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Dear Pastors and Parishioners:

I hope you are all enjoying your wonderful summer. This summer has been quite busy both at the Federal and State level. I want to thank many of you that were able to help us with the Hyde Amendment petition and letter signing. Now we are faced with our State Legislators wishing to affect the dignity of life of our brothers and sisters. Our Bishop Soto continues to urge us to fight for those most vulnerable.

In May, Bishop Soto talked about SB380 & SB245 and how "Both bills, originating out of the State Senate violate this covenant of life and love by discarding those who are seen as useless and unnecessary. The pandemic has made clear that we are all essential in the eyes of God."

How can parishes participate? There are three levels of involvement:

1. **Sunday Mass Outreach:** Parish will choose a Sunday in the month of August to have a table after Mass. The Respect Life ministry or parish group will have parishioners signing letters that will be mailed or dropped off at the local District Office. They will pass out advocacy packets if parishioners want to learn more about the bills and make calls to their District Member.
2. **Make Calls to their District Members:** The parishioner will receive contact information about their District Members and a script on each bill in the advocacy packet. The parishioner can make the call any time during office hours. Individual calls are needed for each bill. Calls should not last more than two minutes.
3. **Legislative Visits:** If a group of parishioners is willing to visit their District Member then we can help them set up the meeting, train the parishioners on how to facilitate the conversation, and possibly accompany the day of the visit. (If a visit occurs, the signed letters from the parishioners are given to the District Member or staffer.)

If your Respect Life Ministry or Parish is willing to host a **Sunday Outreach on August 8th, August 15th, or August 22th**, please contact my office to send you the **advocacy packet**, which includes backgrounders on the bills, call script, the contact information of your representative, sample letter to send to your district member, etc. Most district members are in recess until August 16th.

Thank you in advance for your help on this important initiative. For more information visit our page: <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/advocacy>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 916-733-0133 or email me at mdeleon@scd.org.

Yours In Christ,

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