Mercy, what is it? Love? Forgiveness? Kindness?

Jim Wogan, Deacon at St. Mary of Vernon Parish, Vernon Hills, IL

A friend said to me recently, “So I am half way through Pope Francis’ book The Church of Mercy, and I’ve realized that I can’t define the word ‘mercy.’” So we spent several minutes searching for a word that would be the best synonym. Is it love or forgiveness or kindness or any other such virtue? We agreed that all of these approximate the word "mercy," which has become such a focal point since the Holy Father proclaimed the Jubilee Year, but none seem to fit the bill.

In Jonah 3:1-10, we receive the story of Jonah which crystallizes the notion of God’s mercy toward us. When Jonah flees, instead of obeying God’s command to proclaim repentance to the Ninevites, God pursues him. It takes a few days inside a huge fish for Jonah to come to his senses. When he does, God happily gives him a second chance. He doesn’t berate his reluctant prophet; in fact, he acts as if Jonah’s disobedience never existed.

Our God is a God of second chances and more. His mercy knows no limits. The story of Jonah shows us that God’s mercy is not an abstract theological concept. It is an experience that floods our hearts and changes our minds and it moves us in ways we could never move ourselves.

As we at Catholic Charities interact with God’s poor on a daily basis, we are given opportunities to extend the mercy that Pope Francis has proclaimed so boldly for this Jubilee year, trying to help people embrace God’s second chances. As resources seem to be shrinking all around us, mercy can still be in abundant supply because it originates in the hearts of good people everywhere.

Lord, give me the courage and faith I need to extend your mercy to someone today.

“Cardinal Kasper said that feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient...Let us remember the Prophet Isaiah who says that even if our sins were scarlet, God’s love would make them white as snow. This mercy is beautiful.”

- Pope Francis at the Angelus on March 17, 2013
Mass for Life CLE 2016 Brought out Hundreds

Cleveland Bishop Richard Lennon celebrated a Mass on Friday, January 22, to give thanks to God for the gift of human life at St. John Cathedral in downtown Cleveland on the 43rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to legalize abortion, as the Diocese observed a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

This year’s Mass time was changed from 7pm to 10am, which allowed many more students to attend. It drew more than 650 high school and elementary school students from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit counties. In addition, it created an alternative for many who did not plan to march in Washington, D.C. and offered a back up opportunity for DC marchers who were unable to travel due to the blizzard. The estimated attendance was between 800-1000 supporters, who crammed into the Cathedral, many standing rows deep in the back of the church. This included over 50 students and faculty from St. Mary’s Seminary. Also, it should be noted that students from several high schools marched on foot from St. Ignatius High School to the Cathedral, publicly protesting the Roe v. Wade decision.

The altar was packed as well – with 21 priests concelebrating the Mass, which was live streamed on the Diocesan website and covered by the local Catholic radio station, AM1260 The Rock. A Twitter hashtag - #Mass4LifeCLE - was also created to tweet about the event. As of Monday, January 25th, it was still active, with people posting comments about the Mass.

In his sermon, The Reverend Doug Brown of Mary Queen of Peace parish in Cleveland’s Old Brooklyn neighborhood told the young people that politicians and other leaders are not willing to end the tragedy of abortion in this country. He said that it is through “the power of prayer” that the end can be accomplished, citing the efforts in his parish where eventually an abortion clinic closed. Videos from the Mass can be seen here: https://vimeo.com/152736713.

Following the Mass, many of the students remained in order to pray the “Rosary for Life,” which was reverently led by students from Holy Name High School. Attendees commented on how beautiful it was to hear the students reciting the Rosary as one voice.

This article was compiled from the Diocese website article and from eyewitness accounts.

Sign-Up Sunday Initiative

The Human Life Action Center of NCHLA makes it easy for the pro-life faithful to advocate for good public policy all year long. We believe this is an opportune moment to let the people in the pews know we are here to help them raise their voices in defense of life and liberty. That is why they created a Sign-Up Sunday Tool Kit.

