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Office of Parish Stewardship JANUARY 2020

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE



January Vocations Prayer Calendar

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FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



The New Conversation: Changing Hearts & Minds on Abortion by Stephanie Gray



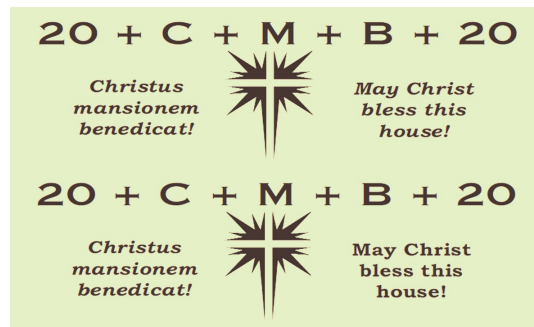
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE NAMES NEW RESPECT LIFE OFFICE TEAM

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A NEW YEAR TRADITION!

There is a wonderful Epiphany/New Year tradition that reminds us to "see" ourselves on mission each time we leave our homes. The tradition is called "The Chalking of the Door." Perhaps your family already participates in this tradition or perhaps you have seen such chalking above the door of a friend or family member. Maybe you are not familiar with this tradition at all. Below we give an example of how to chalk your door-- although there are many cultural variations, here is one simple formula you might use-- along with some reasons why.

Using ordinary chalk--or blessed chalk, if available--print these numbers, letters, and symbols on the top inside front door frame of your home: 20 + C M B + 20. The beginning and ending "20's" stand for the current year. The letters "C M B" represent the initials of the Magi's assumed first names: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The "C M B" also means "Christus mansionem benedicat" (Latin for "May Christ bless the house"). The plus sign "+" symbolizes the Cross of Christ, the sign of our salvation.



Just as the Magi traveled, bringing gifts to the Newborn King, let us go on mission--dramatic mission, using our God-given

gifts to make the Lord better known, loved, and served-by ourselves and others. This year, 2020, let us ask the Lord to give us greater insight to see how we might be more faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, and to help us build up the stewardship pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service inside and outside our homes.

Attached is a printable "20+CMB+20" for those who would like to take part of the tradition in a different way!

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Stewards of the Month

Our Steward of the Month for January is not one, but many! The Stewards of the Month for January are all of the youth in our Catholic schools who will be attending the March for Life on January 24th. Year after year, many young women and men from across the Island take the trip down to Washington, DC to remind folks of all ages about the sanctity of life. Joined together with tens of thousands of other individuals, our youth march side by side with those of different faiths, different races and different political beliefs to raise awareness for the unborn.



Last year, this office ran into a group of young men from Chaminade High School (pictured in the photo). We thank those young men, and all of the Long Island youth who are great examples of generously living our stewardship pillars. Each and every one of them practices the pillar of service by doing God's Will of speaking up for God's beautiful creation-human life.