



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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To Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters and Brothers, Pastoral Associates and Parish Secretaries

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you greetings and best wishes from the Archbishop's Office and write to remind you of the **Walk for Life, 2024** which will be held on **Saturday 10 February 2024 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peters Cathedral North Adelaide, commencing at 10 am.**

This walk will be a peaceful public witness to the value of every human life and especially the unborn. The theme will be **"Every Life is a Gift"** with reference to Psalm 127.3 "Children too are a gift from the Lord.... a reward"

The Synthesis Report from the recent Synod on Synodality speaks of "those in poverty.... who do not have the things they need to lead a dignified life" and then after naming a long list of those in extreme need says, **"The most vulnerable of the vulnerable, on whose behalf constant advocacy is needed, include the unborn and their mothers."**

Here's the ongoing challenge to us as Catholics as abortion up to birth is now legal in our State. The ongoing theme of these annual Walks is "Love them Both." Far from condemning those involved, our faith offers forgiveness and healing.

I commend you to the attached promotional leaflet. Please post copies in your church porches and promote the walk in your parish newsletter or where appropriate.

Coming to the Walk for Life, joining with so many other Christians and people of good will is one way to continue constant advocacy for life. Thanks for your support.

In Christ,

Fr Dean Marin
Vicar General