

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

This is the time of the year that we need to sit back and count our blessing. When I think of my blessing, I am always reminded of a Tee shirt that read "Choose life, Your Mother did!"

Thank God that she gave us life, to breathe the air, feel the warmth and love of our mother's arms. How very precious is all creation.

This is why we try so hard to protect human life from conception to natural death. The dignity of life is a God given right that we fight for, and I truly believe that we are making progress in letting our voice be heard. So when we count our blessing let us be ever thankful for all those who stand up and promote Respect Life.

Let us be thankful for the men and women who protect us abroad and at home. **Let us be thankful** for all who have given their lives to the Lord, so that we can enjoy freedom. **Let us be thankful** to all those who by their words and action teach us the way to the Lord. But most of all **let us thank Our Lord and Savior for choosing us.**

During these Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, take the time to get down on your knees and thank your God for all He has done for you, and show your love and appreciation to Him, by serving Him through one another.

God bless you and may you have a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth, Merry Christmas!

Deacon Ed and Ann