

*Respect Life*

I CAME SO THAT  
THEY MIGHT HAVE  
**LIFE**



## PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE

*January 22, has been designated\* a day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" in all U.S. Dioceses.*

**Prayer and action** are the means by which we are called to move forward.

The Saint Rose of Lima Respect Life Committee invites you to join us in the following ways:

### PRAYER

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn ~ Wednesday, January 22,**  
Holy Hour for Life with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **at 1:00 p.m. in church**  
Public recitation of the Rosary for Life on the Merrick Road sidewalk following Holy Hour;  
Masses at 7:30 a.m., & 9:00 a.m. will include prayers for life.

### ACTION

**Days of Action ~ Wednesday, January 22 thru Sunday, January 26**  
Beginning Wednesday, January 22, thru the weekend of Sunday, January 26, we will be accepting donations of baby goods, such as Winter Clothing for Boys and Girls NB-4T, including coats, hats, gloves, socks, unopened toiletries, diapers and crib sheets (please only new or like new items), for which The Life Center of LI has a current urgent need. Tables will be set up by the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph Altars, or may be dropped off at the rectory.  
*Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity!*

*\*The Church sets aside January 22, as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for all violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*

The prayers and efforts of the last five decades have born fruit, and thanks to the *Dodds v. Jackson* Supreme Court decision in June 2022, the *Roe v. Wade* decision (which made abortion on demand legal throughout the United States 50 years ago) was reversed.

However, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, many States still do not recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons, and continue to claim that abortion is a right. Great prayer and advocacy are needed. The work of providing abortion alternatives and care for women and their children is more important than ever.

May the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus strengthen Catholics to stand up for the protection of every human life.

