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Dear Father,

This year marks the seventh year the Archdiocese of San Francisco has participated in the 40-Days for Life Campaign. This is a worldwide, internationally coordinated pro-life effort to support and protect mothers at risk for abortion. The program, which extends throughout the 40 days of Lent, consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil outside locations where abortions are performed within the boundaries of our Archdiocese.

There is an urgent need to address issues like abortion in the days ahead. This is why the U.S. Bishops have initiated a Call to Pray for Life, Marriage and Family, and Religious Freedom. With the challenges this country is facing, we need prayer and penance to help build awareness among the faithful as well as spiritual stamina and courage for effective witness. 40-Days for Life is a program that meshes perfectly with the strategy we have outlined in this Call to Prayer.

I ask your support and encouragement for parishioners who participate in 40-Days, as well as your outreach to those seeking a way to become involved in this movement, which is so foundational to Catholic social teaching and so fundamental to the good of society.

For further information, please contact our Office of Public Policy and Social Concerns at 415-614-5533 or evansv@sfarchdiocese.org.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco