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Sanctity of Life Unity Awareness and Unity Day
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, NM
Wednesday, 12:00 Noon January 18, 2012
Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi concelebrated
with New Mexico's three bishops.



All are welcome!

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Friday, January 13, 2012 - IMMEDIATE
RELEASE-- The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Diocese of Gallup and
the Diocese of Las Cruces will prayerfully mark the 39th anniversary of the Supreme
Court decision *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion with the **Sanctity of Life Unity
Awareness and Unity Day on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.**

New Mexico's three bishops (Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe; Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, CSB, Bishop of Las Cruces; and Most Rev. James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup) will concelebrate the noon Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe. Immediately following, the three bishops will lead a prayerful procession to the State Capitol ending with a rally at the Roundhouse at approximately 2:30 pm. The dignity of life calls us all to recognize each human being as an image of God. We teach that life is sacred in all its stages. The bishops of New Mexico invite all to come and pray together for the protection of life, God's greatest gift.

Participants are asked to bring baby items like diapers, blankets, bottles, etc. and/or socks and toiletries for the elderly to be collected at the Mass. They will be distributed to organizations that provide support to expectant mothers in need or nursing homes.

1:30 pm Prayerful Procession to the Roundhouse

Immediately following Mass, there will be a procession from the Cathedral Basilica to the Roundhouse. Other Pro-Life groups will join our procession.

2:30 pm Rally at the Roundhouse on Life Issues and Visits with Legislators

The rally and visits with legislators will be led by Allen Sánchez, Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops (NMCCB).

The event is sponsored by the NMCCB. For more information, call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505.831.8167. Note: Other groups are hosting events surrounding the Mass, March and rally. --END