

Dear Jean,

It is my pleasure to announce that our diocese will be hosting the annual Florida State Respect Life Conference on October 11-12, 2019. This is a great privilege that we have the opportunity to host once every seven years. The theme of the conference is "In the Heart of Our Mother", which coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of la Leche. We live in such times that the preciousness and dignity of every human life, in particular the unborn, is threatened and devalued. We are blessed to have as our keynote speaker Bishop William "Bill" Wack from the Diocese of Tallahassee- Pensacola.

With your assistance we look forward to an extraordinary event that will inspire new leaders both young and seasoned, engage them prayerfully and thoughtfully, to prepare for the challenges of today's culture.

The conference will host an outstanding line up of speakers including:

Vincent Rue Ph.D., international speaker on post abortion healing, Star Parker founder of Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE), Fr. Leonard Chuwa, Ascension Health State Director of Spiritual Care, Bioethics and Healthcare Ethics advisor to the diocese and Dr. Mary Soha, pediatrician and Vice-Postulator for Antonio Cuipa and companions, the "Martyrs of la Florida and other speakers.

This is a unique opportunity to strengthen our defense of human life by partnering with the diocese to make this year's conference a success. Details about sponsoring opportunities are enclosed. If you have any question, please contact May Oliver, Director of the Office of Human Life and Dignity, at (904)262-3200

Thank you for your support for the State Respect Life Conference and may the Lord bless and protect you.

Sincerely yours,

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