

February 7, 2025

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

This is the Jubilee YEAR OF HOPE and our annual 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign is starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and will run until Palm Sunday, April 13.

Brothers, I have written to you before and told you the world is losing hope. It sure does seem that way when we see how abortion and euthanasia have become so normalized. It's true that there are dire signs of hope ebbing out of the human community. That's the truth.

But Brothers. there is great hope. We should never lose hope. St Paul tells us, *"For in hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."*

We have two ways of bringing hope into the world: prayer and witness. Prayer is the answer to this tragedy and the strongest tool we have to create the scale of change of hearts and minds that is needed. St. Padre Pio said that, "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."

We, as pastors, need to support the efforts of our parishioners who are willing to pray and to witness to the world that life is precious and sacred.

I encourage you, I implore you, to bless the 40 Days for Life efforts by giving the pro-life representative in your parish permission and encouragement to organize your parish to participate in the 40 Days for Life activities.

I thank you in advance and I ask the Lord to bless you and keep you and I leave you,

In the Peace of Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Larry Lynn".

Father Larry Lynn

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