

October 11, 2020

From Fr. Jim . . .

Respect Life: On October 4, throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we celebrate Respect for Life. Traditionally and annually, the Church celebrates this on the first Sunday in October. Our lives and our sharing fully in the life and love of God is a tremendous gift. We are all stewards of this tremendous gift. God entrusts this great gift of life to each of us. We are to give care to this gift of life always with respect and dignity and to image our Creator.

The Church teaches that there is a consistent theory of human life – that proper stewardship of God’s gift of human life involves giving the proper care and love for life beginning in the womb and continuing to the tomb. And within this continuum, human life is not to be abused, denied or taken away. Therefore, as Christians and as the Church of God in the world today, we need to be concerned with the major issues of our day that challenge the respect, dignity and care that all life, on all levels deserves and desires. Issues such as abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, sexual abuse, child abuse, spousal abuse, war, proper health care for everyone, treatment and care for the elderly, the death penalty and what else can we include? The continuum of life requires respect, dignity, protection, and rights for life on all its levels at all times. The responsibility of stewarding this incredible gift to us is never ending, always challenging and at the same time wonderful.

I believe being good stewards of all of God’s creation means living the great commandment to the best of our ability: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. This, too, is a continuous straight line and not a hierarchy of values. Therefore, one can’t really love God without loving neighbor and self and one can’t really love neighbor without loving God and self and one can’t love self appropriately without love for neighbor and God. So, too, dignity and respect and love for God’s life are continuous along the entire spectrum of life.

Included in our call to be good stewards of God’s life and love is the proper care for our planet. We are blessed to enjoy it and to preserve it for future generations to enjoy. Therefore, as Christians and as the Church of God, we also need to be concerned about the issues of our day that threaten to destroy our planet. Such issues include pollution, global warming, shrinking rainforests, overconsumption and the lack of recycling.

We thank God for entrusting us to care for the life of all creation. We rejoice in the blessings that we receive from treating all life with respect and dignity. We ask for God’s healing, forgiveness and guidance for the times when we don’t steward God’s life well. We continue to work to promote the gift of God’s life on all levels and celebrate the growth of God’s people as they mature in faith. We pray, too, for God’s protection over our lives and the life God entrusts to our care. May all the peoples praise you, oh God. May all the peoples with all your creation sing your praises for the marvels of your life and love. Amen. Alleluia!

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ’s love to those most forgotten around the world. What will your answer be? “Here I Am, Send Me” is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can give online at <https://www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties>, or mail a check made payable to "Mission Office," to 100 East Eighth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Many thanks for your support!

St. Leo Church, a multi-cultural urban parish in North Fairmount, is hiring a part-time, 3-day a week, 9am-3pm, Receptionist/Office Worker. Telephone communication skills required. Knowledge of computer & light bookkeeping, accuracy, and good organization necessary. Interviews will be conducted virtually. Email resume to: stleocinti@aol.com.

Many thanks to our St. Leo Food Pantry Monthly Overhead Sponsor for October: Generous Anonymous Donor



Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you would like a copy of St. Leo’s 2019-2020 Fiscal Report.

October 25th: Su Casa Baby Item Give-Away/Flu Shots, 1-4:00pm

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

All events, classes, and meetings at St. Leo’s are canceled until further notice.

Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:

RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rcc%20st%20leo%20church%20cincinnati&epa=SEARCH_BOX

Mass Times: Wednesday-11:30am, Thursday-7:00pm, Saturday-6:00pm, Sunday-10:30 am

You are invited to visit St. Leo Church to pray in the sanctuary, or to use the computers in Centennial Hall by appointment only. Fr. Jim is happy to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment only. Please call the office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:30pm to make your appointment.

You can read the Sunday bulletin at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin

You can read Fr. Jim’s letter at:

www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim

You can make your Sunday Offering at:

www.saint-leo.org/DonateNow or, you can drop off your Sunday Offering in the slot in the back door of the rectory, or you can mail your Sunday Offering to: St. Leo the Great Church 2573 St. Leo Place, Cincinnati, OH 45225

For more information: visit our website at: www.saint-leo.org

Or visit our Facebook page at: St. Leo the Great Catholic Church.

Maintenance Technician Needed St. Leo the Great Church is seeking a full-time, self-motivated, maintenance technician for a one-person department to oversee and perform all aspects of maintenance for all parish properties in a safe and effective manner. 40 hour per week, Monday through Friday. Must be able to lift and move heavy objects, have a valid driver’s license, possess necessary janitorial skills, and general knowledge of janitorial supplies and their applications. Must have some knowledge of: plastering, masonry, carpentry, electrical repair, plumbing repair, painting repair, etc. Must be able to respond to on-call or emergency situations within 45 minutes. Upholds the objectives of St. Leo the Great Parish as written in the parish mission statement. Healthcare and retirement benefits provided. Please email your resume to: stleocinti@aol.com.