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## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

“To know Jesus and to be known by Him is to permit Him to bear fruits of love, compassion, mercy, and kindness in my life.”

Mother M. Angelica, PCPA



Dear Family,

We're familiar with the Scripture passage in which Jesus rebukes the disciples who are trying to shield Jesus from the little ones: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Jesus' love for children was a cornerstone of His mission on earth that continues from His heavenly throne. And we are called to follow His example.

To love children is to teach them, protect them, and value the innate dignity of their lives. And we can all admit that our society could be doing a much better job of this. Far too often in our nation and throughout the world, we are failing to teach little ones the Truth, protect their innocence, and treasure their worth.

Our world, however, does have some bright lights in this area. A patron saint of youth, St. John Bosco knew the beauty of teaching children about the Faith and guiding them in virtue. Founding the Society of Saint Francis de Sales to serve the young, he showed them they were loved and he evangelized with joy. He surely continues his intercession from Heaven.

Many this month will serve the young – starting with those in the womb – in another way, by participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., the Walk for Life West Coast, or numerous other events that stand up for life from conception. With these efforts, we are defending the unborn and supporting their mothers and fathers.

EWTN, of course, will be covering many of these events, for I can confidently say that our Network leads the way in the production of television and radio programming, news, and online content that highlight the care for every human life. And so many of you are sacrificing much in your own lives to be a voice for our most innocent citizens. I humbly ask that you donate to EWTN in this month of January so that together we can continue this mission that has few parallels.

Often it is said that the current generation of children are our future – the future of our Church and our society. But how important it is to remember that they are also our present. Today, they are being born and growing and learning. They need our work, our witness, and our love – and there is no better time than now.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael P. Warsaw  
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer



Dear Family,

Each January 3rd we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of *Jesus*. What a perfect beginning to the New Year!

*Jesus*. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in paragraph 2668, reminds us that “*the invocation of the Holy Name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always.*”

*Jesus*. St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said that the Name of Jesus is “*light, and food, and medicine.*” It is *light*, for the Holy Name scatters our darkness. It is *food*, for we are nourished by the grace, consolation, and protection of the Holy Name. It is *medicine*, for when we invoke the Holy Name of Jesus we receive healing and peace.

*Jesus*. In this Name is our confidence and our hope. As we say this Name, as we pray this Name, we invoke and call upon Our Lord. The *Catechism* assures us: “*The name ‘Jesus’ contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation. ... His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies*” (paragraph 2666).

In our modern day, very sadly, it is a common occurrence to hear the Holy Name of *Jesus* spoken with irreverence, taken in vain, or used as an exclamation of anger, disgust, or surprise. This happens on television, on the radio, in print, in the workplace, and even in our own homes. While many may do this out of ignorance or thoughtless habit, still it grieves the hearts of those who know the power, beauty, and significance of the Holy Name.

Therefore, Family, whenever we hear the Holy Name taken in vain, let us offer a silent prayer of reparation to Our Lord. Let us also offer a prayer of intercession for the one who misuses the Name of *Jesus*, asking Our Lord to convert their hearts through the power of the Holy Name. Let us pray for the salvation and sanctification of the whole world through the power of the Holy Name. As we begin this New Year, let us commit ourselves anew to speaking the Holy Name with love, devotion, and reverence.

In the Holy Name of *Jesus*,

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA  
EWTN Chaplain

# March for Life 2025

“Every child is a gift. Every child is a wonder. Every child is something so special, and so you must look at your children as images – perfect, beautiful images of God.”

– Mother Angelica

Each January, tens of thousands of people gather in the nation’s capital during the coldest month of the year. Many of them travel hundreds of miles and take time away from school or work. Sometimes, they walk for hours in the falling snow.

Why do so many make these sacrifices? They do this to join together in defense of the most vulnerable among us – the unborn – at the March for Life.

While most news outlets ignore or pay little attention to the annual event, EWTN is on the ground with day-long coverage.

Abigail Galván, the host of *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly*, will be one of the hosts of EWTN’s March for Life coverage this year. While many people say that abortion is a women’s-rights issue, she sees it in a different light. “The pro-life movement, at its core, is about women. Women are being lied to, and they’re the ones having to pay the price,” says Galván. “I [want to] shine Christ’s light into the situation and help women recover their dignity and worth.”



