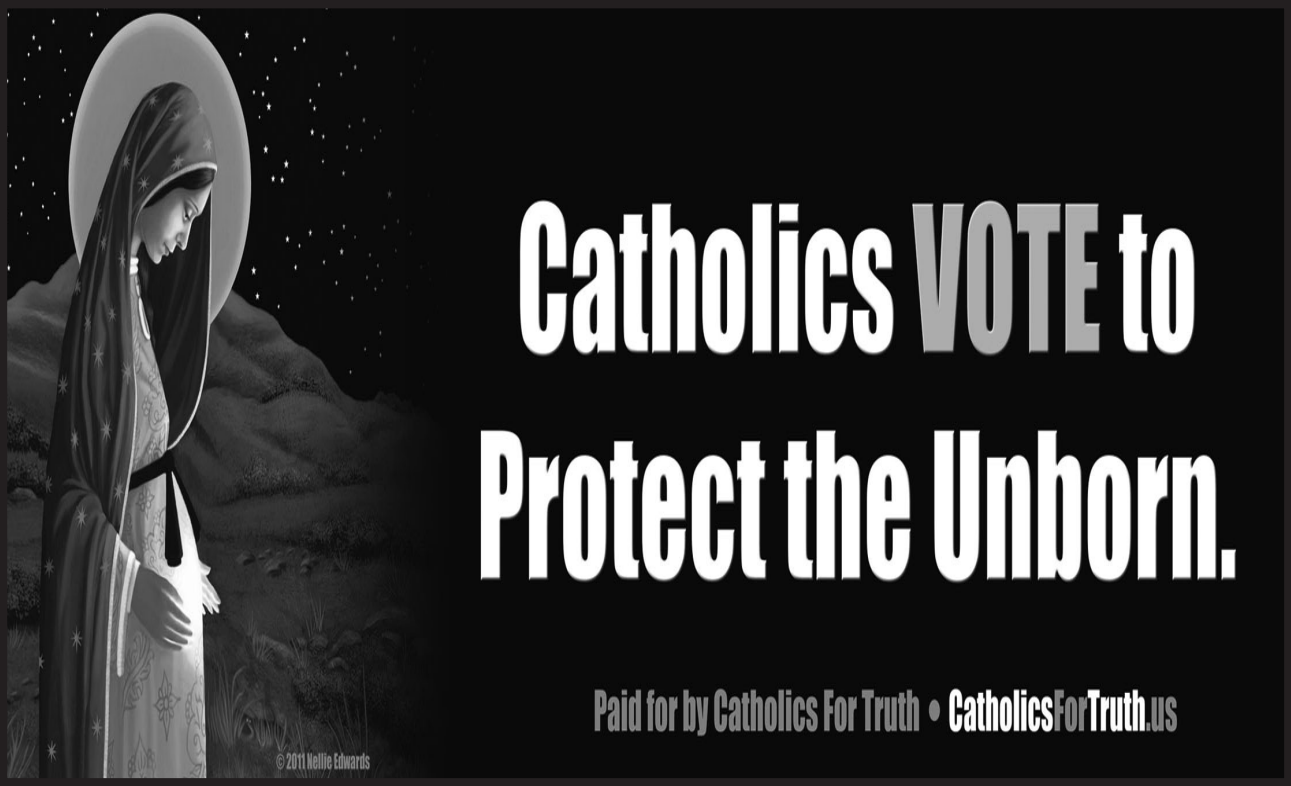

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