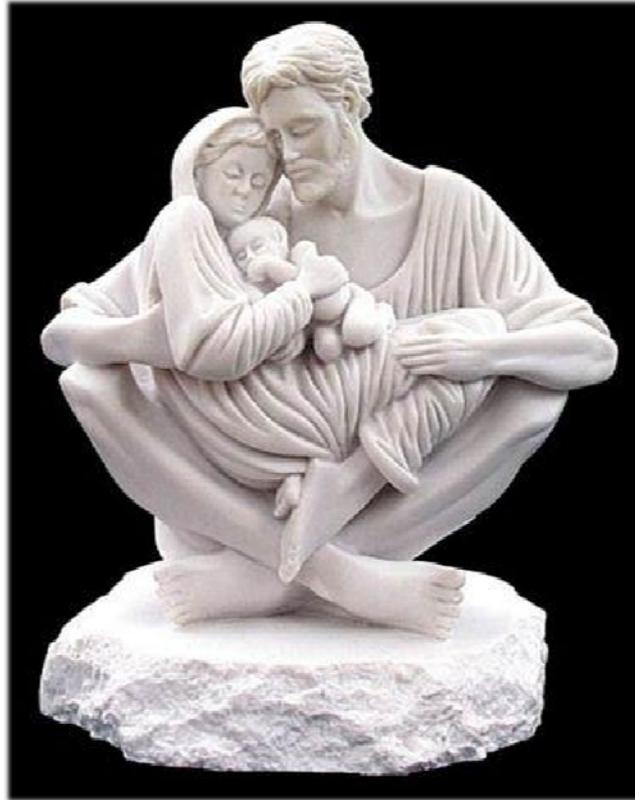


Angelus Association

A Family Prayer Project

*Engaged Couples
Newlyweds
New parents
Single parents
Growing families
Grandparents*



*Unemployment
Addiction
Illness
Divorce
Death
Infertility*

*Families come in all shapes and sizes.
So do the challenges they face.
All families need our prayers.*

The Diocesan Family Life, Natural Family Planning and Respect Life Offices invite you to join in praying daily for all families, and for these ministries which serve the families of the North Country.

The ANGELUS, prayed by the Church for centuries, celebrates God becoming part of the human family in the mystery of the Incarnation. Through it, we also seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother, whose obedience made possible the coming of Christ among us. This makes the ANGELUS an especially fitting way to ask God's blessings on the families of our diocese. The gift of your prayers, in any form, is much needed and deeply appreciated.

THE ANGELUS

- V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mother, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In use since the 14th century, the Angelus offered the faithful a way to connect their daily lives to the mysteries of their faith. Church bells were rung at morning, noon, and evening to summon them to prayer. While stronger in some parts of the Catholic world than in others, the Angelus remains a beautiful part of the prayer tradition of the Church. Continuing a practice begun by Pope John XXIII and continued by his successors, our Holy Father ends his noon audience each Sunday with public recitation of the Angelus.