



St. John the Apostle is pleased to announce the start of a local branch of “**Cenacles of Life**” a national rosary prayer group dedicated to pray with our Blessed Mother to petition our Lord for the end of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, artificial contraception, capital punishment, and assisted suicide. The Cenacle of Life is a prayer group that prays two rosaries (ten mysteries) offering the rosaries up with fasting. Each member fasts one day a week on bread and water, to end the culture of death in our state, our country and the world. Those that cannot fast on bread and water, due to sickness, age or circumstances, can offer up a day of fasting in the manner that they are able (i.e, from, such as watching television or talking on the telephone, etc). They offer up their fasts - at the prayer group - with the rosaries prayed. The group recites a *Prayer of Offering*.

Our Cenacle of Life prayer group will meet in the Church every Thursday morning at 8:00 (before Mass) and pray one rosary (5 mysteries). Immediately following the 8:30 Mass, we will pray another 5 mysteries of the rosary.

As the witness of Sacred Scripture and the Church’s long history would indicate, Cenacles of prayer and fasting throughout the United States will bring down abundant graces needed to end the whole culture of death. In this way, countless lives of the unborn, the severely handicapped and the elderly will be spared from the ravages of the anti-life forces so prevalent in our times. The Cenacle of Life is for renewing the Spirit of Life – from within the Church. It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth – and to defeat this war on life.

The word "Cenacle" refers to the Upper Room, where the Apostles would meet to pray with the Virgin Mary, after the death and Resurrection of her Son. It is also where Jesus had His Apostles come for the Last Supper. It is where He instituted the Eucharist. "This My Body. This is My Blood, which will be offered up for the forgiveness of sins. Take and eat and drink, for this is truly My Body, which has been broken for you." In the Catholic Church, the Tabernacle holds the Presence of the Lord. We gather around the Tabernacle, praying the rosary and offering our fasts, just as the Apostles gathered around Jesus at the Last Supper, in the Cenacle.

Why the Cenacles of Life?

We gather in groups to pray the rosary – for the more that gather in the Church, to end abortion - the faster it will end. The Blessed Mother told the children at Fatima that, thanks to the rosary, all wars would end. For the rosary is a gift that God gave His Mother, to give to her children. That is why we are to pray this prayer! ***The rosary is a gift that was designed by God to give to His children – so His Mother could intercede and crush the serpent.***

So hasten all to the Church and proclaim a fast! For the devil will only be defeated by spiritual means, not physical. Satan is a spiritual being. The means to crush the serpent are from the Lord. Amen.