



Greetings in Jesus' Name,

I'm writing to invite you to celebrate **Sanctity of Life Sunday** (24 May 2020). This national initiative is non-denominational, non-activist and non-political/non-partisan. It is Christian.

- Help **celebrate** Sanctity of Life Sunday
- No prescriptions on how, but **inspiration** available online to help you
- A day to support the **ministry** of local churches to hurting women and men
- A witness to lead a national change of culture **without condemnation** or activism
- **Grassroots**, organic and unaffiliated with any political campaign, party or organisation

Just like celebrating the birth of Jesus, it is a day to celebrate a gift from God to us, the gift of human life. It is a day to bear witness to the world and especially our nation that life is a sacred gift from God. It is a day to promote the ministry of the Church to those who are hurting and afraid in our congregations and wider in turn to their circles of influence - people who are post-abortive and abortion-vulnerable - and sadly they are many.

Sanctity of Life Sunday is not owned or controlled by anyone. *Imago Dei* - that every human is made in the Image of God and therefore worthy of equal respect, dignity & justice - is a universal doctrine among Bible-believing Christians. Therefore there is no logo or branding for this annual day of celebration. It is entirely up to you individually, corporately and ecclesiastically how you celebrate.

You may choose to lead a week of prayer for life, preach a sermon, or raise funds for a local pregnancy resource/counselling centre and invite a representative to address your service and raise awareness of community resources. More inspiration on how to celebrate is being collected at [SanctityOfLifeSunday.com.au](http://SanctityOfLifeSunday.com.au). It is a work in progress, so your possible contributions will be highly valued!

Our prayer is that Sanctity of Life Sunday may support the ministry of local pastors and churches across our nation, and assist us in positively and affirmingly leading our culture to celebrate life with us. Over 70% of women who have made an abortion choice in the past have indicated they would not have made that choice if there was just one person who would have supported them. We the churches in cities of Australia can offer that support, and proactively remove the common fear of condemnation and shame.

There is only one quality "control" desired for this day - and that is that it be positive and affirming, without overt activism, and without any trace of condemnation or shame for those who have made an abortion choice in the past or who may be facing an unplanned pregnancy now or in the future.

There is increased discussion in our society about these issues - which God's Word is entirely unambiguous about. We His Church have the light and hope to offer those who are confused and afraid at one of the worst times they've ever faced, or never fully recovered from the trauma of that time in their past.

The most important part of this invitation is to request you help grow it exponentially by sharing this invitation with your colleagues and inviting them to help their people celebrate too. Please let me know how I can be of more help as you lead your people and nation to celebrate Sanctity of Life **Sunday, 24 May 2020**.

God richly bless you,

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