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My Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This date marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion, overturning many state laws, including the State of Michigan. I urge you to pray for an end to abortion and to renew your commitment to protect and respect all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. May we remain mindful of the millions of lives that have been destroyed by abortion and its traumatic and sorrowful effects on countless women and men.

Also, please join me in praying for the 250 young people and adults from the Diocese of Saginaw who will travel to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life. I want to express my support and sincere appreciation for their faith and courage as they march alongside thousands of other pro-life Americans.

May God be with them on their journey and may their faithful witness give rise to a culture of life in which the dignity of every human person is valued and protected.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley  
Apostolic Administrator

## Universal Prayer – Suggested Intercessions for Upcoming Sundays in January

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Sunday, January 13, 2019 (*The Baptism of the Lord*)

- *For the respect and dignity of all human life – from conception to natural death – that it may be protected and defended, we pray to the Lord ...*
- *For the safety of all the pilgrims from the Diocese of Saginaw attending this year's March for Life, we pray to the Lord ...*

Sunday, January 20, 2019 (*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

- *For the respect and dignity of all human life – from conception to natural death – and for those who have sinned against human life that they may seek God's merciful forgiveness and healing, we pray to the Lord ...*
- *For an end to abortion and for all women, men, and family members suffering from abortion that they may know the Lord's tender, healing love, we pray to the Lord ...*

### Suggested Prayer for the “Gospel of Life” (to be placed in the parish bulletin):

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Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of Life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to accept the Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

*(Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on March 25, 1995, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.)*

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