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Prior to the March for Life, EWTN News will air a special on the future of the pro-life movement. Also, we will continue to cover state-level election results and subsequent changes to laws pertaining to life issues, as well as success stories that showcase how pro-life groups are supporting women and families. EWTN will also cover the worldwide escalation of euthanasia, with a particular focus on state-level laws and initiatives.



*“Every person who has been created has always been in the mind of God. Before time began, you and I were in the mind of God.”* – Mother Angelica

This year, the March for Life lands in the same week as the presidential inauguration, which could present security and logistical difficulties. However, in spite of any challenges, EWTN is poised to surpass previous years’ coverage with in-depth reporting and “insider” interviews that discuss the elections’ effects on life issues, analysis from pro-life doctors, and much more in both English and Spanish.

For Galván, the faithful should watch the March for Life because “it’s a witness of the changing pro-life movement: it’s young, energetic, and filled with hope for the future.”

Please join EWTN for our coverage of the March for Life on January 24.

EWTN also covers the Walk for Life West Coast, which airs on January 25. Check our program highlights for more information.

EWTN is often the first – sometimes the only – source to share pro-life news. For example, EWTN made the exclusive announcement that Jeanne Mancini was stepping down after more than ten years as the March for Life president. Montse Alvarado, the President and COO of EWTN News, says, “We are committed to being the first source and authority for pro-life news.”





# A Patron of Youth

St. John Bosco

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*“Do you want to do a good deed? Teach the young! Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young! Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young! Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest.”* – St. John Bosco

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John Bosco was not an obvious choice to become a priest.

He came from a family of farmers, while priests usually came from wealthier families. His father died when he was only two, and his brother discouraged him in his studies. Yet, in spite of the obstacles, John Bosco not only became a priest but also founded an order, the Society of Saint Francis de Sales (commonly known as the Salesians of Don Bosco), to aid young people, especially the poor. Due to his care for children, he is now one of the patrons of youth.

When he was only nine, John Bosco had a prophetic dream that set the course for his future work. In his memoirs, he recalled that in this dream poor boys were speaking blasphemies. A man then appeared, saying, “You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue beautiful.”

Soon afterward, the future saint discovered a clever way to evangelize the kids he knew. John Bosco studied traveling jugglers, acrobats, and other entertainers and then gave his own performances, during which he prayed with the children and taught them about the Faith.

A pious young man, John Bosco wanted to become a priest but didn’t have the money for an education. However, with the combined efforts of his mother, a young priest who saw his potential, and his own money from working odd jobs, he was able to complete the seminary.

Upon ordination in 1841, he acquired the title “Don,” an honorific for priests in Italy. As a young priest, he walked the streets of Turin, where he found countless children who were poor, dirty, and starving. This led him to create

his Oratory, or youth center, that helped many children, both in practical ways and with their spiritual lives. Later, he founded the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, with the primary purpose of helping boys, as well as a similar organization for girls, the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. Today, both groups are active around the world with thousands of members.

For Don Bosco, love was at the heart of his mission. He wanted young people to know that they were loved by him and mostly by God. He fought for their dignity, trying to end their abuse and mistreatment. He gave them instructions and helped with their basic needs. More importantly, he taught them about the Faith and encouraged them to live moral lives. He said to them, “Run, jump, have all the fun you want at the right time, but, for Heaven’s sake, do not commit sin!”

Don Bosco was beloved by the children, and his influence was obvious. The boys flourished with his help. In fact, one of his students, Dominic Savio, was later canonized.

St. John Bosco teaches that children are to be loved and valued. They should learn about the Lord on their terms, even if that means with acrobatics and magic tricks. And he teaches us that, no matter our work for the Kingdom of God, we should *Servite Domino in laetitia!* – Serve the Lord joyfully!

## The Influence of a Holy Mother

This beloved saint owes a great deal to his mother, Margaret Occhiena Bosco. After being widowed at age 29, she raised her three boys strongly in the Faith. Later, when Don Bosco was helping the children in Turin, she was at his side, helping to care for them. The boys even referred to her as “Mama Bosco.” In 2006, Pope Benedict named her Venerable.



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O Jesus, who has said, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened,” through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.

*(Make your request.)*

O Jesus, who has said, “All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you,” through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Your Father in Your name that my prayer will be granted.

*(Make your request.)*

O Jesus, who has said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away,” through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

*(Make your request.)*

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