



# WHAT CAN WE DO FOR ...? LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAY FOR THE ANSWER



On 22 January 1973, the United States Supreme Court abolished the “inalienable (and Constitutional) right to *Life*” and as a result, 50 million people have never been born to hear Linus tell Charlie Brown *what Christmas is all about*. (Please help us to restore that right to Life by attending the annual *January March for Life* in Washington, DC. **Call the Rectory (516) 378 – 0665** and reserve your place now.)

On 28 June 2012, the United States Supreme Court abolished our “inalienable (and Constitutional) right to *Liberty*” and as a result drove Christians out of business (*Sweet Cakes by Melissa*) and nuns (*The Little Sisters of the Poor*), Universities (*Ave Maria University*), and forty-three Catholic Dioceses into court. (Please put your right to Liberty into practice by attending the *March for Life*.)

How long will it be, before the United States Supreme Court abolishes our “inalienable (and Constitutional) right to *the Pursuit of Happiness*”: the right even to “give thanks to the LORD”? **Thanks be to God** that at least for now, that right has not been abolished! (Please attend the *March for Life* and ask President-elect Trump to appoint a Supreme Court Justice who will protect and defend our inalienable and Constitutional rights to *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness*.)



Thanksgiving Day/USA, a day (in the words of US President George Washington) “to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being Who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country”, came and went, but not before parishioners, friends, and families of Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport *came home* to give thanks in our absolutely beautiful church for our families, our country, our Church, and so much more.

As the Holy Season of Advent presses onward, and we prepare as a *family*, as a *country*, and as the *Church* to celebrate the anniversary of Our Holy Redeemer’s first coming (Christmas), let us unite in all of these capacities and ask: not what can our family do for us, but what can we do for our family; not what can our country do for us, but what can we do for our country; not what can our Church do for us, but what can we do for our Church?



Perhaps each night of the remaining three weeks of Advent, we can light a candle and pray as family members that the Light of Christ will show us the Way to forgive one another as He has forgiven us. As Americans perhaps each night of Advent we can light

a candle and pray that the Light of Christ will show us the Way to preserve and protect the inalienable rights of “our fellow Americans” to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. As Catholics perhaps each night of Advent we can light a candle and pray that the Light of Christ will show us the Way to be not afraid to tell our family members, our fellow Americans, and other members of the Church with words and actions ***what Christmas is all about!***

