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Dear sisters and brothers: peace to you, in the name of Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and whose Resurrection from the dead we celebrate during the Easter season.

It is the resurrection and the promise of life which is at the heart of our recognition that life itself is a gift that God desires to give us, and which impels us to cultivate a culture of life. May is Reverence for Life month in the Archdiocese of Regina. The Second Vatican Council document, *Gaudium et Spes*, reminds us that Sacred Scripture teaches that all persons were created in the image of God. All are capable of knowing and loving the Creator. The human condition itself, for all its challenges, is crowned with glory and honour (GS 12). This month, let us glorify God by fostering the conditions needed for human life to flourish and for all persons to know and love God.

I encourage every parish to truly make May a time to focus on the needs of the unborn, of parents, the elderly, the sick, the lonely, the hungry, and the abandoned, with special prayer and works of mercy. To do this work we need to be strong and courageous (Deut. 31:6). I invite you to participate in the following:

- To spend time reading through, praying with, and sharing the resources found on our website: <https://archregina.sk.ca/reverence-life>.
- Praying the Reverence for Life prayer during each Mass in the month of May.
- Holding a special prayer services at the memorials for the unborn. Again resources available on our website.
- Encouraging people to pray the Reverence for Life prayer daily.
- Hosting an evening of prayer for life with recitation of the Rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on May 13<sup>th</sup> as we live stream adoration and Mass for giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. A Poster and invitation will be sent out in the Tuesday File, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Finding new ways to help and love to the shut-ins, the sick, and patients in hospital, mothers, and the elderly.
- Organizing food/clothing drives.
- Collecting clothing and furniture for an immigrant family, etc.
- Finally, this year we are welcoming four new members to the Reverence for Life Commission. Each week in May, there will be a short bio introducing them through our social media pages, and weekly newsletters. Please subscribe.

May God, the Creator and Author of life, bless abundantly all those whose lives are endangered and forgotten. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tashia Toupin, Social Justice Coordinator, at [ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca)

Yours in Christ,

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