They have attempted to make the materials, which you can download, as direct and simple as possible in the hope that your leaders at the parish level will easily be able to carry out this project. Look at our online version of For Life to get the links for the PDF forms. You can also call NCHLA @ 202.393.0703 for more information.

“People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium
"In the face of profound and epochal changes, world leaders are challenged to ensure that the coming “fourth industrial revolution”, the result of robotics and scientific and technological innovations, does not lead to the destruction of the human person – to be replaced by a soulless machine – or to the transformation of our planet into an empty garden for the enjoyment of a chosen few."

Pope Francis

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From Best in the World to Best for the World (Vatican Radio)
Cardinal Peter Turkson, the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace—January 2016

Key points of Cardinal Turkson’s speech:

* When he speaks to the business community, Pope Francis encourages a broadened sense of vocation, which gives rise to a deepened exercise of responsibility. He sees business as a noble vocation. The Holy Father is not anti-business, but he decries an obsession with profit and the deification of the market.

* Business leaders pursue their vocation when they focus on the twin aspects of respecting human dignity and pursuing the common good.

* Businesses contribute to the common good by producing goods that are truly good and services that truly serve. This is hindered, says Pope Francis, when the market promotes consumerism and when people are caught up in a “whirlwind of needless buying and selling”. It is also hindered when technological development is not guided by moral wisdom.

* Businesses make a contribution to the community by fostering the special dignity of human work. Employment, just like business, is a noble and essential vocation—in the words of Pope Francis, it is “part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment”. It is the duty of business to prioritise this goal of stable and secure employment. This means that business must always subordinate profits to generating employment. Human beings are not inter-changeable with machines as mere factors of production.

* Another business objective is ‘good wealth’, which means generating sustainable wealth and distributing it justly. Businesses should therefore ensure that their activities do not befoul the environment and violate human dignity. This calls a shift from a short-termist to a more sustainable perspective. Pope Francis calls for the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources to be fully borne by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations - only then can business activities be seen as ethical.

* Business is called upon to harness its creativity to solve pressing human needs. This is especially important in the wake of the Paris Agreement, in which the nations of the world pledged to move away from fossil fuels as soon as possible, with the goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the second half of the century. It is the role of business to deploy the finance, re-organization and technology needed to decarbonize the global economy.
HEALING FROM THE PAIN OF ABORTION

Mark Davis Pickup, keynote address at Saint Matthew’s Cathedral, Washington DC, Adult and Family Rally for Life prior to the 2016 National March for Life

Even as an 18 year old teenager, I knew what my girlfriend was carrying within her was another human being. I was aware of early embryonic photography dating back to 1957. I saw the photographs. I knew the truth; I chose to ignore it. If we had let our baby be born there were many families who desperately wanted to adopt. We did not have to kill our baby.

The relief and freedom from fatherhood did not last. I also had a conscience. Eventually 18 year olds grow up (at least they should). Four years later my daughter was born. I loved being a dad (I still do). I loved having a family (I still do). But even now as an old man there is a sadness knowing I did not protect my first child, that I was directly responsible for that baby’s death.

The mother of that aborted baby grieved her abortion for decades. I know. She has been my wife for 42 years. That abortion is the biggest regret of our lives. Happily, we have been forgiven by none other than God. Let me speak to people here who may have been involved with abortion.

God is in the forgiveness business. He wants to forgive us. Pope Francis has declared this year the Year of Mercy. One Catholic web-site put it this way:

“Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God. Encountering mercy means encountering God. It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.”

I know from personal experience the truth of those words. If there’s anyone here who has had an abortion or been involved in one, and not yet confessed it and received absolution, now is the time to set things right with God, in the Year of Mercy.

