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Gentlemen,

Barely one month ago, Pope Francis appointed me President of the Holy See's Pontifical Academy for Life and Grand Chancellor of the St. John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. My great task in that new role is preach the Gospel of Life, helping our brothers and sisters to understand the beauty of life, to welcome new life with tenderness and hope, and to protect it with love where it is weak, whether at its beginning or as it draws to a close.

Seeing that 40 Days for Life has been preaching that same Gospel since 2004 and that its prayer, fasting, witness and outreach have saved more than 12,000 lives and have brought reconciliation and healing to so many suffering mothers, fathers and families, I am honored to endorse your efforts and to assure you of our enthusiastic cooperation and assistance, particularly during your coming September 28-November 6 Campaign, in which so many Catholic dioceses and other religious communities and traditions will participate.

Please feel free to include this endorsement in your documentation, and I would be pleased to furnish you an accompanying photograph if you desire. I can be reached at the address on this letterhead.

I look forward to working fruitfully with your initiative in the months to come, and together let us pray that the day will soon come when none of us will ever again see the beauty of a child's life cut short by abortion.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

✠ Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia