



Marcia Riordan
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Marcia Riordan is the Executive Officer of the Respect Life Office, Melbourne. This office promotes the Gospel of Life in the parishes, schools and hospitals of the Archdiocese, amongst the various Catholic associations, and in the community more broadly. The Melbourne RLO was a first for Australia, and is modelled on similar offices overseas. The Melbourne office was established in December 2000 and there are now similar offices in Perth, Sydney, Adelaide, and Brisbane. Marcia works to raise awareness of the Church's positive message on life issues, to help bring healing and hope to all those suffering after abortion and to stand in radical solidarity with all those facing unexpected pregnancies. Marcia's experiences with women have shown her that many are pressurised into choosing abortion. As a consequence it has become yet another vehicle of exploitation of women rather than, as is claimed by many, a greater freedom for women.

Marcia completed a Masters degree in Bioethics at the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne; she is a Member of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference Life Council. Before taking up her position in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Marcia was a graduate in biological science from La Trobe University and a microbiologist and immunologist at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