To find hope & healing, contact PROJECT RACHEL @ 216-334-2966 or pmgerovac@ccdocle.org

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2016 Spring Campaign Snapshot

- 450 People signed up to pray at 3 sites
- Many new people coming out to pray
- 4 saves!
- Victory Rally was held on March 21st

Upcoming Events

- Corpus Christi Procession at Preterm on Sunday, May 29th @ 2pm—starts at Our Lady of Peace Church

“Woman You are Set Free”

A Retreat for Post-Abortive Women

July 15-17, 2016 @ Loyola Retreat House, Akron-Canton area
August 12-14, 2016 @ Jesuit Retreat House, Parma

This retreat, facilitated by Debbie Dacone and Fr. Matt Roche, SJ is designed for women who have experienced abortion personally. Through prayer, storytelling and reflection, participants will have the opportunity to open themselves to the healing touch of Jesus. The registration fee of $175 includes a private room and five meals. Contact the individual retreat house to register or Debbie at preachinghealingwords@gmail.com with any questions.
Bioethics Q & A: End of Life Decision Making: What Should Catholics Do?

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First, execute in writing a Health Care Power of Attorney (HCPA) assigning a proxy decision maker—sometimes called a “surrogate”—to act as your healthcare agent in the event that you become incapable of making informed decisions. You can do this yourself without costly legal fees. Just make sure that your HCPA is adequately specific and your signature is validly witnessed. Here are a few things you might include.

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2. Request, receive, and review any information regarding your physical or mental health, including but not limited to medical, hospital and other records; and to consent to or authorize the use and disclosure of such information;
3. Employ and discharge your health care providers;
4. Authorize your admission to or discharge (including transfer to another facility) from any hospital, hospice, nursing home, assisted living facility or other medical care facility;
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Abandonment, not Dignity by Mark Davis Pickup

The cultural poison of assisted suicide is coming to America state by state. It is already in Oregon, Washington, California, and Vermont. There are currently bills before the legislatures of Maryland and the District of Columbia to legalize assisted suicide.

I am not a lawyer but there seems to be a startling feature in the [Maryland’s] Bill that says the “death of a patient by reason of self-administration of certain medication [poison] shall be deemed to be a death from natural causes.” I may be mistaken but didn’t we used to call that falsifying medical records? Is there a motive to avoid having to give evidence in “certain” legal proceedings? It’s all so questionable. But then, it usually is when it comes to killing people.

The District of Columbia is also facing a so-called Death with Dignity bill that supports the odious human abandonment of physician assisted suicide for the terminally ill. It defines terminal illness as: “incurable and irreversible disease that has been medically confirmed and will, within reasonable medical judgment, result in death within six months.” Again, the bill does not define “reasonable medical judgment” and again let me say doctors are not very good at predicting death.

The phrase Death with dignity is designed to give the impression of compassion to euthanasia and assisted suicide and make killing respectable. Death with dignity is not achieved by injecting someone with poison when they are at their lowest point or starving and dehydrating them to death. That is abandonment not dignity. Let me tell you something about death with dignity: It is not an event rather the end of a process of having lived with dignity.

Quality of life: Let me tell you something about quality of life. It is a moving target; it changes with time, circumstances and perspective. When I was twenty-five, if some clairvoyant told me that within a few years I would go from being healthy, able-bodied and athletic to being chronically ill with an incurable degenerative disease, that I would lose my upwardly mobile career and be forced to live on a modest disability pension, all before the age of forty – I would have said there’s no quality of life in that. I don’t want a life like that. Yet today, in my sixties, my life has quality. Why the difference? My standard for quality of life changed. Today what gives my life quality is to love and be loved.

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Human trafficking continues to be a pressing problem for United States and the international community. It takes a variety of forms in every region of the world. Some people are trafficked for prostitution, pornography, and other forms of sexual exploitation. Some are trafficked for forced labor in agriculture, sweat shops, and domestic servitude. Some are trafficked for both. Through sexual slavery, the body becomes little more than an object to be exploited. For victims of forced labor, the body is made into a disposable machine, made to work long hours for little or no pay and for the profit of others. In both cases the person who is enslaved is treated as an object for another’s benefit. The person’s God-given human dignity is either ignored or forgotten.

