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St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

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

“The protection of the Right to Life constitutes the indispensable foundation of every other human right”
Pope Leo XIV – March for Life Message 2026

I am writing once again to invite you to join our 40 Days for Life Vigils throughout the diocese.

Since its inauguration in January 2026, Our Diocesan Holy Family Care Center located at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Concord, has received hundreds of vulnerable mothers and families in need of food, shelter, and legal immigration support. Our Diocese is providing all the basic social services for families in need, to choose life. I encourage all members of your communities to join our efforts to create a culture of life by volunteering, donating or through our faith formation programs. May this 40 Days for Life bring all ages to defend the most vulnerable. Please help us spread the word and encourage those in your parish community to join.

**Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Vigil from
September 23 – November 1
In these locations around the Diocese:**

Concord Planned Parenthood
2185 Pacheco Street, Concord
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday
Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com
www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA

El Cerrito Planned Parenthood
8000 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito
7am-7pm Daily
ana.aceves1@yahoo.com
www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito

Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood
1357 Oakland Blvd, Walnut Creek
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday
friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com
www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek

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

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
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FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD