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RESPECT LIFE Monthly FOCUS:

**Violence/
Peace on Earth**

CHURCH TEACHING:

Catechism 2304

Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity."

PRAYER:

God have mercy on us as we refuse to follow your command of peace. Give your blessing to those who have died, their families, and to those who protect us through law enforcement. Lord Jesus we weep with you. Please use our prayers, hearts and hands to build peace in our families and in our world. Wherever in my heart there is a hint of violence and revenge, mercifully help me to a change of heart. Lord, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Amen."

- Archbishop Aymond

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

Dec 4 * Archdiocesan Anti-Human Trafficking Meeting at St. Edward's**

Dec 7 Catholic Medical Association meeting held at St. Angela Merici Church

Dec 9 Saint of the Month: St. Juan Diego Feast Day

Dec 9 * ST. ANTHONY'S NURSING HOME** – 2nd Saturday every month.

Meet after 8:30a Mass at **St. Edward's**. We pray for and visit residents who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.

Dec 10 God's Special Children Monthly Mass - 2p, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd
<http://www.godsspecialchildren.org>

Dec 16 Journeys of Mercy... For the Christmas season 3 buses will be traveling to the **Angola Correctional Facility & Raymond Laborde Correctional Facility & Rayburn Correctional Facility**. Ride on the bus as prayerful support for families visiting loved ones who are incarcerated. respectlife@arch-no.org

Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord of Life

***** EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30a - 10:30a:** Join a group from **St. Edward's to pray and witness** at the **ABORTION FACILITY at 2701 GEN. PERSHING** (near Baptist Hospital)

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE... 888-3737-888

Please be aware of the signs of trafficking... <http://polarisproject.org/recognize-signs>
It is better to report a suspicious incident & be wrong than to be right & say nothing

ANGELS' PLACE NEEDS RESPITE VOLUNTEERS to visit ill children in the hospitals & offer relief to caregivers. If you feel called to do this, please contact Mary at 504-455-2620 or maryk@angelsplacenola.org

The **Free Indeed Home is currently hiring women who feel called to work with the girls** they have in residence at the home. Part time or full time. Childcare experience preferred. The Free Indeed Home is a faith-based home. Please contact Beth at 985-373-4446 or beth@lacaht.org.

New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries & the Respect Life Office are collaborating on an unborn prayer garden in St. Patrick #1 Cemetery with a Rachel Weeping statue, a bench, and area of landscaping close to the area where CBIB babies are buried. This memorial garden is anticipated to be ready for our annual Prayer Service for the Unborn on January 22, 2018.

We welcome your donations toward this beautiful memorial! If you would like to donate, please email the Respect Life Office for more information... respectlife@arch-no.org.

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands,
No feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which
He looks with compassion on
this world,
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with
which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are
the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are His body.
Christ has no body now on
earth but yours.

Saint Teresa of Avila

**If you desire to use
your God-given**

IDEAS,

TIME,

TREASURE,

or

TALENT

**to help the Church in
areas of**

POVERTY, RACISM,

IMMIGRATION,

CRIMINAL JUSTICE,

HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

or any

RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,

Call Yvette at 874-9225

SAINT OF THE MONTH: SAINT JUAN DIEGO – DECEMBER 9

We come to you, dear Juan Diego, chosen messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We ask you now to be our messenger. Take this, our petition, to the throne of God, but take it first to our merciful Mother, and receive her approving sign. Then your voice will be magnified and will ring with the sweet authority of her own. May you intercede on our behalf and may blessings fall from heaven, as roses fell from your mantle and revealed to us Mary's sacred image painted there by the finger of God for us to cherish forever. Amen.

Juan Diego was born into an Aztec tribe in Cuauhtitlan, Mexico in 1474. His family and tribe were very poor. In 1524 he converted to Christianity and he spent long periods of time in prayer. In 1531, he began receiving the famous apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas, who imprinted an image of herself on his tilma – a poor Indian's cape, and instructed him to have the bishop build a church on the site of the apparition – now the Basilica of Our Lady of

Guadalupe, the second most visited church in the world, after St. Peter's in Rome. Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Juan Diego's cooperation, is said to be directly responsible for around 9 million conversions to Catholicism by the native Mexicans only 20 years after Christianity was brought to their land by the Spanish. Juan Diego died on May 30, 1548 and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in Mexico City on July 31, 2002.

