

STUDY GUIDE

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Page 1 — ‘Let us be about love’

‘Let us be about love’ — what does that mean? Are we really supposed to love everyone? If so, how? How can we show love to people we honestly do not know?

Dr. Martin Luther King was a great man who died for his beliefs. Can you name other people who lost their lives fighting for that they believed in?

Why is it important to have a holiday for Dr. King?

What attributes did Dr. King possess that you would like to imitate?

The King Holiday is seen as a day for all races — what does that mean?

Page 1 — Diocesan contingent awaits D.C. rally

Some 200,000 people are expected to march and rally in Washington, D.C. for pro-life issues.

Why are so many people affected by this issue?

Some of the local marchers will be meeting with legislators. If you had a chance to talk to the people who make this nation’s laws, what would you say to them or ask them?

Why is it important for people to continue marching and rally for life issues?

When some people talk pro-life, they think of abortions. Can you think of other life-related issues?

How are they connected to the pro-life movement?

Page 3 — Pope stresses parents’ formation role

What role have your parents played in your formation?

What are among the most valuable lessons you’ve learned from your parents?

If you could teach your parents something, what would it be?

How, as the pope stated, does baptism “lead children along the path of grace?”

Page 5 — Bishop’s column on the culture of life

What is meant by the “culture of life” and why is it so vital to our civilization?

What can you as young people do to promote a culture of life?

Why is abortion wrong?

What can we do to stop people from having abortions?

Page 13 — Fr. Rolheiser’s column on celebrating without excess

Why is it that when we celebrate, we tend to overdo it?

Why should we appreciate the little, simple things in life?

Try listing simple, everyday things that we take for granted and yet without those simple things our lives would not be the same.

Have you done anything lately for someone that was not that difficult yet made a big difference in that other person’s day? How did doing that small deed make you feel?