

Roman Catholics view donation as an act of charity and love. Pope John Paul II stated, "The Catholic Church would promote the fact that there is a need for organ donors and that Christians should accept this as a 'challenge to their generosity and fraternal love' so long as ethical principles are followed." He also said, "One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making an informed decision to be an organ donor."

The need is critical

Nearly 100,000 men, women and children are on the national waiting list for lifesaving organ transplants. Each year, an average of 6,000 people die waiting.

More than 4,700 people in Illinois, and more the 900 in Indiana, are waiting for the gift of life. Each year, more than 300 people in Illinois and Indiana die while waiting.

You Can Be a Donor

Did you know that practically anyone, regardless of age, race or sex—or many health conditions—can become an organ and tissue donor?

How you can help

Register to be an organ/tissue donor! To make this compassionate gift, register in the Illinois or Indiana Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. You can register in either state registry through www.giftofhope.org

