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### WHO WE ARE      SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

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*We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.*

U.S. Catholic Bishops, Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, November 2001

The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, under the guidance and direction of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, and organize for its protection.

To serve this goal we:

- Develop educational material on pro-life issues
- conduct educational campaigns in the Church – e.g.,
  - Respect Life Program that begins on the first Sunday of each October
  - People of Life Action Campaign [subscribe to e-newsletter] Visit: [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/who-we-are.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/who-we-are.cfm) and click “subscribe to enewsletter”
- conduct educational campaigns in the public square – radio, print, exhibit
- circulate fact sheets and other information on critical issues
- publish *Life Issues Forum*, a biweekly column for Catholic newspapers
- publish *Life Insight* newsletter
- encourage and enable programs to meet the needs of pregnant women, children, persons with disabilities, those who are sick or dying, and all who have been involved in abortion
- provide dioceses with pro-life liturgical suggestions each month
- coordinate/advise on public policy efforts concerning these issues
- assist dioceses to implement major pro-life programs

The current Committee serves from November 2012 to November 2015 and is chaired by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston.

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