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Your Eminence/Excellency:

As you know, the Catholic Church in the United States observes each October as Respect Life Month. I am pleased to provide a copy on my chairman's statement for the upcoming occasion.

In this year's statement I spoke to this year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," which commemorates the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. I also draw from the cover letter of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* where the full body of bishops reiterated that abortion remains a preeminent priority.

While you are most welcome to make use of my statement, I encourage you to consider offering your own personalized statement for Respect Life Month, for your diocese.

With gratitude for your continued leadership in building a culture of life, I am

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

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