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## FOR BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

**TO:** ALL CLERGY AND BULLETIN EDITORS

**FROM:** PRO-LIFE OFFICE (& KANSAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE)

**SUBJECT:** RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY VALUE THEM BOTH MATERIALS

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### Dear Priests and Clergy ~

October--Respect Life Month—takes on a special meaning this year. It is always about praying and taking action to uphold the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, but most Kansas Catholics still do not know that because of a court ruling, unlimited and unregulated abortion, will almost certainly happen in Kansas unless we pass the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment. Kansans will vote on this next August, but we must alert the faithful to this now as the abortion industry is already working against us. Here is what you can expect in the next few weeks:

- A **special bulletin insert** with an explanation of Value Them Both and a list of Archdiocesan Respect Life events and resources is attached. Please include this in your bulletins the weekend of September 18-19 or 25-26 so your parishioners have a “heads up” of what’s coming.
- **October 2-3 is Respect Life Sunday.** The Lord’s Day Gospel is about marriage—there is a connection to children as “supreme gifts” of marriage. “Homily helps” for Respect Life Sunday can be found at [www.archkck.org/prolife/resources/prolife-priests-and-coordinators](http://www.archkck.org/prolife/resources/prolife-priests-and-coordinators)
- **There will be Value Them Both ACTION CARDS arriving at your parish very soon.** We are asking that you please distribute these to your parishioners on Respect Life Sunday (or another weekend in October). Please ask parishioners to fill them out (or use the QR code) and return to in the collection basket or mail them in—an address is provided.
- Also for Respect Life Sunday, **Archbishop will be distributing a video or audio message** highlighting the importance of Respect for Life and the urgent need to pass Value Them Both.
- There is a great web site: [www.ValueThemBoth.com](http://www.ValueThemBoth.com) where there are details about Value Them Both.
- Please contact Chuck Weber at [Chuck@KansasCatholic.org](mailto:Chuck@KansasCatholic.org) or Deb Niesen at [dniesen@archkck.org](mailto:dniesen@archkck.org) with any questions regarding the above.

### SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

#### Value Them Both Opportunities

October--Respect Life Month—takes on a special urgency this year. It is always about praying for and defending all life from conception until natural death, but **most Kansas Catholics still do not know that because of a state court ruling, Kansas is again becoming an abortion destination for the Midwest.** Unlimited and unregulated abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, will almost certainly happen in Kansas unless we pass the Value Them Both state constitutional amendment for life. Kansans will vote on the amendment next August, but we must become educated and involved now as the abortion industry is already sowing confusion and misinformation.

In the next few weeks Respect life Month information and ways you can help will be made available. This will include a special Respect Life bulletin insert and an ACTION CARD where we are asking for your help and participation. There is a very good web site at [www.ValueThemBoth.com](http://www.ValueThemBoth.com) offering details. Thank you!

