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Dear Father,

Peace of Christ. As the Auxiliary Bishop charged with overseeing pro-life initiatives, I am writing to draw your attention to a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place again throughout our Archdiocese this fall:

40 Days for Life
March 2, 2022 – April 10, 2022

40 Days for Life consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting, and **peaceful vigil at abortion facilities**. Why participate? Because it works. According to Abby Johnson, "When [pro-life] people show up outside the clinic, the no-show rate goes up to almost 75%." Many abortion-minded women *in our Archdiocese* have left abortion facilities and chosen life during 40 Days for Life thanks to parishioners witnessing outside the clinics and services provided by the Sisters of Life and our pregnancy centers.

I ask for your renewed effort in making 40 Days for Life and pro-life intentions a focus of your parish this October, when we celebrate Respect Life Month together as a Church. Please promote the fall campaign in your parish. Attached you will find a bulletin announcement with the listing of the campaign contacts – lay volunteers who welcome your inquiries. I also ask you to consider supporting the campaign in the following ways:

1. Invite your local campaign leader to speak after Sunday Masses and to other parish groups.
2. As a parish, commit to covering 2-3 vigil hours each week during the campaign.
3. Consider hosting Holy Hours, rosary processions, and other events for the campaign at the parish. Campaign leaders would be happy to help organize these.

I am most grateful for your attention to this matter. May the Lord of life bless and multiply our efforts to protect the sacredness of human life and build a culture of life.

Gratefully, in Christ,

+ Peter J. Byrne
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

40 Days for Life: March 2, 2022 – April 10,, 2022

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on **March 2, 2022** and concluding **April 10, 2022**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

For information about participating in the 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Archdiocese, contact the following leaders:

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