



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 22, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe Friday, January 20, 2023, as a Day of Reparation for the practice of abortion and other violations against human dignity that cry to heaven. Let us make reparations for these sins through fasting, prayer, penance, and works of mercy

In 2022, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court. This landmark decision has brought a new moment in the efforts to foster a culture of life and dignity. Proponents of a throw-away society persist in closing their minds and hearts to imagining a world without abortion. In the State of California, voters passed Proposition 1, which has embedded the practice of abortion in the State Constitution. Abortion is still legal, without limitation and now may be expanded because of Proposition 1. Recognizing the tragedy of legalized abortion still gripping our state, I have designated Friday, January 20th as a Day of Reparation.

I ask the clergy and laity to join me in offering a Mass of Reparation on Friday, January 20, 2023, 12:05 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.

I propose to my brother priests and deacons that we pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion as well as a renewed promotion of the Gospel of Life on the weekend of January 14-15. Encourage all parishioners to observe the Day of Reparation on January 20th.

The Offices of Family & Faith Formation and Youth & Young Adult Ministry will provide the following local Respect Life activities in January:

- **January 11-19th - The Diocesan Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (PLEA) Novena** will be led by different parishes each day. This will be an opportunity to unite pro-life efforts with the saving work of Jesus in the Eucharist. May Jesus, “the Bread of Life” (Jn. 6.35), help us nourish the world with the gospel of life. Each day will focus on a specific pro-life theme. For the full schedule, visit: www.scd.org/plea.
- **January 18th** - A gathering for young adults called “**Into the Mix**” focused on pro-life issues. For more information, visit: www.scd.org/intothemix2023.
- **January 20th - Respect Life Mass** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, visit: www.scd.org/respectlifemass.
- **Walk for Life in SF**- The Diocese of Sacramento is sponsoring buses for youth & young adults to participate for only \$10. Departure from St. Lawrence Parish. Please contact *Angelica Vega* at (916)752-8881 or visit www.scd.org/wflwestcoast for reservations. **Limited Seating!**

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

Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable.

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LIFE

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ADORATION



9 Parishes. **1** Savior. **1** Call for Life.

From **January 11-19, 2023**, join our 9-Day Novena **PLEA**.

Find the full schedule at **www.scd.org/plea**



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Fight for Freedom:

7 Ways Everyone Can Stand Up Against Human Trafficking



with Molly Sheahan

Associate Director for Life
& Family Advocacy for the
California Catholic Conference

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to the next **Into the Mix** for this important conversation.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 • 7-8:30 pm

Good Shepherd Parish • 9539 Racquet Court, Elk Grove, CA

RSVP <https://forms.gle/8jGpntX2aaHY16Bs6>



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WALK FOR LIFE YOUTH BUSES

SACRAMENTO TO SAN FRANCISCO



Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:00am - 5:00pm

FREE - Youth Under 18

\$25 - Young Adult 18+

BUS PICK UP LOCATION

St. Lawrence Parish
4325 Don Julio Blvd.
North Highlands 95660

- 8:00AM Mass
- 8:45AM Depart Sacramento area
- 11:00AM Arrive at SF Civic Plaza
- 12:30PM Rally
- 1:30PM Walk for Life West Coast
- 3:00PM Pick up
- 5:00PM Arrive in Sacramento area

REGISTER www.scd.org/wflwestcoast

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