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St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

To: All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and people of good will of the Diocese of Oakland

*“Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.*

*Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development.”*

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, No 213

I write once again to invite you to join our 40 Days for Life Vigils. As we continue pleading to God for the end of this pandemic, for peace in our world, we remember the most vulnerable, our defenseless unborn brothers and sisters. I invite you to be involved in the efforts to help defend their fundamental right to life. We are called to be a voice for the most vulnerable in every stage of their life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Let us be beacons of hope for the mothers and fathers struggling with a difficult pregnancy, to know they have support and an alternative to abortion.

Please help us spread the word and encourage those in your parish community to join.

**Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Vigil from  
September 28 – November 6 in these locations around the Diocese:**

**Concord Planned Parenthood**  
2185 Pacheco Street, Concord  
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday  
[Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA)

**El Cerrito Planned Parenthood**  
8000 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito  
7am-7pm Daily  
[Ana.aceves1@yahoo.com](mailto:Ana.aceves1@yahoo.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito)

**Hayward Planned Parenthood**  
1032 A Street, Hayward  
7am-7pm Daily  
[e230w@yahoo.com](mailto:e230w@yahoo.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/Hayward](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Hayward)

**Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood**  
1357 Oakland Blvd, Walnut Creek  
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday  
[friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com](mailto:friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek](http://www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. With the assurance of my prayers and blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Michael Barber S.J.*

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ  
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*For the greater glory of God*