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RESPECT LIFE GATHERING FOCUS:

Death Penalty

Thursday August 17 at 7pm
Seelos Center at St. Alphonsus
919 Josephine Street
Speaker: Fr. Allan Weinert

CHURCH TEACHING:

CATECHISM of the Catholic Church: 2267

“Traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the *only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor.*

If non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means ...

cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity are very rare, if not practically nonexistent.”

PRAYER:

Merciful Father, we pray for all people, that their dignity may be respected and protected. We pray for victims of violence and their families. We pray for those on death row, that their lives may be spared, that the innocent may be freed and that the guilty may come seek reconciliation with you. We pray for the families of those who are facing execution, that they may be comforted by your love and compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- Aug 3** Catholic Medical Association meeting St. Angela Merici Church
- Aug 5** God's Special Children Monthly Mass - 2p, St. Francis Xavier, 444 Met. Rd
<http://www.godsspecialchildren.org>
- Aug 8** NOLA Interfaith Peace Initiative Prayer Service 6:30 p,
Sixth Baptist Church, 928 Felicity St.
- Aug 12** *** **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.
- Aug 17** Respect Life Gathering - Death Penalty – Seelos Center, St. Alphonsus, 7p
- Aug 19** Pro-Life Persuasion Crash Course 9 AM until 12:30 PM, Hosted by LA Right to Life, Lakeview Christian Center, 5885 Fleur De Lis Drive, N.O. Free & Lunch Served! RSVP at 504-835-6520.
- Aug 19** *****ST. JUDE COMMUNITY CENTER** 3rd Saturday of every month.
Feed the Poor. Meet 10a at **St. Edward's**.
- Aug 19** Journey of Mercy - **Bus to Dixon Correctional Facility** – Ride on the bus as prayerful support for families visiting loved ones who are incarcerated. Email respectlife@arch-no.org
- Aug 24** 40 Days for Life Launch Party 6p-8p, Blessed Trinity Church, 4230 S Broad
- Aug 27 & 28** Feast Days of our SAINTS of the MONTH: Africans Monica & Augustine
- Aug 29** Isaiah 43 Prayer Peace Walk, Visitation of Our Lady Parish, 3500 Ames
- Sept 9** Jazzed for Life! University of Holy Cross, Archbishop Emeritus Hughes will lead us in prayer. Theme this year: **Disabilities & End 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

Would you consider becoming a mentor to a child whose parent is incarcerated?

Please email the Respect Life Office for details about the **Mentors of Mercy** program at respectlife@arch-no.org Find out more about the Cornerstone Kids Mentoring Program here... <http://www.ccano.org/cornerstone/>

If someone is homebound or has difficulty attending events, ask them to join our

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE PRAYER TEAM!

EMAIL respectlife@arch-no.org or CALL 286-1119

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

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

ST. MONICA - AUGUST 27 and ST. AUGUSTINE – AUGUST 28

Monica, the daughter of a distinguished Christian family, was a Berber who grew up in what is now Algeria. She married a non-Christian who had a violent temper and who was unfaithful to her. Her son Augustine, did not share her religious devotion, and broke her heart by keeping a mistress, fathering an illegitimate son and joining the heretical Manichean sect. For 17 years Monica prayed for both her husband's and her son's conversions, and at last her prayers were answered. Her husband embraced the faith before he died. Augustine was baptized, ordained a priest, and eventually named bishop of Hippo in North Africa. A man of tremendous intellect and profound spiritual insight, Augustine became one of our greatest saints. Many believe he is the most influential theologian in the history of the Church, second only to St. Paul.



God of mercy and comfort of those in sorrow, the tears and prayers of St. Monica moved you to convert both her husband and son St. Augustine to the faith of Christ. Renew in your Church the spirit you gave them. Through their intercession, help us to turn from our sins, to find your loving forgiveness, and seek you alone as the fountain of wisdom and the source of eternal love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen