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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has encouraged us: "Let us thank the Lord for the gift of life in all its forms, and at the same time, let us proclaim the Gospel of Life!"

Thank you for everything you are doing to build the Culture of Life in Los Angeles. In this effort, I recommend to you the peaceful, prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life.

This interfaith, international movement invites people of faith to pray and fast for 40 days to end abortion and to work for a culture in which all human life is welcomed as sacred. We are blessed to have 40 Days for Life active in every region of our Archdiocese.

40 Days for Life campaigns run in both fall and spring. If your parish does not have a local, you can find information at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) or by contacting Kathleen Domingo in our Office of Life, Justice and Peace at 213-637-7236 or [kdomingo@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:kdomingo@la-archdiocese.org).

As in past years, this program will introduce people to compassionate, life-affirming options for unintended pregnancies and provide practical assistance for making the choice for life. This program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion.

As we work together to promote the Culture of Life, I encourage all parishes and Catholics in the Archdiocese to consider participation in 40 Days for Life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez  
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