

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child's school is partnering with the Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Ministry to promote a culture of love and life! From October 1 – November 1, 2024, students will be participating in an educational & baby bottle campaign to assist some of the most vulnerable among us – pregnant moms, new moms, and their babies!

The Gospel of Life is for everyone – from the very youngest to the very oldest – and this a wonderful way to get everyone involved and learn about "The Gospel of Life," an encyclical written by Pope St. John Paul II on the sanctity and dignity of all human life. Your child's teacher will be working with students to promote a culture of life at an age-appropriate level, to understand that all life is sacred and there are things that THEY can do to help!

The Archdiocese of Miami is unique in that it owns and operates three pregnancy help centers that offer pregnant and new moms and dads love and support, with free, non-judgmental, confidential services. At each of our pregnancy help centers we provide pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, parenting classes for both moms and dads, emergency material assistance, post-abortion healing, and miscarriage ministry. The funds raised during the baby bottle campaign will support these programs and services.

Your child has been given a baby bottle bank to take home and fill with loose change, cash, and checks (made payable to Respect Life Ministry). Within your child's school, classes will be competing for rewards. This is an Archdiocesan-wide event, and there will also be incentives for the school that raises the most money per student! When your child's bottle is filled, they should return it to their homeroom teacher, no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. A QR code flyer has also been provided for online donations.

This year's theme is "I came so that they might have life." We embrace the life that Jesus came to give by following his commandments. This includes welcoming, caring for, and protecting the gift of human life, and we rely on God's help to do so. When we are fueled by his grace and live according to his commandments, we are united with God, and we experience the most profound unity with him in our celebration of the Eucharist. Students will be receiving a special prayer card to take home and share, to pray for pregnant moms with their family and friends.

We look forward to working with you and your family to spread the gospel of life and we thank you for your efforts in supporting this most important ministry!

For Life,

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