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U.S. Bishops' Initiative to Inform Communities on the Danger of Abortion Pills Includes Prayer, Education, and Advocacy

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. The initiative will take place August 18 through October 31, which includes the month-long commemoration of *Respect Life Month* observed each October by the Catholic Church in the United States.

"Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in [a joint invitation](#) announcing the initiative. "Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks."

In addition to invoking the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* ([English/en español](#)), participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills which have become accessible through telehealth appointments and at pharmacies, leading to increased risks to women, and the abortion rate tragically climbing. Participants of the initiative are encouraged to share information about the dangers of abortion pills, and sign up to send messages to pharmacies, distributors, and pharmaceutical companies at [Respect Life Prayer and Action](#).

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