Migration Refugee Services of the USCCB has become a leader in the fight against this scourge. In January 2014, they launched a parish toolkit called Become a Shepherd that includes a presentation with a leader guide to educate the general public, from a Catholic perspective, on the issue of human trafficking globally and locally. It is available in English and Spanish and includes templates for a prayer service, and outreach activities that parishes and faith communities can implement. To date over 1,900 kits have been requested, and many parishes across the country have incorporated the Become a Shepherd material into their social justice ministries.

More recently, MRS has started coordinating direct services to victims of trafficking through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Trafficking Persons. Under the Trafficking Victims Assistance Program, USCCB/MRS will use its network of direct service providers to provide comprehensive case management services to a minimum of 220/year foreign-born adult and minor victims of trafficking and their derivative family members. This will provide much needed help to survivors and help them start a new life here in the United States.

U.S. authorities failed to protect migrant children from Traffickers by Richard Cowan
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. authorities failed to protect undocumented migrant children in their custody when it released them to guardians who in some cases exploited them, a U.S. Senate investigation found.
Republican Senator Rob Portman, in a prepared statement before a Thursday hearing on the findings, said the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) did not have proper procedures in place to protect undocumented children who entered the United States without an accompanying adult.
The Senate investigation was prompted by a case in Portman’s home state of Ohio in which at least six children from Guatemala were forced to work long hours on egg farms in Marion County. Six people have been charged in the case, Portman said.
That crime could have been prevented if HHS had adopted commonsense measures for screening sponsors and checking on the well-being of at-risk children, Portman said.
The investigation exposed additional cases of children being exposed to abuse after being released, which are also under investigation by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Portman said.
"It is intolerable that human trafficking - modern-day slavery - could occur in our own backyard," Portman said. "But what makes the Marion cases even more alarming is that a U.S. government agency was responsible for delivering some of the victims into the hands of their abusers."

USCCB Human Trafficking Programs
from the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking

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ENGAGE: Be Educated & Let Your Voice be Heard!

Do you receive so many pro-life emails that you get overwhelmed? Have you ever wondered if there was one place you could go to see legislative issues that you care about and ways to get involved?

Well, there is such a place. It is the Engage website, which is a service of the Social Action office for the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Charities. This office has served as a source of advocacy since 1979, when they started sending out letters to alert the faithful about issues relevant to their life as Catholics. Engage has been operational for a year now, but has been in the works for almost two years. It provides a central location where those who live the Diocese of Cleveland can educate themselves on important social and moral issues and offers concrete ways to take action. It is broken up into 8 different areas of concern for Catholics – Justice & Peace, Social Services, Human Life & Dignity, Marriage & Family, Disabilities, Behavioral Health, Migration, Refugees & Immigration, and Older Adults. Not only does it provide action alerts, it also tells how and why these issues matter to Catholics and what our faith has to say about them.

Relying on organizations that are part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops & Catholic Charities or are affiliated with them, Engage ensures that the information is from credible, solid sources. This site is guided by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the USCCB in their efforts to advocate for the inherent dignity of every human being and call for the preferential option for the poor. The beauty of this site is that local issues can be included & they can either link to the national action alert or write their own. For example, at the time of this publication, the site included information on Cuyahoga County Ballot Issue 23, which would help those most vulnerable in our communities, and a ballot issue in Wayne County that would help fund programs for those with disabilities. They can also track bills, most recently watching the progress of the bill to defund Planned Parenthood that was signed by Governor Kasich on February 21. While they never share personal information, the office can also track how many people sign letters to their government leaders through the website, which allows them to take this information with them when they visit legislators in Columbus.

How can you get involved? The best way is to visit http://cqrcengage.com/ccdocle/app/register?1&m=28442 and sign up to be on their mailing list. While alerts are sent out primarily via email (call the office-216.939.3843 if you need to be notified another way), they do ask for your mailing address. This is because, in the future, they will be able to send out alerts based on zip code, as well as filter them by your particular area of interest. They are working to add new categories and will continue to build on the information included on the site. Engage is just one more way that the Social Action office continues to educate and encourage advocacy on issues and bills that are important to those wishing to live out their Catholic faith in the public arena. Visit their homepage here: http://cqrcengage.com/ccdocle/home.

