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To: All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, and people of good will of the Diocese of Oakland

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

EVANGELIUM VITAE- *Saint Pope John Paul II*

I write once again to invite you to join in a "Great Prayer for Life", as Saint Pope John Paul II once called it. As we continue pleading to God for the end of this pandemic, for peace in our world, we remember the most vulnerable, our defenseless unborn brothers and sisters. I invite you to be involved in the efforts to help defend their fundamental right to life. We are called to be a voice for the most vulnerable in every stage of their life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Let us be beacons of hope for the mothers and fathers struggling with a difficult pregnancy, to know they have support and an alternative to abortion.

Please help us spread the word and encourage those in your parish community to join.

**Peaceful, Prayerful 40 Days for Life Vigil from
March 2 – April 10 in these locations around the Diocese:**

Concord Planned Parenthood

2185 Pacheco Street, Concord
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday
Friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com
www.40daysforlife.com/ConcordCA

El Cerrito Planned Parenthood

8000 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito
7am-7pm Daily
Ana.aceves1@yahoo.com
www.40daysforlife.com/ElCerrito

Hayward Planned Parenthood

1032 A Street, Hayward
7am-7pm Daily
spiralxp@aol.com
www.40daysforlife.com/Hayward

Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood

1357 Oakland Blvd, Walnut Creek
7am-7pm Daily, except Sunday
friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com
www.40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. With the assurance of my prayers and blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
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For the greater glory of God