

THE FEAST OF OUR LORD THE GIVER OF LIFE

JANUARY 16, 2011

The Feast of Our Lord the Giver of Life falls on January 16th this coming year. This is a day set aside by the CEC simply to celebrate the precious wonder of living and to acknowledge the loving God that gives us the chance. It also provides each of you an opportunity to speak with your congregations about the sanctity of Life, to invite them to the March for Life, and to receive CEC for Life dues and donations.

Aside from dues and donations, please feel free to also send back photos and articles that show how your specific church chose to celebrate Life. CEC For Life loves hearing from you!

Peace of The Lord,

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Director of CEC For Lif

PREFACE

Lord, you are the giver of life and the creator of all things. Guide my thoughts to consider your creation in all of its majesty, beauty and holiness. Guide my heart especially to your creation of precious human life. Help me to comprehend how essential life is in your own heart. Teach me to appreciate, love, and protect all human life through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT

Oh Great King of Kings, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven for the sanctity of all human life. You have said that your Kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Where there is unrighteousness let righteousness come to bear; where there is hostility, cause your peace to reign supreme and where there is sorrow, bring joy in the hearts of people. Lead us into your unshakable and everlasting kingdom in which you reign forever and ever, that truly the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament...Genesis 1:26-28a or Jeremiah 31:10-17

Psalm.....Psalm 2 or 10

New Testament...Romans 8:35-39 or 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel.....Matthew 18:1-5 or John 14:1-6

NOTE - The instructions for this year are different. Each church is being asked to take up an offering this year, in addition to their annual church membership, instead of asking for lay people to become members.

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- Please **thoroughly read the Letter to the Rector** and prayerfully consider how to best communicate the information concerning the **Feast Day of Our Lord the Giver of Life** and the **Annual March for Life in Washington, DC** to your congregation.
- Copy and reproduce the Donation forms and include them in your Sunday Bulletin or Handout TWO WEEKS before the Feast Day, or at least by January 9 (one week ahead).
- On January 16, which we will also observe as the Sanctity of Life Sunday, we ask for your **Churches and Clergy to make their annual commitment to CEC For Life** by including a check with their form or making a donation to the ministry. Each church is also asked to **take up an offering for CEC For Life** on this very significant Feast Day.
- We also ask that you **preach on the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, January 16**, and encourage your people to remain steadfast in building a Culture of Life.
- Please place your donation checks that are made out to CEC For Life along with your annual church Membership check and send in an envelope to **1472 Tomahawk Road, Birmingham, AL 35214**.
- Any other documents included in this packet can be reproduced to help encourage your parish in this battle for the very soul of civilization.