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Second, ensure that your proxy not only is willing to direct all relevant medical decisions in accord with Catholic faith and morals, but understands what doing so means. Frequently the limiting factor in legal disputes over end-of-life decisions comes down to uncertainty of the wishes of the patient. Remove all uncertainty. Make your wishes known both orally and in writing as clearly as possible to your proxy and to other loved ones.

If you are uncertain about Church teaching on end-of-life decision-making, speak to your parish priest, or an informed Catholic medical professional, or contact trustworthy groups like the Catholic Medical Association, or your diocesan moral theologian, or, if nothing else is available, directly contact your local bishop.

Third, in the event that you or your proxy are faced with a situation in which the judgment of a hospital ethics committee or other hospital decision makers seems to conflict with your faith or morals, don’t be afraid to mount a legal challenge in court.

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The economic impact of the dramatic reduction in birth rates in the recent past is causing significant concern. A short time ago The International Monetary Fund (IMF) published a discussion paper on the topic. The paper, not an official policy document, was titled “The Fiscal Consequences of Shrinking Populations.” It started by noting how projections estimate that the percentage of people aged over 65 will rise from the current 12% to 38% by the year 2100. Populations are already shrinking in several countries. By the end of the century, populations are forecast to be shrinking in nearly 70% of the more developed countries and in about 65% of the less developed countries.

Social transformation
“Population aging is poised to become one of the most significant social transformations of the 21st century,” the report emphasized.

The IMF paper went on to consider the financial consequences of such a massive demographic change. An idea of the impact is that it estimated there would be an increase of 8.5% of GDP on spending such as pensions and health care in more developed countries. This means that age-related spending would account for 25% of GDP. The fiscal pressure created by such a change could lead to a large increase in public debt or severe cuts to other spending programs, the paper warned. Compounding the problem is the tendency of declining populations to reduce the rate of economic growth, which means it will be more difficult to reduce the debt to GDP ratio. If this prospect were not already sufficiently dire the IMF went on to warn that its calculations were based on the medium variant of the population projections provided by the United Nations. Past experience has shown that such projections have had flaws with both fertility and mortality declining at a faster rate than predicted. “The fiscal risks associated with this uncertainty are mammoth in the long term,” the authors of the paper stated.

Recommendations
When it comes to dealing with the problems highlighted by the IMF the paper had a number of recommendations:

First, there should be a reform of policy regarding entitlements. This needs to start now, but should proceed at a gradual pace so as to spread the burden over more than one generation. For example, raising retirement ages over 2015–2100 by an additional five years beyond what is already legislated would reduce pension spending by about 2% of GDP by 2100.

Second, policy measures to boost fertility could help diminish the aging tendency. Nevertheless, the paper admitted that there has only been limited success with public policy to control birth rates. So far pro-natal policies seem to have only affected the timing of births, not the absolute number. Another possibility is to increase immigration from countries with a younger demographic profile, although this is politically sensitive. The paper noted that to keep the old-age dependency ratio constant until 2100 there would need to be an eightfold increase in net migration. Even if such a level of migration did occur it would eventually deplete the working-age population in less developed economies. Other possibilities include increasing the labor force participation of women and the elderly. For ages 25–49, female labor force participation rates are below those of men by about 10 percentage points in Europe and North America, and by 25–30 percentage points in Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Third, better tax systems and more efficient public expenditure is needed given the difficulty in offsetting the aging trend.

Going from boom to bust doesn’t only happen with financial markets, it is taking place right now with population.
Christ Child Society – 100 Years in Cleveland & Going Strong

“Challenging poverty – one child at a time.” This statement describes the work of the Christ Child Society, which is celebrating its 100th year of serving children in the Cleveland area in 2016 through their 425 members and 9 projects.

