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Dear Supporters of Life:

<u>40 Days for Life</u> is a focused, pro-life campaign to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. This year, we are inviting churches/parishes to "adopt" one of our 4 partner agencies. Please visit our website listed below for more information.

The mission of 40 Days for Life is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of repentance, to seek God's favor, to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Springfield Right to Life and the Diocesan Office for Pro-Life and Special Ministries is again sponsoring a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. It will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and conclude on Palm Sunday, April 9th. The prayer vigil will be conducted from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., seven days a week during the 40 days, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Ln. To sign up for a vigil time, please visit https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/springfield/ or call Springfield Right to Life at 217-523-2700, or email Claudia Connelly at c.connelly01@gmail.com or Donna Moore at dmoore@dio.org or call her at 217-321-1161.

Since it began in 2007, over 12,668 babies have been saved from abortion, and one of them was right here in Springfield! God definitely hears our prayers and answers them. **However, your participation is the key to the success of this vigil.** If we want to put Planned Parenthood out of business, we need a small army of prayer warriors who are willing to give public, prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

This is our seventh year for the local 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Please consider taking the same day each week; we suggest that at least two individuals be present. If you are a parish pro-life chair, please consult with your pastor and "adopt a day" or even a half day to pray at Planned Parenthood. Let's make this year the year Planned Parenthood in Springfield is closed for good!

We have high quality copies of the attached flier to advertise the vigil in your parishes or churches. Just let us know how many you would like and we will mail them to you.

Thanks and God bless you for all you do for LIFE!!

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