

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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My Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our annual 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign is starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and will run until Palm Sunday, March 29.

Catholics in our Archdiocese need to be awakened to the fact that, at this very moment, the Archdiocese, Providence Health Care, St. Paul's Hospital and the Catholic Health Care system in general in Canada are under a legal attack at the B.C. Supreme Court by powers and principalities. The well-funded organizations that promote euthanasia are trying to force us to submit to their agenda of normalizing the killing of innocent human life. It is a serious time, and Catholics need to become educated, they must pray, they must witness to the truth.

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 in your parish. Give the pro-life representative in your parish your blessing, permission and encouragement to organize your parish for 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,

Father Larry Lynn

Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

40 Days for Life Chaplain, Archdiocese of Vancouver