OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

TO

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Having just received the Body and Blood of Christ, let us now consecrate ourselves as an archdiocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and dedicate ourselves to the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

Bowing humbly before you, Lord Jesus Christ, we, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, consecrate to your Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of your Mother who gave you birth, ourselves and everything dear to us: our thoughts, words and actions; our sorrows, our hopes, our relatives and friends. We desire to belong entirely to you, and to embrace whatever leads us to you and to reject all that prevents us following the path of holiness.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, teach us, by your example in the stable of Bethlehem and by your whole life, meekness and humility. Teach us, by your agony and sufferings on the Cross, patience and resignation to the holy Will of God. Teach us, in the mystery of the holy Eucharist, to admire your power, wisdom and love. Three hundred years ago, you revealed to Saint Margaret Mary your desire to receive the special homage of your creatures. In obedience to that divine plea, behold us at your feet to consecrate to your service and love our hearts, our families and our Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Heart of Jesus, in the name of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi, our patron, we consecrate to you our whole archdiocese. Like Nazareth, may it always be a center of faith, hope, charity and peace; a hive of prayer and true zeal for your glory. Guide our lives, direct our steps, and sustain us in all our ways. We earnestly consecrate to you all the trials, afflictions, joys and events of our archdiocesan life.
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we consecrate ourselves to you this day, seeking the grace to be effective advocates for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. We pray that you will assist us as we seek to defend the innocent life in the womb and the fragile life of the sick and elderly. O Sacred Heart, shelter the cradle of the newborn babe; bless the child at school; guide the vocation of young men and women; sweeten the lot of the sufferer; support the aged; console the widow; be a Father to the orphan and the forgotten.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we entrust to you our Archdiocese of Santa Fe, asking you to raise your arms of benediction over all of us, young and old, rich and poor, weak and strong, immigrant and native.

O Jesus, source and infinite ocean of mercy, we beseech you to assist us in the sufferings and agony of death. Unite us, then, still more closely to your Heart and to the Heart of Your Immaculate Mother. Be our refuge and our place of rest; and when our souls have taken their flight to dwell forever in your Sacred Heart, may we see again in heaven every member of this archdiocesan family which we now so earnestly and sincerely desire to consecrate without reserve to You. Amen.