

MAY IS REVERENCE FOR LIFE MONTH



Our Common Humanity

To be human is to be touched by God, created for life with God. All of that is deepened in an unfathomable wonderful way when God takes on human life. What it is to be human, bones, breath, growth, wonder, thinking, feeling, touching, loving, this is made holy in an altogether new way by God's becoming who and what we are. Jesus's Incarnation sanctified not only Mary's womb, but the wombs of all mothers. In becoming one with us, the Lord made all human life holy and taught us again and again to recognize our dignity and our identity as beloved children of God.

Introduction of New Members

Bob Wihlidal – Chair

We know that every human life is precious, yet suffering is a universal human experience. Pope Francis has spoken about "throwaway culture" as a way of drawing attention to the disregard for human life as expressed in many different life issues (euthanasia, poverty, abortion, victims of violence, and forced emigration).

As a community and a Church, we must listen closely to each other and to our broader society. We cannot hope to understand and empathize with others' views without listening respectfully and appreciatively.

Likewise, we cannot hope to influence or change others' views without having and expressing real empathy and understanding.

As a Commission and as a Church, our work, actions, and approach must mirror and dignify our common humanity. In the work of our Reverence for Life Commission, we must carefully listen and understand what the world is telling us all about suffering and the diminishing of our collective human dignity. I hope to bring a listening heart and a caring voice to our work.

