



# ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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My dear brothers in Christ,

This letter is to remind you of the upcoming *40 Days for Life* Fall campaign (September 28 – November 6, 2016). I encourage you and your parishes to promote this national and local effort, especially as this year marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

*40 Days for Life* is an ecumenical effort that promotes a culture of life and the love of Christ. As priests I ask you to do two things:

1. Speak about *40 Days for Life* from the pulpit and provide information to the faithful.
2. Set aside an hour during the 40-day campaign to pray in front of the abortion facility at 7155 East 38<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80207, or one in your area. To sign up for a vigil time, please call the Denver Respect Life Office at 720-799-9299.

For those that would like to offer Mass at the vigil site, please contact the local coordinator at [40Days@ccdenver.org](mailto:40Days@ccdenver.org) to be placed on the schedule. I give general permission for priests to celebrate Mass at the vigil site during the campaign.

As you know, the concept of 40 days of prayer is biblical. God has used 40-day periods to transform individuals and human history. Thus there is a great value in accepting the gift of this time for prayer dedicated to ending abortion and protecting the most vulnerable.

Since everyone cannot pray outside this facility, please encourage your parishioners to pray at their parishes and in their homes, making prayers and sacrifices for the cause of life. Pray especially for the conversion of those who promote abortion and a culture of death, and pray in reparation for the many sins committed against the dignity of human life. You may wish to have a special time to pray a Rosary for life in the parish or hold a full day of Eucharistic Adoration for the conversion of those who support abortion, that their hearts and minds may be open to the truth of the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. These are just some ideas of ways your parish can participate in this campaign in addition to the vigil.

Our goal is to turn the hearts and minds of our local community to embrace a culture of life – to clearly understand that every person is created and beloved by God in his wisdom. For more information and materials, please contact the archdiocesan campaign at:

[40Days@ccdenver.org](mailto:40Days@ccdenver.org) - 720-799-9299 - <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/denver>

Thank you for your attention and commitment to this life-changing effort. With the assurance of prayers, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.  
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