

WORD OF LIFE: SPECIAL EDITION

‘STOP THE SPREAD OF THE ABORTION PILL’ PARISH TOOLKIT

Educational Resources

- [What are Abortion Pills? \(en español\)](#)
As a brief, educational resource, the Committee on Pro-Life Activities has developed a “one-pager” entitled “What are Abortion Pills?” to explain the associated harms and risks. This can be shared with clergy and parish leaders, and distributed through websites, social media, and parish bulletins.
- [Q&A on the Abortion Pill \(en español\)](#)
A summary resource that answers questions about the use of the abortion pill and the 2026 campaign of prayer and action.
- [Notes for Clergy on Abortion Pills \(en español\)](#)
The Committee on Pro-Life Activities has developed a “Notes for Clergy” document with background information and suggested points for clergy who may want to speak on this issue from the pulpit.
- [General Homily Considerations for Healing After Abortion \(en español\)](#)
A brief resource with general points to consider when preparing a homily that addresses abortion.

Get Involved

Connect with your local state Catholic conference for information and resources to advocate for life in your local government.

- [Take Action](#)
Sign up to pray and take action to protect women and babies from abortion pills! When you sign up you will receive facts and resources about abortion pills to share with your community, action alerts to pharmacies to help stop the spread of abortion pills, and more.
- [Nationwide Invitation to Prayer \(en español\)](#)
The 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 by invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life ([English](#) / [en español](#)). Join us in prayer! respectlife.org/abortion-pills

Stay in the Loop

Sign up to stay updated with news, updates, prayer efforts, and action opportunities.

- [Respect Life Prayer and Action](#)
Sign up to receive prayers, action alerts to contact Congress, and ways to strengthen a culture of life in your community.

Prayers

Prayers for the protection of mothers and their children.

- [Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life](#)
- [Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)
- [A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers](#)

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Intercessions for Life

These intentions are appropriate for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass. They can also be printed in the weekly bulletin, included in parish Holy Hours or Rosaries, featured in email newsletters, shared on social media platforms, or prayed during personal or family prayer.

For an end to the use of the abortion pill
and for the protection of women and
preborn children;
let us pray to the Lord

For our nation:
May we end the widespread availability
of the abortion pill
and build a society where mothers are
supported in welcoming their children;
let us pray to the Lord:

For the legal protection of unborn children
and for loving support for their mothers
before and after their births;
let us pray to the Lord:

For our nation:
May we create a society in which
the legal protection of human life
is accompanied by superior care
for mothers and their children;
let us pray to the Lord:

May the Church better understand
the challenges facing mothers in need
and respond with increased care and support;
let us pray to the Lord:

For expectant mothers considering abortion:
May the Lord give them the grace to choose life
for their children and send them caring people to
help them meet their needs;
let us pray to the Lord:

For expectant mothers:
May they be lovingly supported
by the fathers of their children
in welcoming new life;
let us pray to the Lord:

May friends and families of women
with difficult pregnancies
provide loving, life-affirming support
for both mother and child;
let us pray to the Lord:

May Catholics recognize the needs
of pregnant and parenting women
present in their communities and help them to obtain
the necessities of life;
let us pray to the Lord:

For the Church:
May we faithfully witness in word and in deed
to the dignity of every human life
through comprehensive care
of mothers and their children;
let us pray to the Lord:

May the Church redouble its efforts
to accompany mothers in need,
offering them compassionate care and support;
let us pray to the Lord:

For those who have participated in an abortion
and feel they have committed an unforgiveable sin:
May they come to know the Lord's limitless mercy,
and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing;
let us pray to the Lord:

For those who suffer after participating in an abortion:
May they find peace through the Sacrament of
Reconciliation and be consoled through the
Church's abortion healing ministry;
let us pray to the Lord:

May Catholic parish communities strive
to provide compassionate, tangible support
to pregnant and parenting mothers
in need of assistance;
let us pray to the Lord:

Bulletin Quotes

These short quotes can be printed in weekly bulletins, featured in email newsletters, and shared on websites and social media platforms. Each quote comes from a full-length educational resource that can also be shared digitally or through printed materials.

What are Abortion Pills?

“Most abortions are no longer done by surgery in clinics, but by taking pills. In addition to ending the lives of babies, abortion pills are dangerous for the mothers who take them. In 2021, the FDA made the abortion pill available even without an in-person doctor visit. This easier access to abortion pills also increases the chances of their being used by abusive partners or sex trafficking criminals against a woman’s will.”

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
“What are Abortion Pills?”



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Abortion Pills after *Dobbs*

“While the *Dobbs* decision gave states the freedom to pass pro-life laws and protect preborn children, these laws are now being undermined by a proliferation of abortion pills. The Food and Drug Administration, a government agency responsible for protecting public health, has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telemed appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up opportunities for further exploitation by their violent partners or human traffickers.”

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“Chairman’s Statement on *Dobbs* Anniversary”



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Pray & Learn about the Abortion Pill

“Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing. What can we do to help protect women and babies from the evil of abortion pills? First, pray for women who are deceived by the abortion industry. Second, learn more about the facts around abortion pills at respectlife.org/abortion-pills.”

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Abortion Healing

“While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don’t know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves.” Learn how you can become an instrument of God’s mercy at usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion,” usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



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Nationwide Invitation to Prayer

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“Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.”

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“A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life”



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Sample Bulletin Announcements

These quick announcements can be printed in bulletins and newsletters.

Announcement 1: Stop the spread of the abortion pill! Learn more and take action to save lives: respectlife.org/abortion-pills.

Announcement 2: Join the U.S. Bishops in praying for an end to the spread of the abortion pill! Learn more and take action to save lives: respectlife.org/abortion-pills.

Parish Flyer

This flyer can be printed in bulletins or hung up in parishes.



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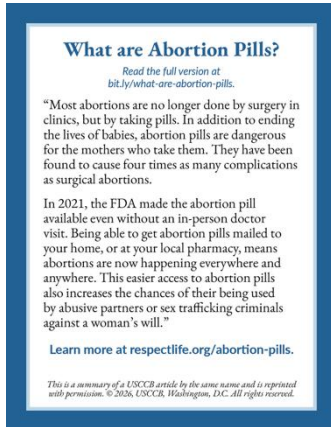
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Bulletin Boxes

These quarter-page summaries of full articles can be printed in bulletins and newsletters, when space is at a premium. Each bulletin box includes the website for accessing the full article.

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Read the full version at
bit.ly/what-are-abortion-pills.

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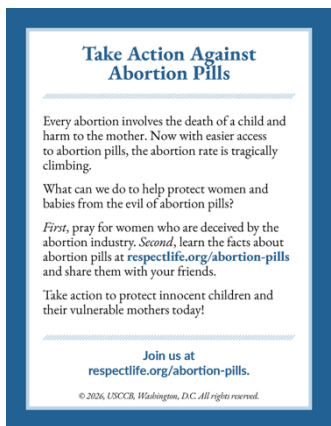
Learn more at respectlife.org/abortion-pills.

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Take Action Against Abortion Pills



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What can we do to help protect women and babies from the evil of abortion pills?

First, pray for women who are deceived by the abortion industry. Second, learn the facts about abortion pills at respectlife.org/abortion-pills and share them with your friends.

Take action to protect innocent children and their vulnerable mothers today!

Join us at
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