

Dear Life, Justice & Peace Ministers,

National Migration Week 2015 is this week, **January 4 - 10**, with the theme, **"We are One Family Under God."** For resources parishes can use, visit the [USCCB Migration & Refugee Services website](#). The JFI toll-free line to Congress is open again for you to call and advocate for immigrants and immigration reform during National Migration Week. Please ask your advocacy networks to call Congress at 1-855-589-5698 and give this message: "Please do not repeal the Executive Action on immigration and pass comprehensive immigration reform."

Mass for Life - In two weeks, on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**, Catholics from around the Archdiocese will gather to celebrate the annual Mass for Life and honor the sacredness of all human life, especially in its most vulnerable forms. On the OCFE Events page, you can download the [flyer to help promote the Mass for Life](#) and encourage others to participate. There is also a **set of driving/parking directions** for the Mass for Life, and from there to the March for Life, and finally to the Knights of Columbus lunch following the March.

9 Days for Life - A period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage, **January 17-25, 2015**, will mark the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. [The 9 Days for Life novena](#) encourages nationwide solidarity in prayer for daily intentions, including for couples experiencing infertility, those mourning the loss of a child through abortion, children in need of adoptive homes, and for an end to abortion and use of the death penalty. [Resources for the novena are available in numerous ways, including an app.](#)



The Call to Compassion and Mission: Pope Francis and the 21st Century Parish

On the threshold of Lent, we consider:
What is our next step in discipleship?

Join us for a day-long pre-Lenten retreat,
as we explore Jesus' call to all Christians
to care for the needs and defend the

rights of "the least of our brothers and sisters," and discern what the call means in our own lives and our own parishes. Our retreat leader will be nationally-known speaker Jack Jezreel.

Saturday, February 14th at St. Louise Parish, Bellevue. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

In Christ's peace,
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is a gift, it is love,...
[it is] self-giving."

~Pope Francis