



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Moving beyond the despair and darkness of
New York's abortion expansion law

In 2019, the legislature joined with the governor to radically expand abortion access in New York State. The law now establishes abortion as a "fundamental right," and allows abortion at any point during the nine months of pregnancy, for virtually any reason.

Fully formed infants in the womb, and even infants who might unexpectedly survive a late-term abortion, are no longer protected by New York law. And because the law removed important safeguards for women, they, too, are at greater risk.

"Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life.' The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you."

— St. John Paul II

New York law still provides strong protections for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who want no part in abortion.

(See Civil Rights Law Section 79(i) and Executive Law Section 296)

DID YOU
KNOW?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY

- Pray for the protection of human life on a daily basis.
- Join a "40 Days for Life" event in your area, which includes prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils.
- Speak with your pastor about organizing Adoration for Life or a Rosary for Life at your parish.

TAKE ACTION

We can't afford to do nothing. Please be generous in giving your time, talent and resources to projects and organizations that encourage the choice for life. We will change the culture one person at a time, through conversations, compassion and love.

DID YOU KNOW?

Across the nation and in New York State, both the rate and the number of abortions continues to fall. It is estimated that the national abortion rate is the lowest it's been since abortion was legalized in 1973.

CONTACT your diocesan Respect Life Office for more specific ideas and resources for building a Culture of Life in New York State.

ALBANY DIOCESE: rcda.org/life

BROOKLYN DIOCESE:
dioceseofbrooklyn.org/marriage/respect-life

BUFFALO DIOCESE: buffalodiocese.org/pro-life

NEW YORK ARCHDIOCESE: lifeofficenyc.org

OGDENSBURG DIOCESE: rcdony.org/prolife

ROCHESTER DIOCESE: liferoc.org

ROCKVILLE CENTRE DIOCESE: respectlife.drvc.org

SYRACUSE DIOCESE:
syracusediocese.org/offices/familyrespect-life



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SUPPORT pregnant women

- Volunteer your time at a pro-life pregnancy center, maternity program, outreach center, or home for unwed moms-to-be.
- Advertise these pro-life services in your church bulletin, at schools and on campuses.
- Help young women choose life for themselves and their babies. Love them both.

HELP those suffering after abortion

- Confidential and compassionate help is available to women and men who may be suffering following abortion.
- Encourage your parish to promote the post-abortion healing programs made available by your diocese.

EDUCATE others

- Share your pro-life views on social media. Always be respectful of others. Be sure to like the New York State Catholic Conference and New Yorkers for Life on Facebook and Twitter.
- Contribute to a pro-life billboard campaign in your area.
- Organize a pro-life movie night at your parish, using such movies as "I Lived on Parker Avenue" or "Unplanned."
- Encourage priests and deacons you know to preach about respect for human life, and let them know there are resources available to inspire and assist them (see www.respectlife.org).

LET YOUR LAWMAKERS know how you feel

- Communicate with your state lawmakers easily through the New York State Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org.
- While you're there, sign the petition to repeal the abortion law, and join the Catholic Action Network.
- Encourage your representatives to ensure that pregnant women have all the support and resources they need to bring their babies to term.