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This Month's Respect Life Gathering Focus:

Healing after Abortion
Monday May 7 at 6:30p

Speaker: Pam Richard

Hosted by:

St Alphonsus Church, 2030 Constance St, NO

Light refreshments provided

CHURCH TEACHING: Evangelium Vitae 99
The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy, you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.

PRAYER: by Fr. Frank Pavone
Lord of all Healing and Hope, hear our prayer today for our brothers and sisters who have lost children to abortion. Help us to be a living sign of your welcome, your mercy, and your healing. Console them with the sure hope that you love and care for their children, and may they look forward to all the good that you still have in store for them. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

HERE and AROUND the ARCHDIOCESE...

- May 5 *** **School ProLife Meeting, 10:30am – 1pm - Cafeteria**
- May 6 *** **Blessing of Expectant Mothers, 10am Mass**
- May 6 **God's Special Children** monthly Mass, 2p at St. Francis Xavier, 444 Metairie Rd
- May 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 have been identified as those who do not get many visitors. Call 874-9225 for info.
- May 18, 19, 20 **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-abortion Healing**
- May 19 *** **St. Jude** - 3rd Saturday every month. Meet 10am in front of church to carpool to feed the homeless at St. Jude's.
- May 22 **Saint of the Month Feast Day:** St. Rita of Cascia from Italy

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

- **For more info on post-abortion healing:** <http://respectlife.arch-no.org/healing-after-abortion>
- The **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Team** is looking for a **licensed professional counselor** who has skills with trauma care. Please spread the word. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net.
- **We are always in need of groups or individuals who would like to sponsor one of the women who will make our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.** The total cost to sponsor a retreatant is \$190. Sponsorships can be full or partial & can be made at any time. Please consider undertaking this beautiful work of mercy, & contact the respectlife@arch-no.org to arrange it.
- You can view the **Adoption documentary "I Lived on Parker Avenue"** that documents the story of LSU law student David Scotton's trip to meet his biological parents at <https://www.ilivedonparkerave.com>
- **Have You Lost a Child through Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Or Abortion?** N.O. Catholic Cemeteries is offering the opportunity for families to memorialize their lost babies by name with a bronze plaque. Contact nolacatholiccemeteries.org/holy-innocents-plaques
- **Woman's New Life Center in New Orleans is looking for a nurse to work 2 days per week.** Bilingual is HUGE plus. If interested, contact Allison at amillet@womansnewlife.com
- Archbishop Aymond recently prepared a statement on **Capital Punishment**. You can view it at <https://youtu.be/MvPjPPKkVdU>

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

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SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Rita of Cascia – May 22

Rita was born in Roccaporena, Italy in 1381 of elderly parents. Although she desired to become a nun, her parents arranged a marriage for her at age 12, to an older man, who was abusive, prone to gambling, and a member of a feuding and violent clan. Rita's patience, obedience, fidelity and charity converted her husband before he was murdered. Her prayer also saved their two sons who wanted to avenge their father's death. After several years as a widow, she was able to persuade the Augustinian nuns at Cascia to allow her to join them. She was devoted to the Passion of Christ and received a bleeding wound in her forehead from the crucified Christ

to share in his suffering. Rita died on May 22, 1457. She is the patron saint of widows, abuse victims, the lonely, those experiencing marriage difficulties, and impossible cases. Her feast day is May 22.



Saint Rita, God gave you to us as an example of charity and patience and offered you a share in the Passion of His Son. May your example encourage me to carry my own Cross patiently and to live a holier life. By serving God as you did, may I please Him with my faith and my actions. In your kindness, hear my prayer and ask God to grant me this particular request if it be His Will: (Mention your request). May your prayers help me to live in fidelity to my calling as you did and bring me to the deeper love of God and my neighbor until I reach eternal life in heaven. Amen.