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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe  
Mass at Noon  
Procession to State Capitol at 1:00 p.m.**

ALBUQUERQUE – Tuesday, January 14, 2020—IMMEDIATE RELEASE— Join us as the three dioceses of New Mexico prayerfully mark the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion with a Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The day includes a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, a prayer procession, a rally at the Roundhouse, and visiting legislators.

The three bishops of New Mexico, Archbishop John C. Wester (Archdiocese of Santa Fe), Bishop Peter Baldacchino (Diocese of Las Cruces) and Bishop James S. Wall (Diocese of Gallup) will be concelebrating Mass at noon.

Participants are asked to bring baby items such as diapers, blankets, bottles, etc. and/or socks and toiletries for the elderly to be collected at the Mass and distributed to organizations that provide support to expectant mothers in need or nursing homes.

After Mass, at approximately 1:00 p.m., there will be a prayerful procession from the Cathedral to the State Capitol for a rally led by the bishops focused on their legislative agenda to protect life. Participants are encouraged to visit with their state senators and representatives while at the Roundhouse.

For more information, please call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505.831.8167.

Note: Other groups may be hosting events surrounding the Mass, procession and rally. --END