

# RESPECT LIFE GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

*“Human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation” – The Gospel of Life, no. 87*

Please read all the information below before applying for a Respect Life Grant. If you have questions or need more information, please call the Respect Life office at 719-866-6478.

Diocese of Colorado Springs Respect Life Grants are available to groups and organizations within the boundaries of the diocese that promote a consistent ethic of life. Funds may be used for pro-life work in any of the areas described below. A grant applicant is not required to be involved in *all* pro-life issues but must neither publicly challenge nor oppose life concerns that are not its own first priority.

## Areas of Pro-Life Activity

- 1. Education and Public Information:** Pro-life work involves education that leads to a deeper respect for human life and public information that creates awareness of the threats to human life and human dignity inherent in abortion, research that destroys human embryos, euthanasia, assisted suicide, infanticide and capital punishment.
- 2. Pastoral Care:** Pro-life work involves outreach and services to pregnant women including prenatal & post-natal care, adoption & foster care services, counseling and spiritual assistance educational opportunities, compassionate understanding and support for victims of rape, abuse and violence, education in chastity and natural family planning; care for all who have been involved in an abortion; care for those who are disabled, sick, and dying, and their families and caregivers; care for those who have lost loved ones to violent crime; and care for those in prison sentenced to death.
- 3. Public Policy:** Pro-life work includes efforts to restore legal protection to unborn children, protect those vulnerable to pressure to end their lives by assisted suicide, supports legislation that promotes morally acceptable alternatives to abortion, supports legislation that promotes palliative care, supports efforts to end the death penalty, and efforts to restrict the practice of abortion, human cloning and research that destroys human embryos.
- 4. Prayer and Worship:** Pro-life work is directed to participation in the sacramental life of the Church and in programs of communal and individual prayer, so that the culture of death that surrounds us today will be replaced by a culture of life and love. Especially at the parish level, this work includes special care for those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, or other cause. This work also brings those who seek to build a culture of life together at diocesan and national gatherings.