



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 7, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

January 22nd, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, *Roe v. Wade*. Recognizing the malignant havoc of legalized abortion still gripping our nation, I designate Friday, January 22nd as a Diocesan Day of Reparation.

The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe this Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy and penance in reparation for the persistent violations of human dignity inflicted by the practice of abortion. In the spirit of *Evangelium Vitae*, whose 25th anniversary is being commemorated by the national Catholic initiative *Walking with Moms In Need*, activities this January will focus on enlivening the culture of life for mothers, fathers and their families.

I ask the clergy and laity to join me in offering a Mass of Reparation on Friday, January 22nd, 2021, at 12:10 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento. It will be live-streamed on the Diocese of Sacramento Facebook page.

I ask my brother priests and deacons to pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion and a renewed promotion of the Gospel of Life on the weekend of January 16-17. Encourage all parishioners to observe the January 22nd Diocesan Day of Reparation.

The USCCB has prepared a variety of homily notes, intercessions, and other resources to assist in observing the sad anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in an appropriate manner. Please review them at: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer>

The continuing Pandemic requires us to be responsible and safe. COVID-19 infection rates are surging to dangerous levels. While protecting human life and dignity we must exercise responsible public health precautions so that everyone, especially the most vulnerable are safe. Parishes will not rent buses or other mass transportation for the annual Walk for Life in San Francisco, Saturday, January 23rd. Given the serious risks of infections in large gatherings, I recommend that clergy and faithful look at alternative ways to reject the throw-away culture and promote a culture of life and dignity.

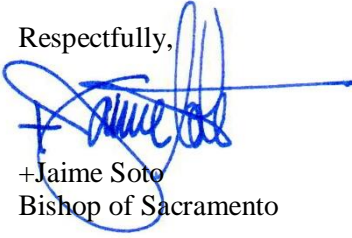
The Offices of Family & Faith Formation and Youth & Young Adult Ministry will be providing the following local alternatives in solidarity with the whole Church. Information can be found on our website at: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife>

- **January 14-23rd - The Diocesan Respect Life Novena** will be led by our clergy and laity ending with **Solidarity Walk on January 23rd**. All are invited to register for the novena and walk. Registrants will receive a Novena Package including a Deck of Young Saints Cards and a “Protect Every Life” Mask. Proceeds benefit moms in need through the Sacramento Life Center, Gabriel Project, and the Bishop Gallegos & Mother Teresa Maternity Homes.

- **January 11-13th - Pro-life speakers Online in English and Spanish** from the Culture Project and Live Action for teens and their parents.
- **January 21st** - A gathering for young adults called **“Into the Mix”** focused on pro-life issues.
- **January 23rd - A Pro-Life Online Event** w/ live ultrasound from the Sacramento Life Center & a witness talk for youth & families

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring us into fuller communion with the merciful mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jaime Soto', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

PROTECT EVERY LIFE

Respect Life Novena

JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 22, 2021

Our Respect Life Novena is dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: **@SCDFormedFaith**



Solidarity Walk

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

We encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary. Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using **#SCDProLife**

Learn more about the Novena and Walk:

www.scd.org/protecteverylife

Questions? Contact Moises De Leon: mdeleon@scd.org



SUPPORT LOCAL MOMS IN NEED

Donate now to receive a Diocese of Sacramento Respect Life Packet which includes a "Protect Every Life" mask, digital Novena prayer card, Young Saint cards, and additional Respect Life information. Proceeds will go to the Sacramento Life Center, Gabriel Project and Bishop Gallegos & Mother Teresa Maternity Homes.



PROTECT EVERY LIFE

PREPARE WITH US:

Monday, January 11 @ 7:00pm

Culture Project Talk - "Human Dignity"

Martes, 12 de Enero a las 7:00pm

Culture Project Taller - "Dignidad Humana"

Wednesday, January 13 @ 6:00pm

Live Action Talk - "Transforming Hearts, Saving Lives"

**JOURNEY WITH US
JANUARY 11-23, 2021**



PRAY WITH US:

Thursday, January 14 - Friday, January 22

Respect Life Novena

Thursday, January 21 @ 7:00pm

Young Adult Evening - "Into the Mix"

Friday, January 22

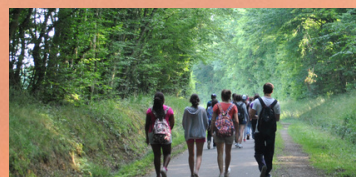
Respect Life Mass on the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade
(Livestream @ 12pm via Cathedral Facebook)



WALK WITH US:

Saturday, January 23

Solidarity Walk w/ Testimony
and Live Ultrasound @ 10:30am



Join us on
Facebook Live
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