Respect Life Sunday

The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared that the first Sunday of October is to be dedicated to the theme of Respect for Life. This year, the bishops have expanded that call, asking that we observe the entire month of October as a time for reflection on the value of all life. So let us begin that reflection today with this essay.

Jesus tells us in St. John’s Gospel that he came to give life:

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

This same theme is beautifully expanded in the encyclical letter of Blessed John Paul II, entitled “The Gospel of Life.” In the opening paragraph, he writes:

The human person is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase.

The consequence of realizing the inestimable value of human life is expressed powerfully in “The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council:”

Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or wilful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others like them are infamies indeed. They poison human society, and they do more harm to those who practise them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonour to the Creator. (Paragraph 27)

This respect for life must be extended to all, even to our enemies, as Jesus laid down in the Sermon on the Mount:

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:43-44)

Hatred, bigotry, and anger form the dark nucleus of violence. It is the on-going challenge of the disciple to root out these tendencies that have brought so much sorrow to so many. As disciples of Jesus, we must refrain from violence in all its forms, whether by word or by action:

You have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment’. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment. (Matthew 5:21-22)

Respect for all life further urges us to work hard to do away with capital punishment in our country. As Blessed John Paul II puts it quite clearly in his encyclical on the Gospel of Life, when speaking of the punishment meted out to criminals for the security of society and the general good:

It is clear that, for these purposes to be achieved, the nature and extent of the punishment must be carefully evaluated and decided upon, and ought not to go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity: in other words, when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society. Today however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent. (Paragraph 56)

We live in a world today where the headlines at home and abroad remind us that, for too many people in too many places, there is little respect for life. This Sunday offers us an opportunity to reflect on what is wrong and what we can do to correct the flaws in our own life and values, and what actions can further a greater respect in our world.

- Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, S.J.
Associate Pastor
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th
Sunday Social. 8:30 PM. Wallace Hall.
Hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults.
Follows the 7:30 PM Mass. Details on pg. 3.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th
Ranger Rosary Ministry. 7:00 PM.
Meeting Room. Join us in making rosaries to
send to our military. New members are welcome!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Shelter
Information Session. 7:00 PM. Wallace Hall.
Details below.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7:00 PM. Conference Room. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th
Ignatian Volunteer Corps Information
Session. 10:00 AM. Meeting Room.
Details at right.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Calling All Volunteers:
Shelter Information Session
Monday, October 7th
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in Wallace Hall
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will once again be sponsoring a women's shelter every other weekend in Wallace Hall from November through April. The shelter season begins the weekend of November 8th – 10th.

If you think that you might be interested in this ministry to the homeless, please join us for the information session. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to welcoming you.

For more information,
email svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

Click the link on our homepage,
stignatiusloyola.org, to read the
Antonio Spadaro, S.J., interview
with Pope Francis.

For your convenience...
To reach the Giving page on the parish website, scan the QR Code at left with your smartphone’s camera.

EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on Tuesday evening, October 15th, in the Parish Lounge, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are facilitated by experienced facilitators.

Registration is required.

COMPASSIONATE CARE TRAINING

A four-week program that prepares ministers who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

Thursday evenings:
October 31st, November 7th & 21st, December 5th
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Lounge

For information and to register for either the Emmaus Bereavement Support Group or the Compassionate Care ministry, please contact Sr. Kathryn King at the Parish House or email kingk@saintignatiusloyola.org

Thursday Evening Prayer Group
An opportunity to continue group support for those who have made the Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat.
Meets monthly from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

For information and registration, contact John Vernon at j.venron@me.com

Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Information Session
Thursday, October 10th
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
Meeting Room

IVC is an organization of men and women who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others. Volunteers commit two days per week to working directly with those who are economically poor and marginalized or with organizations that address issues that affect the poor.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact IVC Regional Director Liz McMahon at 201-618-6924 or emcmahon@ivcusa.org

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Join other Catholic singles (50+) for a

**Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise**
Saturday, October 19th
(Rain date: October 26th)
Sit back and take in the sights as we cruise along the majestic Hudson River and head to Cold Spring-on-Hudson. There will be a 3½ hour stop-over in Cold Spring.

Cost: $60 per person
For more information, call 646-241-1332 or visit www.boomersandbeyondnyc.com

**All couples and singles (50+) are invited to an Autumn Wine Tasting**
Friday, October 25th from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM in Wallace Hall
Cost: $15 (before October 22nd)/$20 Price includes wine tasting and reception
To register, send a check payable to Boomers & Beyond to the Parish House.

Questions? Email (preferred) BoomersandBeyond.StIgnatius@gmail.com or call 212-288-3588.

**BOOMERS & BEYOND** is an inter-parish social and community service organization for Catholics who are over 50.

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**IGNATIAN YOUNG ADULTS**

**Sunday Socials Fall Schedule**
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

**Sunday Social Dates:**
Oct. 6  Oct. 13  Oct. 27  Nov. 17  Dec. 1

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**Praying with Yoga**
with Jesuit Scholastic Bobby Karle, S.J.
For Young Adults in their 20s and 30s

**Sundays:**
October 20th & November 10th
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM in Wallace Hall
Learn how the practice of yoga can deepen your spiritual life and relationship with God, and enrich your Christian faith. Participants should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for yoga. If you have a yoga mat, bring it to the sessions.

$10 donation requested.
All proceeds will benefit a charitable cause.
For information, email bobbykarle@gmail.com

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**CHARIS NYC presents “What Next?”**
A peer-led weekend retreat for those in their 20s and 30s.
Friday evening, November 8th – Sunday, November 10th
Mariandale Retreat Center, Ossining, NY

Cost: $255 per person
Register at www.jesuit-collaborative.org/charisnyc
Questions? CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com or 347-619-2692

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**The Hour Children truck is coming!**
Sunday, October 27th
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
The HOUR CHILDREN truck will be parked outside St. Ignatius Church, ready to receive donations of clothing, toys, kitchenware, knick-knacks, household items, electronics, and small furniture.

**HOUR CHILDREN: A community of mothers and children where love makes the difference.**
Visit www.HourChildren.org
Sponsored by the Ignatian Young Adults

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**Now Available at the Parish House:**
**Imbued with the Spirit of the Liturgy:**
Ten Insights From Vatican II’s Constitution on Sacred Liturgy
This resource, written by Rev. Joshua Brommer, STL, will help deepen understanding and appreciation of the liturgy. Cost: $1.00

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**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**
We have the privilege at St. Ignatius of welcoming those who may be thinking of becoming Catholic. If you feel attracted to the Catholic faith, we want you to know about a new program at the Parish. A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments. This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information about this process, which is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588 or email church@stignatiusloyola.org
Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 7th
(Our Lady of the Rosary)
8:30  MEM  John & Margaret Reilly
12:10  MEM  Edward McSherry
5:30  MEM  John McNamee

Tuesday, October 8th
(27th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Mary Johnson
12:10  MEM  Jack Feiner
5:30  MEM  Andres Reyes

Wednesday, October 9th
(27th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Paul Choix
12:10  MEM  John Figge
5:30  MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

Thursday, October 10th
(27th Thursday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Lorraine Parello
12:10  MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30  MEM  Frieda Meiert

Friday, October 11th
(27th Friday in Ordinary Time)
8:30  MEM  Dorothy Nyland
12:10  MEM  The Meehan Family
5:30  MEM  Elizabeth Troilo

Saturday, October 12th
(28th Saturday in Ordinary Time)
2 Kings 5:14-17   Psalm 98
2 Timothy 2:8-13   Luke 17:11-19

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS!

The TACHS – Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools will be administered in the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, November 8th.

Paper applications must be received by the TACHS office no later than Wednesday, October 9th. The deadline for internet/telephone registration is Monday, October 21st.

Additional details can be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org
Celebration of Parish Ministries

Last Sunday, hundreds of parishioners attended the annual Celebration of Parish Ministries in McKinnon Hall. With 22 parish ministries participating and the Wallace Hall Choir and Canticum Sacrum providing live music, it was a wonderful beginning to the fall season!

Visit the parish website, www.stignatiusloyola.org, to see additional photos.

Religious Education for Children

Registrations for the 2013-2014 IREP and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs can be made by calling the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and pressing “0” for the receptionist. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.stignatiusloyola.org

IREP classes are now underway.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of religious formation for children ages 3, 4, and (returning) 5-year-olds. The program draws on the scriptural and liturgical traditions of the Church. Our meeting place is the Atrium, behind Wallace Hall, a space where children enjoy an environment that supports their spiritual development. Classes are now underway.

For information, contact Adele Gallo at amdgallo@me.com

FOR TEENS: MY FAITH/YOUR FAITH

My Faith/Your Faith brings together high school-aged teens from different faith communities for a year-long program encouraging religious understanding through dialogue, learning, and experiential programming.

There will be 11 sessions, from October 18th – May 4th. Participants will teach one another about their religious traditions, attend services at houses of worship, and engage in social justice projects. Space is limited.

To learn more or receive an application, contact Pat Schneider at church@stignatiusloyola.org by Friday, October 11th.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, October 26th at the 12:10 PM Mass

For those who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled, facing surgery, or who are afflicted with any other condition of physical, mental, or spiritual suffering.

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All-Night Vigil, op. 37

Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM

Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola
K. Scott Warren, conductor

Experience one of the most famous a cappella choral works in the canon, as Sacred Music in a Sacred Space begins its 25th anniversary season. Artistic Director K. Scott Warren will lead the expanded 60-voice Choir of St. Ignatius Loyola in this expansive masterwork. Considered the crowning achievement of Russian Orthodox liturgical music, it is an apt beginning to the 2013-14 season.

Tickets: $65 Preferred | $50 General | $40 Reduced
Visit www.smssconcerts.org

MUSIC AT MASSES
Sunday, October 13th

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS

J.S. Bach Prelude in C minor
Hassler Cantate Domino
Gibbons Almighty and everlasting God
J.S. Bach Fugue in C minor

11:00 AM WALLACE HALL MASS

with Parish Community Choir
Mendelssohn He watching over Israel
Schubert Mass in G: Agnus Dei

7:30 PM MASS

Jongen Improvisation – Pastorale
Gillen One at the Table of the Lord
J.S. Bach Prelude in C minor

Altar Servers Needed!

We are in need of conscientious altar servers for weekend Masses and occasional funerals.

Boys and girls (in grades 4-8) who are interested should contact Fr. Tom Feely, S.J., in the Parish office at 212-288-3588 or at feelyt@saintignatiusloyola.org

It is not necessary to be a student in the parish grammar school to serve. Training sessions will begin in the near future.

Thank you for considering this invitation!
Are you a Catholic physician, health care professional, or medical student? The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit www.cathmed.org to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

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Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for Next Weekend:
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Fr. Witt
Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen
         9:30 AM Fr. Bergen
Wallace Hall
         11:00 AM Fr. Ugo
Solemn   11:00 AM Fr. Witt
         7:30 PM Fr. Witt

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word:
Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass in Wallace Hall.

Centering Prayer:
Mondays at 6:30 PM

Confessions:
5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment.
Communal Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Baptisms: Please call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages: The Bride or Groom should call Joanne Cunneen at the Parish House to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick: Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.