

Bulletin Briefs

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“Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God himself.”

— Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 81
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“[Jesus] showed us the self-sacrificial nature of love when he laid down His life for us, and we are called to follow in his footsteps. We are called to be his hands and feet, caring for and loving others.”

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program
Prayer and Program Guide (www.goo.gl/2nrphg)



“Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings... if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?”

— Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 120
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“We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.”

— Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.
“2015 Respect Life Month Statement: Every Life is Worth Living” (www.goo.gl/GVYQZY)



“A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment.

— Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 91
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