

WORD OF LIFE: JUNE 2019

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Featured this Month...



Religious Freedom Week: Strength in Hope

June 22–29, 2019

Religious Freedom Week 2019: Strength in Hope takes place June 22 – 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This year's Religious Freedom Week is also

notable in that it includes the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

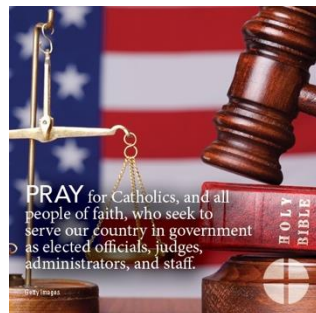
Many resources are available to help the faithful **pray, reflect, and take action** on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

These materials include the following:

1. [Bulletin Insert](#)
2. **Lectionary Notes**
 - [Sunday, June 23, 2019: Solemnity of Corpus Christi](#)
 - [Sunday, June 30, 2019: Sunday before Independence Day](#)
3. [Graphics](#)
4. [Promotional Video](#) (2-3 minutes)
5. [Pray-Reflect-Act Series](#)

A one-pager features a different topic each day of Religious Liberty Week. These materials help people learn about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, pray about particular issues, and act on what they learn

All materials are available at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek. (Spanish-language versions are available for most resources on the same webpage.)



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Intercessions for Life

June 2nd

For all children in the womb:
May they be seen as gifts from the Father,
and gifts for the world;
We pray to the Lord:

The Ascension of the Lord (or in some places: Seventh Sunday of Easter)

June 9th

For newly confirmed Catholics:
May they be open to the Holy Spirit
and courageously stand for the protection of all human life;
We pray to the Lord:

Pentecost Sunday

June 16th

For work towards medical and scientific advancement:
May God's Spirit of truth guide these efforts,
that discoveries may never come at the expense of human
life;
We pray to the Lord:

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 23rd

For all who are persecuted because of their faith:
May they be freed from persecution and violence,
and find safety, refuge, and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 30th

For our nation and our civic leaders:
May they respect the right to live out our Faith
and support laws and policies that protect human life;
We pray to the Lord:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin Quotes

June 2nd

“By 18 weeks in your mother’s womb, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.”

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[“Another Look at Abortion”](#)

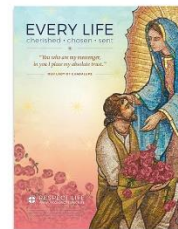


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June 9th

“You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust.”
- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

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June 16th

“Each [IUI and IVF] procedure involved living human beings— individuals with unique DNA, who deserve to be treated with the dignity of human persons. ... They should no more be frozen or disposed of like laboratory waste than the rest of us. They bear—as all human beings do—the image and likeness of God, the Father of all.”

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[“Life Matters: Reproductive Technology”](#)



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June 23rd

“Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Bulletin Insert: Religious Freedom Week 2019”



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June 30th

“The purpose of freedom is that we might be servants of one another. Life in the Spirit is always oriented toward love and service for others.”

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[Lectionary Notes:](#)
[June 30, 2019](#)

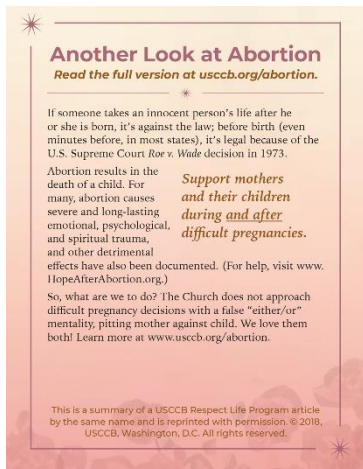
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Bulletin Art

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Sunday, June 2nd, 2019

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- Additional formats (Word, Publisher) of the bulletin box are also [available online](#).
- “Another Look at Abortion” (full article): [Order](#) | [Download](#)



Sunday, June 23rd, 2019

- Image: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Pray-Reflect-Act](#) for Sunday, June 23, 2019



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