

*The  
CIRCLE of LIFE  
JOURNEY  
SESSION 11  
Completing the Circle  
and  
Being Sent Forth*

Together we have traveled  
the CIRCLE OF LIFE JOURNEY  
and now it draws to completion . . .



What have we learned  
about the Seamless Garment of Life,  
and how does this knowledge call us to act?

The Dying      The Unborn  
The Imprisoned      The Poor  
Our Enemies      The Marginalized  
Creation      Languages, Cultures & Faiths  
The Migrant

Our Journey has opened our minds and hearts to how  
A COMMITMENT  
ETHICAL LIFE  
calls us to respect the  
value and dignity of LIFE  
in all its forms and  
seasons, from conception  
to natural death.

*St. Teresa of Avila  
reminds us:*

Christ  
has no body now  
but ours.  
No hands, no feet  
on earth  
but ours.

How will  
OUR hands  
reach out to  
THESE hands  
to foster respect  
for the dignity,  
and intrinsic value  
of the lives  
these hands  
represent ?

Let us  
begin  
with  
PRAYER



. . . and with a desire to see  
God's Light  
reflecting back to us in every  
human face.



## *COMPLETING the CIRCLE*

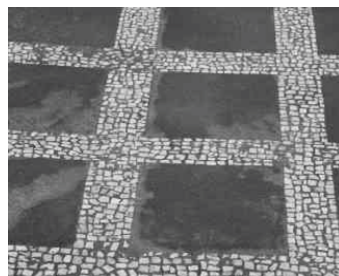


&  
*Being  
SENT FORTH*

Catholics are called  
to be a community of conscience  
within the larger society . . . .



As Catholics,  
we are called  
"to carry the values  
of the gospel and



Church teaching  
into the  
public square."

In the Catholic tradition,  
responsible citizenship is a virtue;  
participation in the political process  
is a moral obligation.



Our moral framework  
does not easily fit  
the categories of  
right or left,  
Democrat or Republican.

  
**Faithful  
Citizenship**  
A CATHOLIC CALL TO POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility  
 is to measure every  
 party and platform  
 by how its agenda  
 touches human life  
 and dignity.



The new millennium requires  
 a new kind of politics, focused . . .

- more on moral principles  
 than on the latest polls,
- more on the needs  
 of the poor and vulnerable  
 than the contributions  
 of the rich and powerful,
- more on the pursuit  
 of the common good than  
 the demands of special interests.



In accordance  
 with God's plan for  
 human society,  
 we are called . . .



. . . to commit ourselves  
 to protect and promote  
 the life and dignity of the  
 human person  
 . . . and the common good  
 of society as a whole.



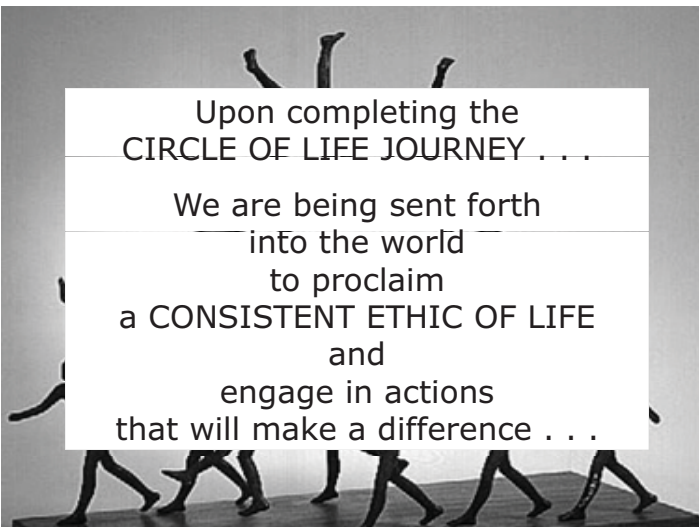
In today's world  
 the common good of one nation  
 cannot be separated from  
 the common good  
 of the whole  
 human family.



John XXIII *Peace on Earth*

Upon completing the  
 CIRCLE OF LIFE JOURNEY . . .

We are being sent forth  
 into the world  
 to proclaim  
 a CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE  
 and  
 engage in actions  
 that will make a difference . . .



In Our  
 Community . . .



## Our Nation . . .



## . . . and Our Globe



## *Our Prayer*

God of Life,  
Compassion & Love,  
we pray for  
a greater respect  
for LIFE  
among  
all peoples.

Grant us  
the will and wisdom  
to form  
our consciences  
in harmony  
with a  
Consistent Ethic  
of Life.

Send us  
your guidance and grace  
as we are sent forth  
into the world  
to proclaim the message  
of the  
Seamless Garment  
of Life  
and to act  
upon it.

May we  
always have  
LIFE in you,  
and  
have it  
to the full . . . .

*Amen*

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