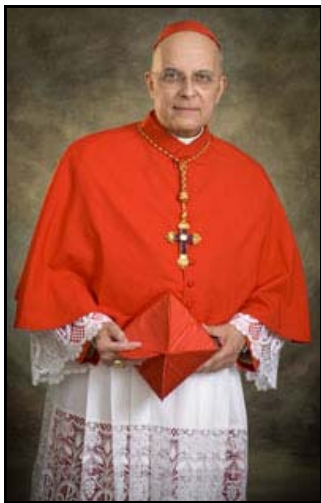


The Archdiocesan "Celebration of Life" Mass

**Launch Respect Life Month With a Special
Blessing and Commissioning from Cardinal George!**

Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 4:30 PM

*Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. - Archbishop of Chicago
Principal Celebrant*



**ST. CELESTINE
3020 N. 76TH CT.
ELMWOOD PARK, IL 60707**

**Come Celebrate the Sanctity of All Human Life during
Respect Life Month at this Special Archdiocesan Mass. October is
Respect Life Month. Our Parish Respect Life Coordinators and
Committee Members Will Receive a Special Commissioning at
this Liturgy! This is a Great Way to Kick Off and Recommit to
Another Year of Pro-Life ministry in Your Parish!**

All Are Welcome!

A Reception with Cardinal George Will Follow.

Sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
For more information, contact Margie Breen at (312) 534-5355.

Commissioning Prayer

For Parish and Vicariate Respect Life Coordinators and Their Committee Members

Cardinal or Bishop (addressing the Coordinators):

My brothers and sisters, You have been called by your parishes and your Bishops to build up the kingdom of God, which Jesus Christ came to establish, through your work and ministry in the service of the Gospel.

Through your leadership you are to serve the people of God in your parish and vicariate by working to build in them a respect for all human life, which is the precious gift of God.

So I ask you:

Are you resolved to fulfill this service and so build up the Body of Christ, the Church?

Coordinators & Committee Members answer affirmatively "I AM."

Are you dedicated to speaking the truth in love, through both education and action, to those deceived by the culture of death? *They respond, I AM.*

Are you committed to doing all that you can, in harmony with myself, your Vicar and your Pastor, to place Respect Life ministries at the center of your parish and vicariate communities?

They respond, I AM.

Will you support and welcome the work of the Respect Life Office and bring its initiatives of prayer, education, legislative action, and ministerial outreach into your parish and Vicariate communities?

They respond, I WILL.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the Lord give you courage, compassion and endurance as you go forth into your parishes and vicariates to transform our world into a Culture of Life. May He protect you from discouragement and bitterness, and give you strength to carry out this ministry with joy. May God bring to completion the good work He has begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.