



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 HOLY GHOST COUNCIL #4977



ST. THERESA & ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

“NOVENA FOR LIFE”

Sat, Jan 18th to Sun, Jan 26th

Day 3 of 9: Monday, January 20, 2020

Step 1. REFLECTION:

Recent reports have once again exposed the terrible abuses that many have suffered at the hands of a member of the Catholic clergy. Our hearts ache for the grave harm that has been inflicted on our brothers and sisters. Words alone cannot express our sorrow, shame and disappointment that such affronts to human dignity have been carried out within our Church.

It is our prayer and hope that all who have experienced abuse will find the healing and justice they so rightly deserve, knowing that they are never alone. For, “only by confronting our own failure in the face of crimes against those we are charged to protect can the Church resurrect a culture of life where the culture of death has prevailed.”

Step 2. ACTS OF REPARATION (choose one):

- Fast from one meal today.
- Seek the intercession of Our Lady by praying a [Rosary for Healing and Protection](#).
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer or act of penance that you feel called to do for today’s intention.

One Step Further: In 2002, the crime and sin of child sexual abuse in the Church was brought out in the open for all to see. While there is still much more to be done, over the past 16 years, the Church has worked to provide healing for victims and survivors and to prevent future abuse through the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

To learn more about preventing abuse, read this article: [“Protecting Children.”](#)

Step 3. DAILY “PRAYER FOR LIFE”



PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995