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Thank you notes from the Office of Marriage, Family & Life

Let me express my thanks to all of the parishes who participated in the “40 Rosaries For Life” campaign. I heard from a number of parishes about how they carried out their rosary or even expanded what they did beyond the one date. I also heard from a number of people in our diocese who have been involved in the on-going respect life campaign that we as a Church have been engaged for many years. They told me how much they appreciated seeing the number of parishes, via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), that participated in a Rosary for Life. It meant so much to them to see our Diocese pray for a respect for life from conception through natural death.

I want to thank the parishes who invited me come to their parishes this fall. I enjoy presenting and praying at all parishes. Most recently, I lead a three-day parish mission for St. Phillip’s in Bemidji and will be leading a mission for St. Andrew’s in Hawley in March. I write this to point out that I am happy to come to any parish, of any size, if the pastor, staff and parishioners are interested. For example, I was at Sts. Peter and Paul in Warren and preached at the Sunday Mass and then provided a one-hour talk on marriage for those who were able to stay. I am also doing one-day and ½ day marriage retreats, evening talks on a range of topics, and a few other things. It is truly a blessing for me to be in your parishes.

Finally, A BIG THANK YOU to all those involved in distributing and collecting this year’s Faith Development Survey. My students at Concordia and I are busy entering data and hope to have the preliminary report completed by January so that it can be distributed to you for your information.