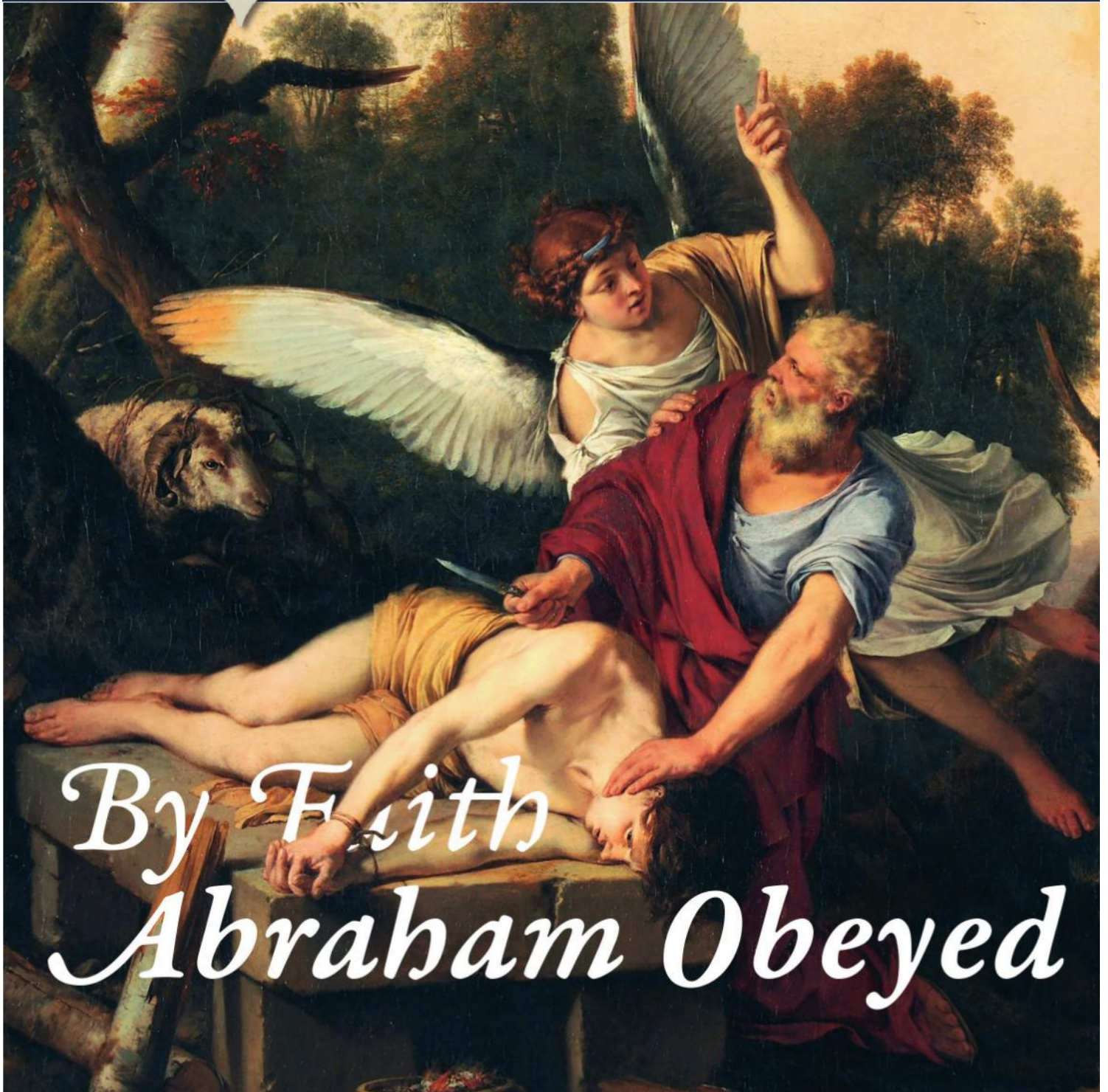




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A Member of the St. Juan Diego Deanery Sister Parish with Sacred Heart of Jesus



By Faith Abraham Obeyed

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 10, 2025

Letter From the Pastor

Greetings Parishioners,

If you are like me, I bet this is one of your favorite times of the year! Preseason football has started, and the gridiron games will continue until February. Once again, I get the honor of being on the chain gang with Donnie Alt this year as we quietly root for the Bulldogs on the opposing sidelines. This year I'm so honored that Coach Hastings has invited me to say a little prayer for the team before the game. I truly hope all the Crestline kiddos and opposing teams truly have fun and do not take the games too seriously. As corny as that sounds I just want our local school kids to grow in community and joy each Friday night.

If you see me at the game feel free to say "hi" or stop me during halftime if you want to chat as we support our local kids. I'm especially excited about the opening weekend against Buckeye Central. As you know some of my other parishioners will be playing for the Bucks and my niece Brylee will be playing in their band. I think after that week it will be a little easier for me to pray with the Bulldogs team and confidently ask our Lord for a Bulldogs victory.

As football season gets closer it can be so easy to get too sucked in and become couch potatoes. Since football is played about every single day from Thursday night football to Monday Night it is easy to become obsessed. How do we still enjoy this beloved game loved for the strong connections it fosters through team

allegiances... while still focusing on God each day, especially on Sunday? The answer is to be like me and root for the Cleveland Browns! By week 5 you will lose interest as they continually disappoint us diehard fans. Haha! Just kidding, as you know we love our Browns each week and watch even when they fall. But seriously here are my tips for watching that can help you keep Jesus in your heart.

- 1.) Watch with others ... let it be something that helps you spend carefree time with loved ones and grow in community.
- 2.) Maybe watch the 1st and 4th quarters closely and use the time in between to keep an eye on the game but not become laser focused. Maybe pray or peak back at the Sunday readings in our free Word Among Us magazines.
- 3.) Pray for all the souls on the television screens. Even the opposing team is loved by Jesus! Except for Michigan... Jesus hates Michigan football! (Once again, I joke ... Jesus loves all people, and we should pray for all who appear on the tv screen.)
- 4.) If your team loses it is not the end of the world ... sometimes losing is the best way we grow.
- 5.) Go to Mass each Sunday and focus on the eternal plan and love that Jesus has for you.

Hope my tips can help you enjoy the game and grow in community as well!

In Christ,
Fr. Jeff

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday	Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Vigil:</i> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <i>Day:</i> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Summer School Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm until school resumes.



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Congratulations to
Debra Ritter!

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday • August 12

6:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

For the Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday • August 13

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Ron & Barb Finnegan; Dorothy Blum

Thursday • August 14

Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO Confessions at St. Joseph

7:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph

For the People of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Parishes

Friday • August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

For Peace Among All Nations

Saturday • August 16

3:30 pm Confessions at Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart

Lawrence & Mary Alice Biglin, Yogi and Mark; Kate Bell

Sunday • August 17

7:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

Roberta Scully

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart

Francis, Marie & Joe Biglin; Richard Vogt

10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph

Dane Kennedy; Tom Garrett



<i>Check Ministry Pro for updates.</i>	<i>Sunday, August 17 7:00 am</i>	<i>Sunday, August 17 10:30 am</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Nicole Roberts	Debby Ketcham
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Morgan Frye Adam Link Connie Marek	Peggy Pauley Adrienne Ruhe Dave Sharrock
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Bryce Parsons Jake Rafferty	Lilly Mills Gavin Parsons Harper Warnecke
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Adam Link Family	Emily Potter Family
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Anatra Dave Horning	Mark Schneider Brett Warnecke



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY WE, AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS, CELEBRATE OUR FAITH THE WAY WE DO? Do you have a friend, co-worker or spouse who is not

Catholic but attends Mass with you regularly and might be interested in learning more if they were only invited? Then OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, will begin sessions in October. For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie Di Lullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. Thank you!

The Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club of the St. Juan Diego Deanery invites all women from our parishes to join us this year for fun, friendship and lunch. Our 2025-26 year meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September thru May, at 12:00 noon, primarily at the Ontario Event Center. We have some wonderful prayer time and speakers planned this year and would love to see our group grow. Please contact Brenda Starr-Jude, 419-610-8251 for more information on joining this amazing group of women. Watch for bulletin reminders each month for meeting dates and details.

