



Scripture

Old Testament: "The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right." Psalm 96 (97) from the Breviary.

New Testament: "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." James 2:17 from The Poverty And Justice Bible: Catholic Edition.

Catechism

"A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift." Catechism of the Catholic Church #2378

Comment

Children are far from exempt from the illnesses and diseases that afflict adults, but may be more reliant upon the emotional support of family and professionals to help them build the resilience to endure whatever treatment is required.

Organisation of the month

Teenage Cancer Trust is a charity that provides support to both young people with a diagnosis of cancer as well as providing help for their families. For more information about the work and mission of this charity, as well as learning about the different ways in which you can help, please visit their website which is <https://www.teenagecancertrust.org>

Pray, Think, Act

Pray: that God the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bring healing, comfort, consolation and peace to those young people dealing with the pressures and anxieties of a cancer diagnosis.

Think: have you or your family been affected by cancer?

Act: Visit <https://www.teenagecancertrust.org> to learn the ways in which you can help, including by donations to its work.

*"Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do."
St John Bosco, Letter to Cagliero, November 13, 1875*