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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH PROMOTES A CULTURE OF LIFE**

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the five county Diocese of Palm Beach, announced details of the annual Respect Life Month for October 2008 which begins with Respect Life Sunday, October 5, 2008. During this time the Universal Catholic Church prays for an increased awareness of the sacredness of every human being from conception to natural death. The month of October is set apart as a special time to increase prayer for all whose human dignity is threatened: the unborn, children living in poverty, victims of abuse and neglect, the elderly, the terminally ill, the developmentally disabled, prisoners on death row and the poor among us.

In his letter to the faithful for Respect Life Sunday, Bishop Barbarito encourages all to participate in the local efforts supporting the National 40 Days for Life from September 24 – November 2, 2008 as well as the Walk a mile and Save a Child event on October 18 at Emmanuel Church in Delray, which will benefit Birthline/Lifeline, an agency of Catholic Charities. Calling for a renewal of “our efforts” Bishop Barbarito said “*Let us continue to do all we can to end abortion in our nation. Let us be informed about matters such as embryonic stem cell research, the right to ordinary means to preserve life including nutrition and hydration, proper care for the disabled, the elderly and the infirm and the death penalty. Let us raise our voices in instructing others and making our moral convictions known especially as responsible voting citizens.*”

The annual “Life Chain” public prayer events taking place throughout the Diocese on Respect Life Sunday October 5, 2008 will be held at these locations: Delray Beach at the corner of Linton and Federal Highway, Boynton Beach at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on Military Trail, Royal Palm Beach at the corner of Okeechobee and Royal Palm Beach Boulevards, West Palm Beach on S. Dixie Highway at St. Juliana Catholic Church and in Palm Beach Gardens at Military Trail in front of the Cathedral of St. Ignatius. Each “Life Chain” will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For a complete listing of all the events happening in the Diocese of Palm Beach and throughout the state of Florida, please visit [www.diocesepb.org](http://www.diocesepb.org) or contact the Office of Respect Life at (561) 775-9565.

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