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Dear Father Frank,
Dear Theresa and Kevin,
Dear Janet,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for your recent visit to Austria and for introducing some of my brother bishops as well as priests of the Archdiocese and the ITI to the truly hope-giving work that you are doing. The powerful message that you were able to extend to all of us, especially those in the priesthood, that defending life is not some activity one does on the side but something that forms an integral part of proclaiming the Gospel, is something very valuable. The essential role that healing and reconciliation plays in helping our society move away from abortion cannot be overestimated. *Priests for Life* and its entire ministry is therefore such a blessing for the Church because it is able to bring together in a remarkable way the three key elements needed to promote a culture of life: bringing out into the open the facts of abortion and its consequences, showing the mercy of Christ through healing and reconciliation and giving public witness to both the tragedy of abortion and the power of healing.

I look forward to the creation of *Priests for Life Austria* in the near future and you can count with my full support for it. The presence of *Priests for Life* in Austria will be a blessing for this country and I thank you for helping to make this possible.

In Christ

Yours
+Christoph Kard. Schönborn

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Blessed Christmas To all of you!