

How Do We Create a Culture of Life within the Church?



To fully understand our role in creating a Culture of Life, we must first consider our own identity and worth, what is the source of our dignity? The answer: *“We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son”* (John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002). Knowing how deeply loved we are by our God, draws us closer to God, and propels us to share his love with others. It is our missionary call.

How do we meet the call? When someone is facing trials, we meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them and be open to sharing Christ’s love however He directs. This includes a woman who becomes pregnant, family member or friend becomes seriously ill or someone who is experiencing a loss, is alone and sad, we walk lovingly with each one of them. We need to assure them that God loves them, and we will be consistently with them every step of the way.

Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be close to Jesus – the source of joy and love. Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

Spend some time thinking about: What are practical ways you and your family can live out the Culture of Life every day? How can we build it in our communities? If you have ideas that you wish to share with the Culture of Life ministry, [please contact us!](#)