

## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers:

Please consider asking the parish community to commit one day-a-week to prayer and humble witness at an abortion center during the Forty Days for Life campaign from Wednesday, September 25 to Saturday, November 2, 2024.

The Forty Days for Life campaign is approximately six weeks. I am asking that you and your parishioners commit six days – one day each week – to provide volunteers for offering prayer and a humble, hopeful witness to life at one of six designated abortion centers located in the Diocese of Sacramento. Please visit the <u>Forty Days for Life</u> website. Type "Sacramento" into the Search box, then all six campaign sites will appear.

The abortion centers' normal hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 8AM to 5PM. Ask parishioners to commit to one hour of prayer and witness. A minimum of two people signed up each of the nine hours of operation, would be a total of 18 people.

Parishioners can sign up as individuals, families or parish organizations. This is a worthwhile spiritual work of mercy that includes the month of October, dedicated every year to the promotion of the Dignity of Human Life.

I invite you to personally dedicate one hour of one day during the Forty Days for Life campaign to pray and witness at one of the abortion centers. This would be an encouragement to the parishioners. Once you personally experience the fruits of this work of mercy, you will more confidently encourage others to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Let us together pray that our prayers and humble witness will be hopeful signs and instruments of God's wisdom and mercy. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary help us to be joyful companions of her beloved Son, Jesus.

Respectfully Jaime So **Bishop of Sacramento**