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Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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

*"America, you are beautiful... and blessed..  
The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being,  
but especially the weakest and most defenseless.  
If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."  
Saint Pope John Paul II*

I write once again to invite you to join our 40 Days for Life Vigils. As we continue pleading to God 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  
February 14 – March 24 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  
[lovebabies21670@gmail.com](mailto:lovebabies21670@gmail.com)  
[www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito](http://www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito)

**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,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ  
Bishop of Oakland

**FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD**