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Dear Fathers,

Over the past several years, the United States bishops have invited the faithful to join in times of prayer for specific needs and intentions, such as the *National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities* and *Religious Freedom Week*.

In this spirit, the USSCB Secretariat for Pro-life Activities invites parishioners in to join in a weekly moment of prayer from early August to late September 2018 for the legal protection of human life. Each Friday from August 3 to September 28, we will have the opportunity to join in a nine-week effort of prayer, fasting and education that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

As part of this USSCB Call to Prayer, participants can receive weekly prayer reminders by text message or email. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be* for this intention and will receive important facts about how *Roe v. Wade* is not health care, is bad law, and fails women.

I encourage you to invite your parishioners to sign up at www.usccb.org/pray for this and the continuing Call to Prayer opportunities. Sample announcements are provided below. More information and resources can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>. I realize that this is very late notice and I am thankful for your efforts in promoting this initiative.

May our Lady of Guadalupe intercede for the healing of our nation and people from the terrible wounds inflicted by decades of abortion on demand. By her prayers, may we be renewed in our efforts to build a more just society that respects and protects human life from conception until natural death.

With gratitude for your pastoral leadership, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville

Sample Announcement (Option 1):

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3 – September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

Sample Announcement (Option 2):

Each Friday, August 3 – September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

Sample Announcement (Option 3):

Each Friday, August 3 – September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!