

# Pro-Life Ministry Committee Description and Responsibilities

## Introduction:

St. Raphael's Parish Human Concerns Committee has decided to form a Pro-Life Ministry. We want to demonstrate our parish's commitment to protecting the infinite dignity of every human being. Infinite Dignity means every person has an inalienable worthiness. This worthiness cannot be taken away because it is part of their essence as provided by God.

*"God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness'..." (Genesis 1:26-27)*

Pope Francis emphasizes how important it is we embrace this belief affirming *"the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

## Definition of Pro-Life

The "Infinite Dignity" declaration by the Pope helps guide us toward a comprehensive definition for pro-life. The inalienable God given dignity commands us to consider all human life as precious regardless of the physical development or stage of the life.

*"...being truly pro-life means A) believing in and respecting the dignity of the human person and B) acting on this attitude in one's day-to-day life and interactions and, where possible, one's social and political life."*

## Mission of a Pro-Life Ministry (purpose or reason of being)

With all this in mind, the Human Concerns Committee members are motivated to create a formal pro-life strategy and action plan to protect and promote human dignity. The committee members want your help.

The mission of the Pro-Life Ministry will be to create a culture in the St. Raphael's Parish that embraces the definition of pro-life and influences others to demonstrate support for the infinite dignity of every human in every action and word.

We need your help to form a ministry to create and implement a sustainable action plan in cooperation with the Human Concerns Committee and the Parish Council.

## Vision (picture of a perfect future state of being)

The vision of the Pro-Life Ministry is for every parishioner to exemplify a pro-life commitment in every word and action every day.

## Strategy/Responsibilities (priorities)

The strategy of the Pro-Life Ministry will be:

- Continuously and frequently communicate the infinite dignity belief in their every word and deed.
- Identify specific actions parishioners can take to demonstrate their commitment to infinite dignity of all life.
- Implement actions which will influence parishioners to act.
- Identify collaborators who can facilitate the strategy.
- Work with parish leadership to ensure actions are consistent with spiritual guidance.

To learn more about how to help save lives on the Pro-Life Ministry, please fill out the form below and send to or call Wally Hauck (Chair of Human Concerns) email: [wally@wallyhauck.com](mailto:wally@wallyhauck.com) Phone: 203-874-8484

You can also place the form in the collection baskets.

***Yes, I want to protect infinite dignity:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_