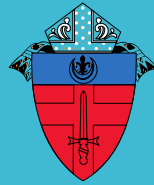


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PRO-LIFE OFFICE

Pro-Life Coordinator Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 2021



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Opening Prayer

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.
Amen.*



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Evening Agenda

Welcome

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USCCB Action Guide

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Q&A

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**United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's
Respect Life Program**

<https://www.respectlife.org/2020>

Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office

Walking with
Moms in Need



WHAT IS WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED?

Walking with Moms in Need is a time of service in which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need.

Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances.

While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community!

We hope you and your parish will join us in *Walking with Moms in Need*.

Archbishop Nauman,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oRTnThsaYA>

Walking with Moms in Need

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following update on *Walking with Moms in Need*.

“One year ago—in celebration of the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*)—the U.S. bishops launched an exciting, nationwide initiative to serve pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties, entitled: [*Walking with Moms in Need*](#). When we launched this ground-breaking pastoral effort, no one could have foreseen the lasting impacts of COVID-19 on our Church and nation.

“While the pandemic disrupted much of our initial momentum, it has also provided us with opportunities to adapt and expand this important initiative, and it reaffirmed the need for the Church to accompany mothers facing difficulties, *especially in these trying times*.

“Tragically, our nation’s legislators have exploited this crisis to expand taxpayer funded abortion. In a recent [USCCB statement](#), bishops asked the President and leadership on Capitol Hill “not to force upon Americans the wrenching moral decision whether to preserve the lives and health of the born or unborn, all of whom are our vulnerable neighbors in need.”

“The Church will seek to help fill the gaps in services and resources to mothers facing challenging pregnancies and those parenting young children in difficult circumstances. We encourage even more dioceses and parishes to implement *Walking with Moms in Need* in their local area, as we work towards a society where mothers and children are protected in law and welcomed in love.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oRTnThsaYA>

Walking with
Moms in Need

Parish Resources - Involvement

Suggestions for Parish Resources:

- **Pantry with supplies for new mothers/parents**
 - Diapers
 - Wipes
 - Formula
 - Clothing
- **Mentors for new mom's / parents**
- **Meals**
- **Emergency assistance for unexpected financial burdens**
- **Transportation**
- **Prayers!**

Walking with
Moms in Need

Diocesan
Pro-Life Office
Support

For parishes participating in the Walking with Mom's in need initiative, the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office will provide support with set up of pantry and other items which may be needed in assisting those in need in the parish community.

Parish coordinators can contact Pro-Life Office for application.

Walking with
Moms in Need

USCCB Action Guide & Resources

Web page: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/parish-resources>

- Action Guide
- Videos
- Bulletin Announcements
- Pulpit Announcements

Year of St. Joseph

Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker - May 1



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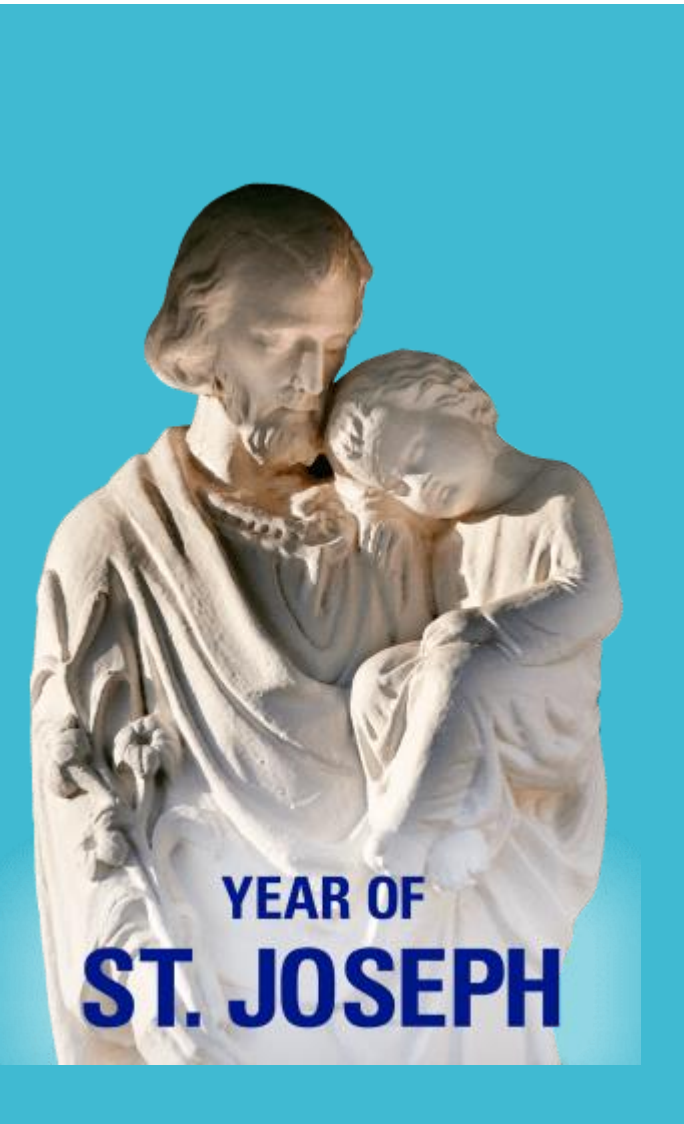
Year of St. Joseph - USCCB Resources

<https://www.usccb.org/saint-joseph>



ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY IN KENTUCKY

Saint Joseph's Ministry is an outreach initiative offered by DCCH Center for Children and Families' Therapeutic Foster Care Program, with support from the Diocese of Covington. It was created to raise awareness of the many ways the church and faith communities can support children in Kentucky's public child protection system.



ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY IN KENTUCKY

As St. Joseph accepted the task of fostering Jesus, we as Christians are also called to care for the orphan. As a fundamental teaching of the Church and as noted in James 1:27, Christians are called to care for widow and orphans.

This role can come in many forms:

- Perhaps full-time fostering of a child for a season?
- Maybe adopting a child or sibling group and making a lifetime commitment?

Nearly one fourth of the 10,000 children in foster care will come to need an adoptive family.

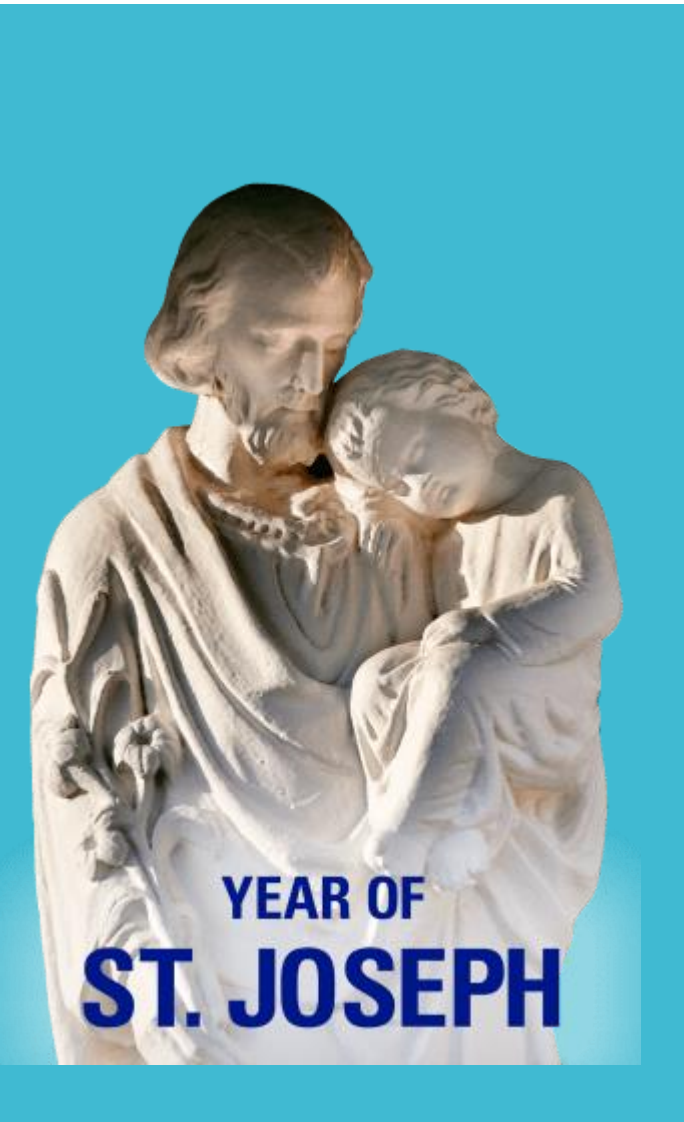


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St. Joseph Ministry not only aims to help educate the community about foster care, it also calls the rest of the church to wrap a loving embrace around the family from your individual church community who is or will be taking on this difficult calling.

- Prayers
- Goods and Services to Foster/Adoptive Family
- Meals
- Furniture, Car Seats, Clothing
- Respite Breaks
- Tutoring

Anything that assists family in making day to day activities more manageable.



ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY IN KENTUCKY

Know that DCCH will try to coordinate the support offered from your own church. DCCH seeks a volunteer from each church to become a liaison or an ambassador to assist DCCH with these efforts.

If you are interested in learning more about the unique support St. Joseph's Ministry offers to youth and foster/adoptive parents, please email Info@DCCHCenter.org or call 331-2040.

[St. Joseph's Ministry Guidebook](#) (PDF download)

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St. Joseph Ministry

The Pro-Life Office and Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH) is launching the St. Joseph Ministry. The St. Joseph Ministry will work to raise awareness within Diocese of Covington Parishes on the many ways our Church can support the nearly 10,000 children in Kentucky's child protection system.

As St. Joseph accepted the task of fostering Jesus, we too can care for legal & emotional orphans. This role can come in many forms: Perhaps full-time fostering, adopting, or supporting such a family. St. Joseph Ministry's fundamental mission is to help recruit new families to care for children and then have our church family wrap a loving embrace around each foster/adoptive parent and child. We can do this first through prayer and then by offering goods and services, such as a meal, a used piece of furniture, toys/clothes, tutoring, respite, or even transportation.

DCCH will work with parishes to coordinate the support offered from your own parish. We seek a volunteer from each church to become a liaison to assist with these efforts.

Please contact DCCH at (859) 331-2040 for more information about getting the St. Joseph's Ministry started in your parish.





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