



A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY OF PRIESTS FOR LIFE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has stated that the Church is called "to advance the common good and to show respect for the persons who are most defenseless, starting with the unborn" (Blessing *Urbi et Orbi*, Christmas 2009).

Throughout the world, one of the ways the Church is responding to that mission is through the work of Priests for Life, which encompasses an entire family of ministries involving both clergy and laity. This ministry, which includes education, parish activation, training in pro-life spirituality, promotion of faithful citizenship, and healing of women and men after abortion, deserves the support of the entire Church.

Established in 1991, Priests for Life has enjoyed strong support at every level of the Church, and today we ask you to join in that support, both materially and by actively engaging in the programs of prayer and outreach to which Priests for Life invites all the faithful. You will find if you receive their information and take part in their initiatives that you will grow stronger in a pro-life commitment that is integrated into the teaching and practice of the Church.

We thank the many people who are involved with this ministry for their fidelity to the Church and to the cause of life. Together, as priests and laity, let us build the Culture of Life with greater confidence than ever!

Sincerely,



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