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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 3, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. In prayerful observance, I designate January 22, 2019 as a Diocesan Day of Reparation.

I ask the clergy and laity to join me in cooperating with God's redeeming grace in these ways:

January 19/20: clergy are asked to 1) pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion and a revived promotion of the gospel of life, and 2) encourage all to observe the January 22 Diocesan Day of Reparation.

January 22: all are asked to observe this Day of Reparation through fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy.

January 22: all are invited to attend the 12:10 p.m. Cathedral Mass. Priests are invited to concelebrate.

January 22/23: 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend the Choose Life educational program in either Woodland (1/22 am or pm) or Red Bluff (1/23 am) or Chico (1/23 pm)

January 26: all are encouraged to participate in the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco.

Further details about these events are attached.

The USCCB has prepared a variety of homily notes, intercessions and other helpful resources to assist in observing the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please review them at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer-leader-resources.cfm>

May our prayers, acts of penance, public witness and works of charity on these days help restore a culture of life to our country so marred by the Court decision of Roe v. Wade. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring us into fuller communion with the merciful mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento



Diocese of Sacramento
Guidelines & Events in Remembrance of
46th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade



Saturday / Sunday, January 19 / 20, 2019

- Clergy are asked to 1) pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion and a revived promotion of the gospel of life, and 2) encourage all to observe the January 22 Diocesan Day of Reparation

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Diocesan Day of Reparation

- All clergy and laity are asked to observe as a day of fasting, prayer, penance, and works of charity. For those able to fast, it is recommended that they limit themselves to one full meal. Those choosing to abstain may refrain from eating either meat or anything normally consumed as part of their daily routine.
- Works of charity are particularly encouraged: helping at food distribution centers, visiting the sick or imprisoned, and assisting at shelters for women and families in need.

Masses

- Priests are asked to offer their Masses for an end to abortion, using either 48/1 (Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life), 30A (For the Preservation of Peace and Justice) or 38A or B (For the Forgiveness of Sins).
- All are invited to attend the 12:10 p.m Cathedral Mass. All priests are encouraged to concelebrate this Mass. Please bring an alb and violet stole.

Choose Life program for 7th and 8th graders

- 7th and 8th grade students from our Catholic schools are invited to attend the Choose Life educational program at Holy Rosary school gym in Woodland from 10 a.m. to noon on the *morning* of January 22. Contact Diocesan School Dept. for more information, 916-733-0110
- 7th and 8th grade students who are not able to attend the morning Choose Life program are welcomed to attend the *evening* version of the program at Holy Rosary school gym in Woodland from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Steve Patton for more information: spatton@scd.org, 916-733-0133

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Choose Life program for 7th and 8th graders

- 7th and 8th grade students from our Catholic schools are invited to attend the Choose Life educational program at Mercy High School gym in Red Bluff from 10 a.m. to noon on the *morning* of January 22. Contact Diocesan School Dept. for more information, 916-733-0110
- 7th and 8th grade students who are not able to attend the morning Choose Life program in Red Bluff are welcomed to attend the *evening* version of the program in Our Divine Savior's parish hall in Chico from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Steve Patton for more information: spatton@scd.org, 916-733-0133

Saturday, January 26, 2019

- All are encouraged to participate in the January 26 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. More information about schedules, speakers, travel and related events can be found at www.walkforlifewc.com