

# Culture of Life Ministry



Our mission is to provide educational opportunities and resources to inform our parish community, according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, on the sacredness, value, and respect of every human being from the very first moment of creation until death, in order to tirelessly defend the dignity of every human being as a gift from God.

We welcome everyone of all ages, single, married, moms, dads, grandparents. We will meet every 2nd Saturday of month at 9.30am (not mandatory to attend). If you are interested in being part of our St Mary Magdalene Culture of Life Team or wish to attend the meeting, please email: [life@stmarymagonline.org](mailto:life@stmarymagonline.org) for more information. We have asked all those interested to fill out our [Culture of Life Team Survey](#) so we can get to know you.

## Our Three Areas of Focus

Prolife/Abortion/Post Abortive Healing	Culture of Life Education	Death Penalty and Restorative Justice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Resources for Pregnant Women and Parents</a></li> <li><a href="#">Birthline of San Diego County</a></li> <li><a href="#">Rachel's Hope – San Diego</a></li> <li><a href="#">40 Day for Life – San Diego</a></li> <li><a href="#">Walking with Moms In Need</a></li> <li><a href="#">Live the Gospel of Life</a> Website</li> <li><a href="#">Mother Daughter Guide to Fertility Awareness</a> created by Couple to Couple League</li> <li><a href="#">Natural Womanhood</a> website</li> <li><a href="#">Rachel's Vineyard</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">ETWN List of Pro-Life Books</a></li> <li><a href="#">Persuasive Pro Life: How to Talk About Our Culture's Toughest Issue</a> by Trent Horn</li> <li><a href="#">Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) Compendium</a> by Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities</li> <li><a href="#">Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) Study Guide</a> to be used with compendium or full encyclical text</li> <li><a href="#">Pro-Life Prayers</a></li> <li><a href="#">USCCB Pro-Life Rosary Prayer Intentions</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">San Diego Diocese Restorative Justice Program</a></li> <li><a href="#">California Catholic Conference Restorative Justice</a> Website</li> <li><a href="#">What is Restorative Justice?</a> (Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange)</li> <li><a href="#">Books and Resources on Restorative Justice</a></li> <li><a href="#">Resources for families affected by crimes</a></li> </ul>

## At a Glance Calendar of Culture of Life Activities

<b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">9 days for Life Novena</a></li> <li>March for Life (various locations)</li> <li>Walk for Life West Coast</li> <li>1/22 (or 1/23) <a href="#">Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children</a></li> <li>1/23 – Roe v. Wade Anniversary (<a href="#">action guide</a>)</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> <li><a href="#">National Human Trafficking Prevention Month</a></li> </ul>	<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">40 Days for Life</a> (always follows Lent leading up to Easter)</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>
<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">St. Gianna Novena</a></li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> <li>4/18 – National Crime Victims' Rights Week</li> <li><a href="#">Child Abuse Prevention Month</a></li> </ul>	<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>
<b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> <li><a href="#">40 Days for Life</a> – begins 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</li> </ul>
<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Respect for Life Month</a></li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>	<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Collection for Birthline</li> </ul>

*St. John Paul II famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is “false and illusory.”*