

WORD OF LIFE: FEBRUARY 2019

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FEATURED THIS MONTH...

February 7–14, 2019: National Marriage Week

February 10, 2019: World Marriage Day



The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth offers many resources to assist you in your efforts.

- [Flyer](#)
- [Prayer for Married Couples](#)
- [Preaching Resource: World Marriage Sunday](#)
- [Prayer Intentions](#)
- [2019 Virtual Marriage Retreat](#)

Additional resources and online events can be found at www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week and on the [USCCB website](#).

Related Pro-Life Resources

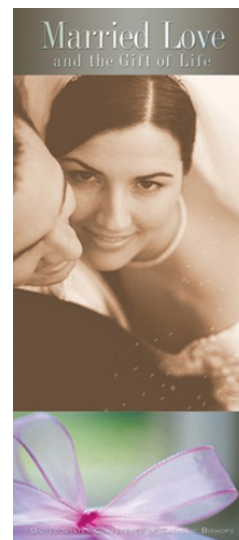
[Healing within Marriage from an Abortion](#)



[Seven Considerations while Navigating Infertility](#)



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Intercessions for Life

February 3rd

For new and expecting mothers and fathers:
May they lovingly accept and welcome
the gift of their new child,
who was formed in the womb by the hand of God;
We pray to the Lord:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10th

For all who are imprisoned,
especially those sentenced to death:
That they may have the ears to hear
the Lord's ceaseless call
and know of His endless mercy and love;
We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17th

For our nation and our lawmakers:
That we may continually strive for laws that lead our
country towards blessedness and remind us of our
necessary reliance on and trust in God;
We pray to the Lord:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24th

For abortion healing ministries:
That through their service,
our kind and merciful Lord will reach hurting hearts
with healing and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

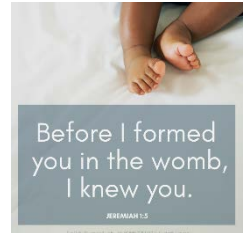
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin Quotes

February 3rd

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5).

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February 10th

“When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”
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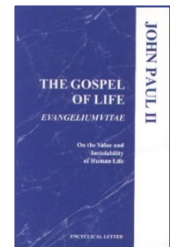


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February 17th

“Called to serve the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 90.
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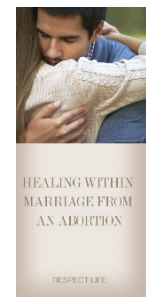
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February 24th

“Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).”

“Healing within Marriage from an Abortion”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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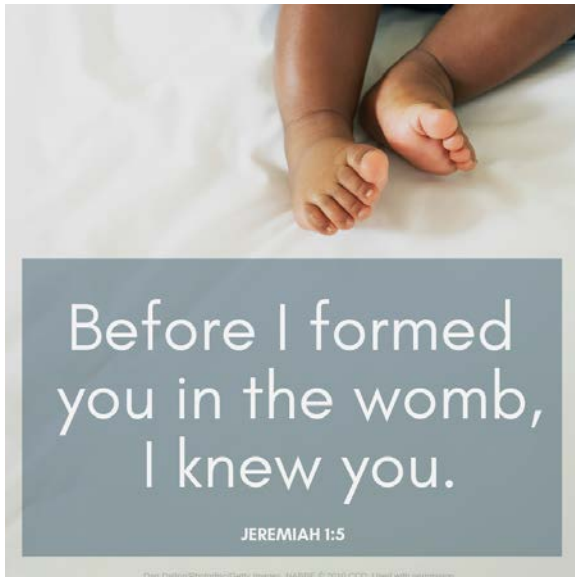
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