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Date: August 19, 2024
To: Clergy
From: Joey Martineck, director of Respect Life Ministry; Office of Life Dignity and Justice
Re: Oct 6, Respect Life Sunday, homily helps

October 6 is Respect Life Sunday (always the first Sunday in October). I would strongly encourage each parish to focus that weekend's homily on respecting life. The USCCB Pro-life Secretariat provides annual [homily helps](#) for October Respect Life Month, which are available in English and Spanish.

Sometimes priests are reluctant to speak about this topic. I encourage you to speak from the pulpit, but always include a message of mercy. See [homily considerations for healing after abortion](#).

Note: In the Archdiocese of Atlanta, we have [PATH: Post Abortion Treatment and Healing](#). Also, you may want to take the opportunity to promote [PAC: Pregnancy Aid Clinic](#), which serves women in need.

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