

1.8.2022

## LIFE

### Follow the Gospel and Choose Life

We are being called as Men of Christ to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in an imperfect and broken world. The gravity of our duty as Men of Christ, offers us an invitation to renew and rekindle Christ-based Masculinity.

This morning, we are discussing the Sanctity of Life and how we play a role in that Blessing. Current studies have shown that nine out of 10 women who have had an Abortion would likely have given birth instead of murdering their unborn baby IF the father had offered support. It makes a huge difference when men in her life affirm a pregnant woman by telling her she will be a great mother.

## MOLECH WORSHIP

THE RITUAL SACRIFICE OF CHILDREN TO A PAGAN GOD IS THE MOST REPULSIVE OF ACTS



Church Leaders have finally come forward and boldly stated that men have been silenced on the issue of Abortion. Unfortunately, our Modern Culture has framed the Question of Abortion to be considered only a "Woman's Issue." It is not uncommon to hear that men should NOT have a voice on the issue because our Secular Culture has delineated and defined it wrongly as a woman's choice alone.

Science is catching up with Scripture. The secrets of the Unborn Child in the womb are being revealed earlier and earlier in pregnancy, whereby the Child in danger is indeed clearly recognized as a Baby. As we toil to further God's Work, in the future, Abortion will not only no longer be Legal, but it will be considered Unthinkable.



The premeditated Murder of the Unborn Child weakens the foundation of society. It harkens the full acceptance of this barbarity, brutality and savagery. It is a prelude to the eventual tolerance and acceptance of Euthanasia. As Civil Society is weakened in this way, every structure built upon that foundation will fail.

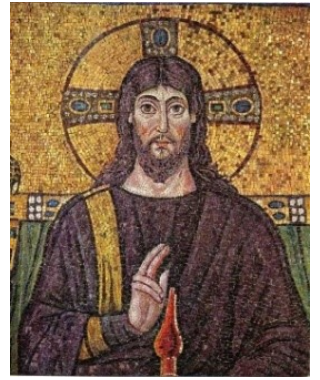
How do men feel about this? What does the battle for a Family's Soul entail? What are some of the key threats to healthy family life today? In what ways do some men "retreat from the battlefield altogether" in this struggle for family?

This morning we are going to view a video outlining what engagement is needed today to counter the barbarity of Abortion and reestablish Family to its Scripture inspired position. May God Bless us and all men with the strength and energy to do what is needed to restore traditional Christian Family Values. Amen.

## **Holy Scripture**

### **Genesis 1:27-28 – Male and Female, Created in the Image of God**

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.



### **Psalm 139:13-16 – Each Person is Formed by God**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

The Word of the Lord

## **Catechism**

### **CCC 2202 – The Family in God's Plan**

A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated.



### **Modern Comment**

### **LIFE - Follow the Gospel and Choose Life Why Men must stand up for Life.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INTO THE BREACH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xTaNI68gL8>

“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live.”  
Pope John Paul II

**A Man's presence and mission in the family is irreplaceable.  
Let's look at How Men Can Make a Difference in Six Steps**

**1. Enhanced Mission Statement:** As I watched this month's video, it reminded me that the most important thing I will ever do is help my family achieve Heaven. What is the alternative?

**2. Pray for your family:** Make a commitment to pray for your family each and every day. Take time and make a Special Occasion to Bless your children. Consecrate your wife and children to the Holy Mother and St Joseph.

**3. Keep the Sabbath Holy:** Attend Mass as a family, thus setting the example for behavior on Sundays and Holy Days. Exercise the regular habit of going to the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation provides a Great Example of your Fidelity to God.

**4. Make yourself relevant to your family:** Strive to keep a healthy balance between family involvement and work involvement.

**5. Ask for forgiveness when appropriate:** It is easy to make misjudgments that can lead to anger, speaking unkindly to children and their mother, breaking promises or displaying some other bad example.

**6. Protect children and grandchildren from our secular society:**

Avoid exposure of young people to harmful social media, television and internet material.



**Questions to Focus on:**

1. As Christian Men, how can we Defend the Sanctity of Life? This includes Abortion, Euthanasia and Capital Punishment? Explain.

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2. What can you do to show Affirmation to an expectant and single mother? What are some practical actions you can help with?

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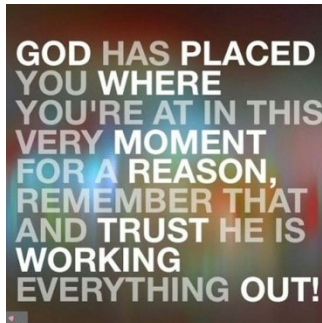


## Men's Group Calendar

**A Man who never quits is Never Defeated. We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.**

1/21/2022	Leadership Meet	9:30 AM Meeting Room 1
<b>2/12/2022</b>	<b>MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
2/25/2022	Leadership Meet	9:30 AM Meeting Room 1
<b>3/12/2022</b>	<b>MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
3/25/2022	Leadership Meet	9:30 AM Meeting Room 1
<b>4/9/2022</b>	<b>MEN'S GROUP</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>

**NOTE: A Rosary starts in the Reservation Chapel immediately following the meeting.**



## TWO VERY POWERFUL PRAYERS TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT SATAN

### The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do we come; before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. Amen.



### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruination of souls. Amen.





Church of the Nativity  
Bethlehem, Israel 2017

Foregiveness is a Gift that we give first to ourselves then to the other.  
Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts.  
Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love & serve one another.  
It is not about us, it is about reaching out in love.  
Go to the Author of Life.  
Go to the Sacraments of Confession & Communion often.



**Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing. Come dwell in my heart.**

**Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.**

**Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Give them your Joy, Peace and Mercy. Where there is doubt, release in them renewed confidence in the Holy Spirit. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.**

**You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.  
Amen. And AMEN.**