Celebrate the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

September 7 at The Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue - 11:00 am Mass

Join us for this special Mass, and following Mass, view the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit in the Shrine Cafeteria. This powerful traveling display includes items researched and compiled by Carlo himself. Refreshments will be served in the Shrine Cafeteria following Mass.

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

~ Matthew 24: 42a, 44

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



"I will take the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13)

These words are taken from the Psalm Response most often chosen for the Ritual Mass with the Ordination of priests. In fact, it was these very words we prayed this year during the ordination of our three new priests! These words express the sentiments of the psalmist who prays in thanksgiving that the Lord has heard his prayers and supplications. He writes: "Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." In the Ordination Mass, as we pray these words, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in the gift of new priests, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in shedding his blood to save us, and we thank the Lord that our priests live to pour themselves out for us as did Jesus himself.



Just two years ago I wrote that the Eucharist and the Priesthood are inseparable and highlighted our great need for diocesan priests in the July 2023 *Leading the Flock* column. At that time, we introduced a new initiative for the Diocese of Toledo which invited everyone in our Diocese to pray one Hail Mary each day for an increase in priestly vocations, and to do some fasting or abstinence for the same intention. There is no doubt that your prayers and intentional fasting and abstinence are bearing fruit. Over a three-year period we've accepted 1, then last year 4, now this year 6 new seminarians! And more are coming!

Two years ago I observed: "While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with **hope**. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?"

Now, we find ourselves in this Jubilee Year of Hope, called to be Pilgrims of Hope, and recognizing signs of hope! Please join with me in renewed prayer and renewed hope for priestly vocations!

As with our Diocesan Prayer, we are committed to praying for all holy vocations, conscious in particular of the need for deacons and consecrated women religious. Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us: "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood." So in these final days of the month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I am renewing my call that every person in our diocese continue or begin to offer a daily Hail Mary, along with some weekly Friday observance of fast or abstinence, for the intention of priestly vocations for our diocese. We need men who are ready

and willing to take up the chalice of self-sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord, and to offer the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass. We need men who are ready and willing to make present the Lord's Paschal Mystery both at the altar and in their very persons. We need more priests who are happy, holy, humble, healthy, and honest. We need more priests, and with God's grace and your prayers, more priestly vocations will come.

With that in mind, this month we are launching a new initiative in sending out, over time, to all our 122 parishes, two traveling "chalices" provided by our Knights of Columbus, for the purpose of inspiring prayers for vocations, in particular priestly vocations. These are actually replicas of chalices, with an artistic representation of the body and blood. One chalice will travel through the northern counties and the other chalice will travel through the southern counties of our 19 county diocese. My intention with this effort is to till the soil of our diocese with deep prayer asking,

or better, begging the Lord to send more priests to serve in our local Church. Each chalice will spend one month on display in a prominent place in the parish church as a visible reminder for the parishioners intentionally to pray for holy vocations, with a particular emphasis on praying for priestly vocations. It may result that parishes and schools may take the initiative of having their own traveling "chalice," which could go from family to family and classroom to classroom, to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. I know some have started this already. May it continue!

It is so encouraging that we have 6 new seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo this year – the largest number of new seminarians in a decade! That raises our total number of seminarians to 14. We are already seeing the fruit of our intentional prayer, fasting and abstinence!

And where do such young men come from you might ask? They come most often from families and parishes that are striving for holiness; from families and parishes that encourage the young to serve the Church. You will find such young men at daily Mass, praying quietly in the church, attending Eucharistic adoration, stopping in for confession, or selflessly serving their neighbors. A daily habit of listening and talking with the Lord after reading from the Gospel of the day allows them to hear the voice of God, to more closely attend to the Will of God for their lives, and to act with courage and conviction.

In the recent 2025 CARA report on newly ordained priests from around our country, we find the following insightful information:

- 89% said they were encouraged by someone to consider the call to the priesthood
- 78% of them spent time in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary
- 73% attended Catholic School, either elementary, high school, or college, before entering seminary
- 72% were servers at Mass growing up
- 72% said they pray the rosary
- 66% of the newly ordained priests said it was a priest specifically who encouraged them to consider the priesthood
- 66% of the new priests were in full time employment before entering seminary
- 50% attended public school, either elementary or high school
- 46% said they served as lectors at Mass
- 15% were homeschooled
- 6% were in the military prior to entering seminary

That report also shares that the loudest voice of discouragement for a man considering the call to the priesthood can be a family member. I want to reassure all our families that it is a source of joy and grace to have a priest in the family because the priest son or brother can be, for those close to the Church and those family members far



removed from the Church, a genuine bridge to God. One of the most significant ways a family can support a young man considering the call to the priesthood is to promote the habit of daily prayer and openness to whatever God has in store for him, even if that may be different than what you might expect or desire for him. Openness of family members to welcome a priestly vocation may well be critical in a young man's discerning his vocation. Because God's plan is always the best plan for all our lives.

To any young man reading this column, I want to encourage you and assure you that being a priest is an amazing and rewarding life! It is a full life, a blessed life, and a life deep with meaning and purpose. Yes, you should have a natural desire for marriage and children, but if God is calling you to the priesthood, He will give you the grace joyfully to live out the life of chaste celibacy, obedience, and prayer. Quite simply, priesthood is a heroic adventure of selfless service in the person of Christ Jesus! I am confident more and more men are coming to see it as such! The same qualities that would make for a great husband and father are the same qualities we are looking for in candidates for the priesthood – loving, selfless and self-possessed, kind, prudent and sensitive, strong, faithful, dedicated to the poor and those in need, prayerful, patient, joyful, and courageous! Above all, we need men who are serious about their spiritual lives and about prayer, which brings interior peace and an abiding sense of God's presence.

Please join me in welcoming the travelling chalices throughout our diocese. May each parish take in the replica of the chalice of salvation, and may parishioners call on the name of the Lord. I am confident that these chalices will prompt us to pray for more young men who are ready and willing to respond to a priestly vocation, to take the chalice of salvation, and to call on the name of the Lord!

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 25, 2025

Weekly Offering

From August 3, 2025

Total Offertory Collection\$7,387.75

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,820.00
Loose Checks	\$2,290.00
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<https://stjosephcrestline.org/announcements>



Holy Hour

Please join us as we pray a Holy Hour on Tuesdays in St. Joseph Church at 11:00 am. Please come and pray the Rosary and other prayers for our beloved country. God bless us all and the USA.

Pray the Rosary With Us!

Every Sunday at 9:55 am in church before the 10:30 am Mass

Extra rosaries can be found in the narthex.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are excited about this opportunity to connect the priests in your deanery with young men who may be open to the idea of a religious vocation. The event will provide a chance for fellowship, prayer, and informal discussions about priestly life. If you are interested in attending, please use the QR code above to register or contact Fr. Jeff for more information.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



St. Joseph, Defender of Life, Pray for Us!

History was made recently when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and **Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities** are inviting Catholics to join a **focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry**. The prayer effort invokes the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life (see below), and runs from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month.

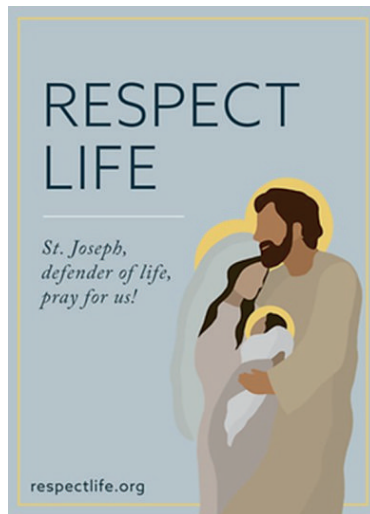
Dearest St. Joseph,

At the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.



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National March for Life

January 22-24, 2026 in Washington, D.C.

Every year, the Office of Life and Justice leads a pilgrimage to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. You are invited to join the Diocese of Toledo and thousands of other pro-life Americans as we march against abortion and build a culture of life.

Registration for the 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National March for Life is NOW OPEN as of August 1st, 2025! To learn more and to register, please visit toledodiocese.org/marchforlife



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