



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Friends in Christ:

The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe Wednesday, January 22, 2025, as a Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy, and penance for the persistent violations of human dignity by the practice of abortion.

With lamentable remembrance, on this date in 1973 the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, legalized the practice of abortion in the United States. Though this decision was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2022, abortion is still legal and without limitation in California. Recognizing the sin of legalized abortion still afflicting the people of California, I designate Wednesday, January 22, as a Diocesan Day of Reparation.

I invite the clergy and laity to join me in offering a Mass of Reparation at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 12:10 pm.

I encourage my brother priests and deacons to pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion as well as a renewed promotion of the Gospel of Life on the weekend of January 18-19. Promote among all parishioners the observance of the Diocesan Day of Reparation on January 22. The theme for this Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, encourages all the disciples of Jesus to be companions of hope with women and families on the pilgrimage towards of fullness of life in the Lord Jesus.

The Offices of Family & Faith Formation and Youth & Young Adult Ministry will provide the following local Respect Life activities in January.

- **January 13-21st - The Diocesan Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (PLEA) Novena** will be led by different parishes each day. This will be an opportunity to unite our pro-life efforts with the saving work of Jesus in the Eucharist. May Jesus, “the Bread of Life” (Jn. 6.35), help us nourish the world with the gospel of life. Each day will focus on a specific pro-life theme. For the full schedule, visit: www.scd.org/plea.
- **January 22nd – Mass of Reparation** at the Cathedral Blessed Sacrament. For more information, visit <https://www.scd.org/events>
- **January 25th - Walk for Life in SF**- Several parishes from the diocese have chartered buses to attend the event. If you would like to attend and need a ride, you can get information from their website, at <https://wflbusreg.web.app/buses.html>

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring us into fuller communion with the merciful mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento