

For Parents...

Respect for All Life

Today your child learned...What The Church Teaches....

- Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God.
 - All people possess the human dignity that comes from being made in God's image, and we do not have the right to take that life away from others or ourselves.
 - The fifth Commandment reminds us that the respect for life is owed to every person.
- Human life is sacred – it is a gift from God.
 - We have a responsibility to honor and protect life at all states, from conception to old age.
 - All human life is sacred, including the life of the unborn and the elderly.
- Each person is the reflection of God among us. Because we are made in God's likeness, we see God in each other.
 - We are all equal in God's eyes. We must respect every person regardless of race, gender, age or economic status because they are a child of God.
- We respect the dignity of the human person by respecting the rights of others, taking care of ourselves physically and emotionally, and not abusing ourselves or others.
 - Our bodies are “temples of the Holy Spirit” meaning that God lives within each of us. We must respect our bodies by eating right, exercising, staying away from drugs and keeping appropriate boundaries.
- Jesus asks us to have peace in our hearts, not anger.
 - Anger can lead people to say and do things that hurt the lives of others and their own lives.
- The Catholic Church teaches that issues such as the death penalty, abortion, and mercy killing are almost always wrong. Alternatives, such as life in prison without parole, adoption and dying with dignity are preferred.