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Dear Parishioners,

Last year Central Oregon Right to Life conducted its first 40 Days for Life campaign. For more than a month straight over 50 dedicated people, believers and unbelievers, took turns standing in prayer before the Bend Planned Parenthood clinic. Their silent, faithful presence gave eloquent testimony to the dignity of unborn life in the womb.

Now the time has come for Chapter 2.

I invite every Catholic in Central Oregon to touch down in Bend at least once for this year's 40 Days for Life campaign, which runs from September 23rd to November 1st. It is my personal hope to be able to join you once a week in praying that our little brothers and sisters in the womb may be the beneficiaries of a change of heart on the part of their mothers and find safe passage into the light of life. We'll pray too that the doctors and clinic workers inside will take heart from our peaceful witness outside and leave their sad business behind (as many in fact have done) to join us in standing up for unborn life.

I will be honored to preside at the opening and closing Masses for this year's 40 Days campaign. They will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church downtown — the first, on Wednesday, 23 September, at 12:15 p.m.; the second, on Saturday, 31 October, at 8:00 a.m. On the weekend of September 5-6 there will be a sign-up table at church for those who wish to commit themselves to particular days and hours at the clinic as well as for those who want join in with prayer from home. One way or another there's a place for you to stand with this powerful witness for justice and hope.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact centraloregonrighttolife.org, Forlifebend@gmail.com, or 40daysforlife.com.

In the Lord of Life,

Bishop Sam King