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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The gift of human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. In every age, the Church is called to proclaim and defend this truth with courage, compassion, and unwavering fidelity to the Gospel. I write today to express my wholehearted endorsement of the Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Denver and to encourage every parish, school, and apostolate within our Archdiocese to join in this essential work.

The Respect Life Office, a ministry of Catholic Charities, serves as a vital witness to the dignity of every human person. Through education, prayer, pastoral outreach, and advocacy, this ministry offers tangible support to women, men, and families facing difficult circumstances, and promotes a consistent ethic of life rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Their work embodies our Church's conviction that every life—regardless of age, ability, or condition—bears the image and likeness of God.

I urge our pastors, deacons, parish leaders, and the lay faithful to actively support and collaborate with the Respect Life Ministry. Whether through parish Respect Life committees, participation in prayer vigils, educational initiatives, or support for mothers and families in need, your involvement strengthens our collective witness to the sanctity of life in northern Colorado. For further assistance to this end, please reach out to Emma Ramirez, Director of Respect Life, eramirez@ccdenver.org or by calling her at 720-799-9297.

Let us pray that our united efforts may continue to foster a culture where every human life is cherished and protected. May Mary, the Mother of the Living, intercede for us as we seek to bring the light of Christ to every corner of our community.

With gratitude for your witness and in the joy of the Gospel, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel J. Aquila".

✠ Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver