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***Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 22, 2012***

Dear Pastor or church liaison,

During these current times it is especially important to be a voice for the unborn and to encourage others to proclaim God's truth to women and their families. We invite you to join with us in celebrating the immeasurable value and importance of every life.

Inspire life in your congregation by using our **2012 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday brochure**. These free brochures may be used as a bulletin insert to bring attention to the reality of abortion still present in our society and to highlight the life-giving work being done in our community.

As you begin planning for January 22, prayerfully consider how you may further partner with our ministry. In addition to using the brochure, some ideas include taking a special offering during your service(s), having a volunteer from our center share a testimony, or even become a volunteer.

Many of you support Embracing Options during our **Baby Bottle Fund Drive** that is held between Mother's Day and Father's Day. In 2012 we want to open up another option to you, a **Baby Bottle Fund Drive** in January to coincide with Sanctity of Life Sunday.


Our staff at Embracing Options will be calling you to see if you would like to promote the Baby Bottle Fund Drive on January 22<sup>nd</sup> or on our traditional Mother's Day May 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are so grateful for your support of our ministry. Thank you for sharing in the care and compassion that our local pregnancy center offers. Our impact would be greatly hindered without your participation and prayers.

Blessed 2 B @ My Father's Service,

*Althea Pitts-Swails*

We are a ministry of:  His BRANCHES

And a member of  CARENET

P.S. You and anyone interested are invited to our SOHL Prayer Day at Embracing Options on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30 PM. We will have Local Pastors sharing and praying approximately every half hour. (Use side door in parking lot to enter Grace Family medicines conference room.)

## **What is National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday?**

27 years ago the Christian Action Council Education and Ministries Fund, which is today known as Care Net, asked President Ronald Reagan to create a special day to focus on the intrinsic value of human life and the fundamental right to life, as recognized by the American Founding Fathers.

In 1983, President Reagan issued a proclamation establishing a National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS). Since 1983, the SOHLS proclamation has also been issued by Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush.

## **When is SOHLS?**

The National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is held on the Sunday in January that falls closest to the day on which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973.

This year that Sunday is: January 22, 2012.

## **How can I get involved?**

Each year, individuals and churches sponsor a variety of activities and events to commemorate SOHLS, including special prayer services, ringing church bells, and special sermons and Sunday school lessons. In addition to worship services, thousands of Christians petition the Lord privately through prayer and fasting to codify the right to life in the United States.

As a national network of pregnancy centers has arisen to help women facing unplanned pregnancies, church leaders have begun to encourage members of their congregations to support their local centers in a variety of ways. This important day also provides an opportunity for pregnancy centers to share about the work they do to bring life-affirming resources to their communities and to empower women and men to choose life for their unborn children.

**EO's Annual Sanctity of Human Life Day of Prayer** will be on Friday, January 20, 2012 from 12:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Our Memorial Service for the babies lost to abortion in 2012 will begin at 3:45 p.m.

We hope you will join us in prayer for LIFE!

Please fill out and return this form to place an order, or call 235-0690  
no later than January 9th, 2012.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) bulletin inserts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in taking a special offering to benefit your ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in making arrangements to have a guest speaker from  
your center to share your ministry with our congregation on SOHL Sunday.

Our congregation will participate in the Baby Bottle Fund Drive;

\_\_\_\_\_ January

\_\_\_\_\_ May

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Bottles needed

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fax order to: 585-235-4131 – Attention Althea or Dee

*Thank you for your support !*