



# Diocese of Springfield

## Office of the Bishop

February 5, 2020

Dear Brother priests and deacons,

Next month, on Saturday March 21, 2020 at the Mass Mutual Center, we will be sponsoring the Catholic Life Conference. Over these past few months you have been receiving materials about the conference and I personally thank you for the ways in which you have been promoting this very worthwhile endeavor to draw Catholics together to deepen our faith and recommit our lives to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

On Ash Wednesday, many of us know that people who mark the beginning of the Lenten season have an awareness of the meaning of these forty days of grace and an openness in their hearts to remember that our true home is with God. That is a perfect day to also promote the Catholic Life Conference, allowing those who come to Mass and prayer services to receive ashes to know of this wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith and live out the Gospel message. I invite you to promote the Catholic Life Conference over these upcoming weeks, especially on Ash Wednesday.

With this letter I am enclosing suggested General Intercessions to be prayed in each of our parishes for the weekend and Ash Wednesday Masses leading up to the Conference. I thank you in advance for all you are doing for the success of the Conference and for including these prayers in our weekend Ash Wednesday Masses. May this endeavor help to strengthen the faith of our good people, as well as lead us spiritual leaders to more deeply appreciate the call that is given to us by our loving God to serve His Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

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