



# ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

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Dear Brother Priests,

In this special Year for Priests, we pray for the grace and strength to continue our mission to bring souls to Christ. In our commitment to Christ and to His Church, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has pointed to the life of Saint John Mary Vianney, the Cure of Ars, as a model of holiness and priestly zeal for souls.

An essential part of this commitment to Christ and His Church is the protection and defense of all human life, from conception to natural death. As shepherds of the flocks entrusted to our care, we are called to lead and guide our people. We do that in so many ways through our preaching and teaching, but also by our example. In solidarity with all of the faithful of Northern Colorado, we are called to protect and defend our brothers and sisters in the womb by our prayers and deeds. We must encourage them, not only through our words, but also through visible action in the community.

Organized prayer vigils in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, provide an excellent opportunity for us to join our people in a peaceful and prayerful witness on behalf of our unborn brothers and sisters. On the first Saturday of each month, beginning on November 7, 2009 and ending on October 2, 2010, a prayer vigil will take place in honor of Our Blessed Mother at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility located at 7155 East 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Denver. Each monthly event has been scheduled by Deanery and a coordinator in your Deanery has been assigned to organize the prayer vigil for your month. The prayer vigil will last for one hour, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 am and will include the Rosary, hymns and silent prayer.

Please refer to the attached Event Calendar to determine when your Deanery will be praying at Planned Parenthood.

I will be attending the prayer vigils as my calendar allows and I invite you to join me and the faithful as we stand together in peaceful and prayerful witness for the Gospel of Life.

God bless you and thank you for your continued support for the most vulnerable in our society today.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James D. Conley, S.T.L.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Denver

Attachment: Event Calendar

*"This is our glorious duty – to pray and to love." – St. John Mary Vianney*