Providing layettes containing essential items for newborns, their other projects flow from this signature one to assistance for the most vulnerable. To children entering homeless shelters, Christ Child Society offers their “My Stuff” bags, which contain clothing essentials, hygiene items, and something to color or draw with - the youngest even receive a snuggly blanket or stuffed animal. Through their Children’s Closet, they provide uniforms, coats, and beds or cribs free of charge to children in need. Last year alone they distributed 2400 coats to children in the Cleveland area. Most of these services are coordinated through social workers who identify the need and reach out to the Christ Child Society. Members fund, staff and manage two school libraries at St. Rocco’s and at St. Francis in the St. Clair/Superior neighborhood. In addition, they provide volunteers to two Head-start preschools, located at the Merrick House and through Catholic Charities in Parmadale. The volunteers read to the children and develop in them a love of words and books.

Merrick House is named after the founder of the Christ Child Society – Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, a woman from Washington D.C. who started a movement to help children, all while being confined to a wheelchair after being paralyzed as a teen. The name of the society comes from a story of “Miss Mary” – she asked her family’s servant’s son what he wanted for Christmas. The boy told her he wouldn’t be getting anything for Christmas; his family was very poor. Mary told him to write a letter to the Christ Child – the giver of all good gifts. The next day, the little boy brought back a stack of letters from the neighborhood children, all with Christmas wishes to the Christ Child. Thanks to the generosity of the Merricks and their friends, they were able to provide gifts for the children that year.

The same generosity continues today in Cleveland. When someone chooses to join the Society, they spend their first year as a provisional member, spending time getting to know each project so they can decide where they will dedicate their volunteer hours. At the end of that year, members are installed at a beautiful Mass downtown at the Cathedral. In addition to yearly dues, each member is responsible for 50 volunteer hours per year. Last year alone, the members of Christ Child Society donated 21,000 hours of service to their projects and fundraisers!

How can you help? Besides becoming a member, there are many ways to help. First, financially, so they can purchase the items they give out to children. 84% of their financial donations make their way into the hands of needy children. You can also shop in or donate to their resale shop Showcase, which is being relocated to 15406 Detroit Road in Lakewood. Lastly, you can attend their annual fundraisers. Their Red Wagon Luncheon will be on September 7th and their Centennial Ball will be held this year on December 3rd. More information can be found by calling 440.843.1632 or visiting their website at www.christchildsocietycleveland.org.

Miss Mary once said – “It is the personal element that brings true charity into life.” Christ Child Society has done this in Cleveland for the last 100 years! Join us in recognizing and celebrating their important work!

Wanted: foreign workers — and the labor brokers accused of illegally profiting from them

A new special report investigates the middlemen that recruit workers from abroad for temporary jobs. The lack of government oversight of these middlemen has allowed them to constantly exploit workers, sometimes even before they arrive in the United States. Examining over 200 court cases, Reuters found thousands of stories of labor abuse, from wage theft to human trafficking. In some cases, the workers were even forced to “live in decrepit conditions, such as in a condemned hotel and trailers with no heat or running water.” www.polarisproject.org
Cardinal Dolan on Project Rachel

January, 22, 2016

In taking up this challenge, we who present the pro-life message must always strive to be better messengers. A cause that teaches the inexpressibly great value of each and every human being cannot show disdain or disrespect for any fellow human being. We should celebrate human freedom, always reminding others that this freedom is ours so we can freely choose the good – and that to enjoy this freedom, each of us must first of all be allowed to live. And especially in this Year of Mercy, we recall with Pope Francis that each human life is created by a God whose love is infinite — and that this same love is a source of unbounded mercy and forgiveness for all who have fallen short of God’s plans for us. For its part, through the healing ministry of Project Rachel, the Catholic Church seeks to offer this gift of God’s mercy and reconciliation to all who have been involved in abortion.

Hospice of Western Reserve has a perinatal care program. Call 216.916.5520 for info.