

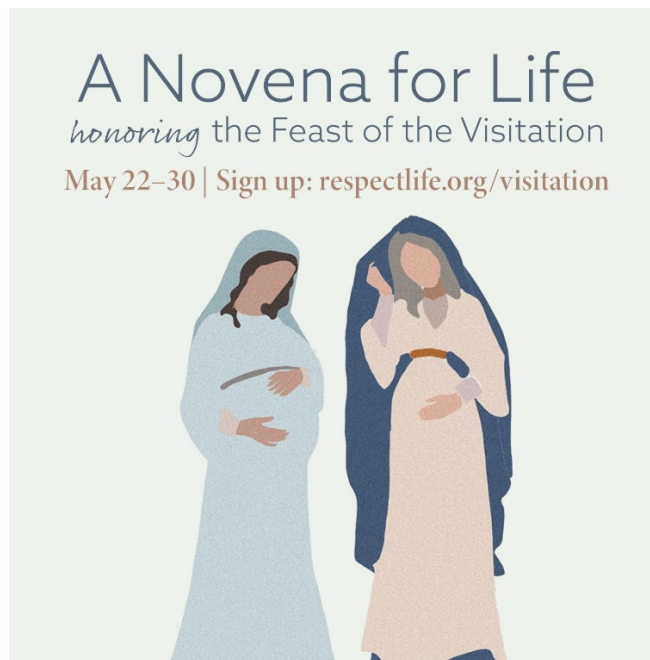


O God,

All life is Your gift of love. In the joy that comes with the birth of a child, may we recognize Your great mercy, and so come to know the love You have for all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Motherhood is a celebration, especially in the month of May! We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we also honor and thank our earthly mothers for their sacrificial love!

The Feast of the Visitation on May 31 celebrates the meeting of two mothers—Mary and Elizabeth—both with a child hidden within their wombs. Scripture tells us that, following the Annunciation, Mary set out *in haste* to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant (Lk 1:39). Despite being pregnant herself, Mary undertook the long and likely difficult journey to be at Elizabeth's side. The Blessed Mother's example demonstrates supporting and accompanying mothers, especially those who may be experiencing challenging or difficult circumstances. Mary provides a model of how we, as Catholics, are called to come alongside such mothers.



Inspired by our Blessed Mother, and in preparation for the Feast of the Visitation, PLEASE consider joining with Catholics nationwide in praying ***A Novena for Life*** from May 22-30. (Sign up to receive the daily prayers at respectlife.org/visitation.)

If you are interested in attending the next Pro-Life committee meeting at Holy Cross, please contact Suzette Bienvenu for details - suzettec@cox.net or (337)278-0245.

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