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NEWS RELEASE
Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Wednesday, January 11, 2017— IMMEDIATE RELEASE—
Join us as the three dioceses of New Mexico prayerfully mark the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade legalizing abortion with a Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day on January 18, 2017. The day includes a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe, a prayer procession and rally at the Roundhouse and visiting legislators.

Noon Mass at Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe:

The three bishops of New Mexico, Archbishop John C. Wester (Archdiocese of Santa Fe), Bishop Oscar Cantú (Diocese of Las Cruces) and Bishop James S. Wall (Diocese of Gallup) will be concelebrating Mass at noon.

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

1:30pm Procession to the Roundhouse

Immediately following Mass, at approximately 1:30pm there will be a prayerful procession from the Basilica to the Roundhouse.

2:00pm Rally at the Roundhouse and Visiting Legislators

The rally and visit with legislators will be led by Allen Sánchez, Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information, call the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505.831.8167.

Note: Other groups may be hosting events surrounding the Mass, procession and rally. --END