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Dear Human Life Guild Member,

I hope all is well with you and yours during these challenging days.

I wanted to share with you that this year the Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family will *not* be having a Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. In place of 40 Days, we encourage all People of Life to pray and fast. As you know, October is Respect Life Month and to take part in that you can attend Masses, Life Chains (Sun., Oct. 4), Holy Hours, and Rosary campaigns. We still encourage people to safely pray outside of abortion clinics in solidarity for life and offer rosaries and prayers for this intention, remembering to maintain compliance with all COVID-19 protocols for mask wearing, social distancing, and the like.

This year is the 25th anniversary of Saint John Paul II's encyclical [*The Gospel of Life*](#) and as Catholics it is a time for us to focus on God's precious gift of life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters, born and unborn. Children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, the disabled, and the marginalized all need our prayers. Abortion remains the preeminent threat, because it directly attacks life itself. As People of Life, we are called to protect the most fundamental of all human rights, *the right to live*. Thank you and bless you for your dedication and devotion to Life.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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