



THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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September 18, 2016 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, Sunday, September 18, there will be a second collection to help the parish's Deficit Reduction. Thank you for your support.

PARISH VESPERS

Parish Vespers will begin on Sunday, September 18 at St. Vincent Ferrer. A chant class will be taught by our Music Director, James Wetzel, at 4:30 PM, followed by Vespers at 5:15 PM.

PARISH INVOLVEMENT

After all Masses this weekend, September 18, representatives of our various committees and groups will be available to speak with those who would like to deepen their involvement in the parish.

PARISH STUDY

On Tuesday, September 20 at 6:45 PM we will continue our new series of Parish Study lectures in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Fall we will focus on the Book of Psalms.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program for adults who wish to become Catholic. Our parish RCIA program has begun, but it is not too late to get involved. Please contact Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. for more information.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

On Monday, September 19th, at 7:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (visit www.nycago.org) will sponsor an hour-long organ recital. Members of the Chapter's Board, including James Wetzel, will perform a variety of music on the renowned Schantz instrument installed in 2002. This opening event of the Chapter's season will include a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee will have started our bingo games for the women living at the Park Avenue Armory. Last bingo season, our parish provided enough items for almost 1100 prizes. These gifts were greatly appreciated by the women. As usual, we need handbags, baseball caps, tops, sweat pants, socks, medium to large size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, face wash, body wash, body lotion, hair brushes and combs... tooth brushes and toothpaste...cologne, and slightly used jewelry. Anything you think the women would use. Kindly leave your donations at the Parish Office.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Each Friday, the 7:00 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena is offered for the deceased enrolled in the St. Catherine's Purgatorial Society. Enrollment of a deceased family member or friend is available in the church office for \$35.

On Monday, September 26 at 7 pm, a Sung Requiem Mass for the Poor Souls in Purgatory will be offered in the Dominican rite at the Rosary Altar.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,
6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

Adoration

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:40 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS
AND EVENING PRAYER)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

THURSDAY:

4:00 PM (HOLY HOUR)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP:

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP:

SATURDAY 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday:
9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

St. Catherine of Siena
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Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
Vicar

Rev. Albert Paretsky, OP
Vicar

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
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Director of Catechesis and
Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
Administrative Assistant

Sr. Padraic Mary McGuinness, OP
Receptionist

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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

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(212) 535-4680
Sr. Gail Morgan, OP
Principal

PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Please register as a member of our parish if this is where you regularly attend Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, or online at www.svsc.info/register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child, call the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Saturdays, but other arrangements may be made depending upon the circumstances. A baptism preparation class is held at St. Vincent Ferrer on the second Saturday of the month at 12 PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info). Adults who have not been confirmed should inquire with the Parish Office about preparing for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin making arrangements for a wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a priest. More information is available at www.svsc.info/weddings.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the parish, at a nearby hospital, or at home (for those who are homebound).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a class for adults interested in becoming Catholic. To learn more, contact Fr. Innocent Smith, OP, at the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

For information and/or registration for classes held at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Parish Study is a program for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and Spring. To learn more, contact the Parish Office or check our website at www.svsc.info.

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit www.frassatiny.com.

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
6:00 pm (Vigil) Noreen Vall (D)
8:00 am Deceased members of the
McGovern Family
12 pm Migdalia Colon (D)
6:00 pm Brian Conway (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
12:10 pm Irene & Peter
Pennachio (D)
6:00 pm Joan Sunderland
Scribner (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 am Raul Castells (D)
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas Gorski,
OFM (D)
6:00 pm Frank M. Lisante (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:00 am Tom Marrone (D)
12:10 pm Gene Bay (D)
6:00 pm Frank & Frances
McGuinness (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 pm Mary Jennings (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:00 am Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)
12:10 pm Mark Bani (L)
6:00 pm Mary O'Brien Heller (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 am Margaret Sentner (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
4:00 pm (Vigil) Sr. Patricia
Walsh, O.P. (L)
10:00 am Thomas Haynes
5:00 pm For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Fr. Conroy, Fr. Fitzsimmons,
& Fr. McHenry (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
7:00 am David Johnson
5:15 pm Bridies Busher

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:00 am Una Sheehan
5:15 pm Thomas Bobin (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7:00 am For Peace in the World
5:15 pm Marie Artise (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm For Christian Unity

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:00 am Ana Maria Lauria

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

*Contact the Parish Office to add a
name to this list*

Len Bencivenga, Monica Farren,
Sr. Timothy Goettisheim, O.P.,
Christopher Heath, Rev. Chris
Johnson, O.P., Helen Johnson, John
Kelly, Sarah McDermott, Anthony
Mendola, Stephen Osso, Fiona
Wigan, & Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Ethel Garcia, Matthew Martinez,
& Aldy Maynard-Taylor and the
souls of all our recently deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the
dying, and their families in Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, the
Hospital for Special Surgery, and
Rockefeller University Hospital.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

The seven-day candles are available for
an offering of \$15 each.

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Lamps
Rene Concepcion (d); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Patrick Mc-
Carthy (d); Anthony Morelliti (l);
Raymond J. Schwede (d); Zacharilla
Family; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Our Lady of Mercy, James F. Ryan, &
James Fr. Ryan Jr.

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Priscilla Ventigan

*Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and in the Church
Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.*

O LORD, OPEN THOU OUR LIPS, AND OUR MOUTH SHALL SHOW FORTH THY PRAISE.

In the weekly bulletins over the past few months, much has been written about music, and I urge you to visit Parish website's bulletin archive, specifically the pastoral letters of May 8, May 15, June 5, June 26, and my letter of introduction on August 28. That music has received so much consideration in the merger and continues to be a focal point in our common life testifies to its indispensable role as handmaiden of the sacred liturgy and our clergy's commitment to its excellence. But practically speaking what does all this mean for someone in the pews? What can you expect? And how can you most effectively take advantage of all that the Parish has to offer? Here is a start:

THE SUNG MASS

Since July, all of the Parish's Masses with music have had essentially the same outline, providing a healthy commonality of experience. This form – Sung Mass – will continue at the evening Masses at both churches. The Mass Ordinary of the Roman Missal will be sung through Ordinary Time. The major Propers (the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion Antiphons) are chanted by the cantor in an English translation of the Latin texts found in the Graduale Romanum, the official chant book of the Roman Church. Each of the three Masses is slightly different: the Saturday 6:00 PM includes the Post-Communion hymn; the Sunday 6:00 PM is preceded by Vespers (more on that further on); and the Sunday 5:00 PM is an a cappella Mass with cantor only, offering a more contemplative variation. Several Low Masses (without music) are also offered each weekend.

THE HIGH MASS

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Catherine's is the Parish's 'Family Mass' at which, beginning on September 11th, the burgeoning volunteer Parish Choir sings. Initial response for members has been very promising, with people joining from both churches and from the wider community! The ensemble rehearses at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings in St. Dominic's Hall, and any adult is welcome and encouraged to join! As the group gains traction, it will eventually become responsible for the Propers and will learn simple motets. For more information, simply contact me or stop-by after Mass.

THE SOLEMN MASS

The Solemn Mass is at the heart of the Parish's liturgical life. As such, it is celebrated on Sundays (at 12:00 Noon at St. Vincent's), on major feast days, and to mark important occasions in the community. Additional prayers sung by the congregation at this Mass include the Credo and a seasonally-changing Marian Antiphon after the dismissal. The celebrant's orations and other responsory prayers (e.g. Preface dialogue) are also chanted.

The Schola Cantorum, the Parish's professional ensemble of eight singers, will sing for this Mass, beginning on October 2nd. Schola Cantorum is the official term used by the Roman Church to denote a liturgical choir and literally means 'school of singing'. The Schola will chant the Latin Propers (including the Alleluia) according to the Dominican Graduale, the chant book particular to the Order of Preachers. Offertory and Communion motets will follow the Antiphons, and on feast days a choral Ordinary will be offered. This broad range of repertoire will survey the very best in the treasured patrimony of Catholic polyphony.

PARISH VESPERS


Vespers will be offered each Sunday at 5:15 PM at St. Vincent's, beginning September 18th. This sung Office of Evening Prayer includes a hymn, a selection of psalms, a Scripture reading, a responsory, and the Magnificat – the Canticle of Mary.

Public celebration of the Divine Office in the modern Church is unfortunately rare, and thus the typical person may be apprehensive to attend a service with which he is unaccustomed, for fear of not knowing what to do. To combat this unfamiliarity, a 4:30 PM instructional class in St. Vincent's Parish Hall will precede the liturgy. At first, this class will simply cover the basics of how to chant those parts for which the congregation is responsible. Eventually, the class's scope will expand to include some musical and liturgical history. While in some respects the experience will be cumulative, do not be discouraged from attending if you can only do so occasionally!

BEYOND THE FALL

This is just a foretaste of things to come! A brochure will soon be distributed detailing all of the musical liturgies for the season, including weekday feasts and special services such as Lessons and Carols! The brochure, as well as a forthcoming appeal letter, will also provide information about the Parish's Friends of Music – the apparatus through which you can financially support the program. People from both churches have been very generous in the past, and I entreat your continued benevolence. More importantly, I hope that you will participate evermore fully in the liturgical role given to you by Mother Church as members of the faithful: to sing with a full heart and listen with an open mind. The leaflets we print are meant to aid in both actions, so please use them! And above all, as you offer prayers, please include one for the musicians of the Parish, that we may worthily magnify God's holy name through the work of our vocation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


James

Religious Education

in the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena
Registration Form • 2016-2017

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Child's School for 2016-2017 _____ Grade in School 2016-2017 _____ Parish _____

I am interested in registering my child for: (*Sessions begin the Week of September 18, 2016*)

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 for **3-year-olds – Kindergarten**: Sundays 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 for **3-year-olds – Kindergarten**: Thursdays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 for **1st grade – 3rd grade**: Sundays 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 for **1st grade – 3rd grade**: Sundays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 for **1st grade – 3rd grade**: Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 for **1st grade – 3rd grade**: Thursdays 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 3 for **4th grade – 6th grade**: Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

- Graded Program **4th grade /5th grade /6th grade** at **St. Vincent Ferrer**: Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Please indicate which grade level: _____

- Ignite Youth Ministry for **7th grade – 8th grade**: Mondays 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Sacramental information about my child:

- Yes No My child has received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.
- Yes No My child has received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
- Yes No My child has received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Annual Fee for 2016-2017 – \$250 per child	Amount paid:	
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Please make checks payable to "Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena". Tuition is due in full on the first day of the session. We accept registrations on a "first come, first served" basis. Please contact us within the first 3 weeks to receive a 75% refund of the annual fee. After the first 3 weeks, fees are non-refundable. *CGS Level 1 only*: In the first 3 weeks of the CGS Level I sessions, we assess if the child is ready. If the child is too young (i.e., not potty-trained, not able to follow instructions), we will ask them to wait 6 months. Please contact **Lisa Harrelson, Coordinator of Religious Education**, with any questions you may have at: **(212) 988-8300, ext. 186** or **lharrelson@svsc.info**. ***Other than the Graded Program on Tuesdays, all sessions will be held at the St. Catherine of Siena Priory.***

By signing below, I understand and agree to the policies above.

Parent Name (print) _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Date: _____ **Phone Number:** _____ **Email:** _____

Please return your completed form and payment to:

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY
HOLY HOUR/HOLY DOOR PILGRIMAGE**

Please join Visitation Circle on the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, Saturday, September 24, for a Holy Hour, concluding with a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral Holy Door. All are welcome. (<http://archny.org/mercy>)

Rev. John Maria Devaney, O.P., Missionary of Mercy,
Presiding

St. Vincent Ferrer Church

869 Lexington Avenue/East 66th Street

- Holy Hour, 10 to 11 AM (With opportunity for Confession)

- Public Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary (Beginning of the Holy Hour)

- Quiet Time before the Blessed Sacrament

- 11 AM - Meet in the Church Vestibule, Depart for St. Patrick's Cathedral Holy Door (Walking, public or private transportation)

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir seeks additional members! The Parish Choir will begin its season by singing for a Mass at 10:00 AM for the 15th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sunday, September 11th at Saint Catherine of Siena. Rehearsals for Mass will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM in Saint Dominic's Hall in the Priory of Saint Catherine's; there will be no weeknight rehearsals, which we hope will allow more people to participate! Anyone interested in finding out more or joining the Choir should contact James Wetzel, the Director of Music, at jwetzel@svsc.info or (412) 951-7441.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Regis High School, an all-scholarship, Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 5, from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. For additional information, please write, email, or call: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, (212) 288-1100, ext. 2057, or edimichele@regis-nyc.org.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Cathedral High School, an all girls college preparatory high school located at 350 E 56th Street in Manhattan will host its Open House on Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 12 to 2:30 PM. Please visit our website www.cathedrals.org for more information.

FORMED: ONLINE CATHOLIC LEARNING RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of New York has partnered with the on-line Catholic learning resource website FORMED to provide free access to the website for parishes across the Archdiocese. The website has videos, audio recordings, and books available for streaming and/or download on a variety of topics, including the Bible, the Sacraments, and the Saints. To register, visit www.formed.org and input the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish Code: 2ZFMH7.

LAY FRATERNITIES OF ST. DOMINIC

Our Lady of the Assumption Chapter of the LFSD meets on the third Thursday, for approximately two hours each month, directly after attending the 6:00 PM parish Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer Church (meeting in the Parish Center, street level, left of Priory stairs). Dominican Laity share deeply the spiritual charisms of the Dominican Order, while remaining in the lay state. More information is available at <http://www.laydominicans.com>.

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND LIVING

The Center for Learning and Living, Inc., a non-profit school for people 55+, offers St. Catherine's and St. Vincent's parishioners a special discount on its courses, in thanks for the church allowing us to rent classroom space. Our 8-week fall semester starts September 20, with classes on a wide variety of interesting topics in the daytime on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For the discounted fee of \$235, parishioners can sign up for as many courses as they like. Topics include literature, poetry, the Middle East, U.S. politics, constitutional law, film, and historical figures. The full course schedule and more information about CL&L is online at clandl.org or people interested in learning more can call (212) 644-3320. CL&L will also have a table at the 3rd Ave. Street Fair between 69th and 70th Streets Sept. 11 from 10-6. First-time students can attend classes free the first week.

COLLECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
Regular Offertory: \$14,157
Attendance: 859

September 11, 2016
Regular Offertory: \$16,741
St. Joseph Seminary: \$3,469
Attendance: 1,202

PARISH OFFERTORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning September 1st, all checks for the Parish should be made payable to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena.

As of September 11th the new offertory envelopes will be distributed. There will be a gap for those who have been receiving envelopes for St. Catherine's, for September 4th. Please submit your offertory in a Welcome envelope or a personal envelope, making sure to include your name and address, for recording purposes.



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DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

EDITOR: FR. JONAH POLLOCK, O.P., S.T.L.

ABORTION in TRAUMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES

By Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., S.T.L., Associate Director, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York

A **DIRECT ABORTION** is an abortion that is deliberately chosen and is always morally wrong. It is morally wrong because it is a kind of murder, an instance of deliberately killing an innocent human being. Since it is an instance of murder, direct abortion is in violation of the natural and divine laws that are expressed in the fifth commandment: "You shall not kill."

WE SHOULD RECALL THAT, in calling direct abortion 'murder,' we do not necessarily mean that the people responsible for it are murderers. Very often, those who choose to have abortions are under pressure from others and are misinformed. Such a person would not be fully responsible for the immoral action he or she chose to commit and can rely on God's abundant mercy.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, direct abortion is still murder. The action that is chosen is always wrong, even if the one making the choice is not be fully responsible for the wrongdoing. Having determined this, we might then ask which cases of abortion constitute direct abortion. Answering that question is sometimes quite easy. Take, for example, the case of a mother who chooses to have an abortion because she simply does not want the child. We can easily recognize the abortion in that case as a direct abortion, deliberately chosen and morally wrong. There are other cases, however, that are more difficult to judge. Let us consider two cases in which difficulties arise from trauma suffered by the mother: (1) when the conception of the child results from rape and (2) when an abortion is chosen in order to save the mother's life.

A **WOMAN WHO CONCEIVES A CHILD** as a result of being raped clearly deserves a great deal of sympathy. This is true not only because of the physical and emotional trauma suffered as a result of that detestable crime, but also because of the burden of carrying in her womb the child of her attacker. This burden is a double injustice. The victimized woman does not deserve the negative consequences of a pregnancy she in no way chose to bring about. Moreover, she does not deserve to be the mother of a child who cannot help but be a constant reminder of the man who raped her. Given this horrible injustice, it is easy to see how aborting the child might seem like a compassionate and reasonable solution.

NOTWITHSTANDING THESE CONSIDERATIONS, however, an abortion in these circumstances would be a direct abortion and therefore morally wrong. It would be a deliberately chosen act of killing an innocent human being. The conception of the

child in this case is justifiably unwanted. If the mother could go back in time to protect herself for conceiving a child in this way, she would be more than justified in doing so. Once the child is conceived, however, it is an innocent human being who does not deserve to be killed, no matter how horribly his or her father has sinned.

TWO WRONGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT. Rape is a horrible sin and a resulting pregnancy is a grave injustice to the woman who was victimized. Adding the injustice of direct abortion doesn't undo the injustice of rape. Difficult as the situation continues to be for the woman who is both victim and mother, killing her child is neither a compassionate nor reasonable solution.

AN ABORTION THAT IS CHOSEN for the sake of preserving the life or health of the mother is sometimes called a therapeutic abortion. As in the previous case, an abortion in this situation could seem reasonable when we consider the sympathetic state of the mother who is sick or whose life is threatened. It turns out, however, that therapeutic abortions are, most often, direct abortions, and are therefore morally wrong.

IF THE PRINCIPLE IN THE PREVIOUS CASE was, "Two wrongs do not make a right," the principle in this case is, "The ends do not justify the means." To put it in Biblical terms, we should not "do evil that good may come of it" (Rom 3:8). We should not kill one person to save another person. Even when our end or goal is a good one, if the means to that end is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being, our act will be immoral. An abortion that is deliberately chosen is a wrongful action even when it is done for the good purpose of preserving the health of life of the mother.

THE RIGHT APPROACH TO these difficult situations is to try to preserve the life and health of both mother and child. Recognizing both mother and child as human beings deserving respect and protection, the proper aim is to do everything possible to preserve both lives. In some cases, this may not be possible. It may be justifiable in such cases to attempt to save one person while allowing the death of the other. That would be an example of an indirect abortion, like the case of the removal of a pregnant woman's cancerous uterus that we have previously considered. In that case, the death of the child, though foreseen, is not deliberately chosen. If the child's death is deliberately chosen, the abortion is direct and the action is immoral, even when it is chosen in order to achieve a good purpose.