

# LIFE LETTER SPRING 2020

## ROSARIES FOR LIFE: WITNESS THE SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE: MONTH OF MAY

Join our St. Matthew family for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Rosaries for Life campaign, a prayerful way of promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Everyone is invited to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to pray together.

During this challenging time of the coronavirus, what better way to pray to our Blessed Mary than to pray a rosary. We can ask Mary to heal those affected by the virus and those caring for them. We can pray that the people of our great nation will show hope, gratitude, patience, love, kindness, and forgiveness toward each other.

You and your family can pray the rosary in your home, at work, or at play. Recite as many rosaries as you can during May. Our goal for St. Matthew is 10,000 rosaries prayed during the 31 days of May. Let us all pray together that we become witnesses to the culture of life and that the battle against this “invisible enemy” will be won.

1. Pray your rosaries during May.
2. Go to [rosary.count@gmail.com](mailto:rosary.count@gmail.com) and record the number of rosaries prayed. We can do it!

### Did you know?

1. **Physician-assisted suicide (active euthanasia)**  
Voluntary termination of one’s own life by taking lethal medication with the direct or indirect assistance of a physician. It is legal in Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Montana, District of Columbia, Hawaii, New Jersey and Maine.
2. **Choose Life license plates** are available through the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. This specialty plate makes a prominent pro-life statement and also provides additional funding for pregnancy centers. The cost is \$55. Go to [www.ncdot.gov](http://www.ncdot.gov).
3. **In 2018, at least 42 percent of abortions in North Carolina were chemical abortions.** It is called the abortion pill or RU-486: a two pill process. Women are given the first pill to deprive their babies of nutrients. It is hoped that this will kill the baby. Then they take the second pill that causes contractions –labor to expel the starved-to-death baby. This is typically done at home. (North Carolina Right to Life Feb. 2019)
4. **St. Roch:** a powerful patron saint against plagues. He lived during the 14<sup>th</sup> Century in Italy when there was a devastating plague. “He devoted himself to the plague-stricken, curing them with the sign of the cross. Everywhere the terrible scourge disappeared before his miraculous power.” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*)



### PLANNED PARENTHOOD: SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

1. “Planned Parenthood is by far the largest abortion provider in the U.S. In 2018, Planned Parenthood performed 345,672 abortions.”
2. “Planned Parenthood promotes risky RU-486 abortions that have killed young women.” “By the end of 2018, the FDA had counted 4,195 adverse events, including 24 deaths, 97 ectopic pregnancies, 599 cases of blood loss requiring transfusions, and (in addition to deaths) 1,042 hospitalizations after RU-486 abortions.”
3. “Planned Parenthood provides 25 times more abortions than birth-oriented services or referrals for adoption. So 96 percent of Planned Parenthood’s services dealing with pregnancy are abortions.”
4. “Planned Parenthood fights even modest laws to reduce or regulate abortions. These include: 1) laws to ensure a woman’s informed consent, allowing her to view an ultrasound before the abortion, or provide a waiting period for her to consider her decision. 2) parental consent or notification before a minor daughter decides to have an abortion. 3) bans on gruesome partial-birth abortion or other late term abortions. 4) health and safety regulations for abortion facilities. 5) requiring abortion practitioners to have admitting privileges at a hospital in case of complications.”
5. “Nonprofit Planned Parenthood reaps enormous revenues: \$1.64 billion in the year ending June 30, 2019, netting \$110.5 million over expenses.”  
~Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: USCCB  
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April 28 is the feast day of St. Gianna Beretta Mollo  
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