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Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

This year 40 Days for Life is organizing their annual pro-life campaign which is entitled “Help Save Lives in Calgary!” Our witness to the dignity of all human life begins with the protection of mothers and children which is at the heart of this campaign.

I encourage the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary, our clergy and parishioners, to actively support this year’s planned activities that include prayer, fasting, community outreach, advocacy and peaceful vigils. These are designed to promote awareness of the vulnerability of women, the sanctity of the child in the womb and the need to always be vigilant in bringing an end to abortion in our country.

Every effort to protect the unborn begins by educating our young people about the perils of the culture of death and the hope and beauty that a culture of life offers both our present society and future generations. There are many contrary views that are held about abortion both morally and scientifically. However it is through such campaigns as 40 Days for Life that we can begin to equip young people to question and critically assess these views. Revealing the truth and the gift of the sanctity of human life will be the enduring fruits of this campaign.

In the Diocese of Calgary there are many pro-life organizations and initiatives that call for our support such as this annual campaign. We all need to work together to explore ways to collaborate and advocate for all human life. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, unite us in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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