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Praised be Jesus Christ!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since my first appeal letter to you this year, we have had cause for great rejoicing in the Lord—the Supreme Court overturned the decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade* on June 24th last. Of particular significance is the fact that this decision was made public on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—He who is, through His glorious-pierced Heart, the supreme sign of God’s immeasurable and unceasing love of all human life and, in a particular way, of the innocent and defenseless unborn.

Respect for human life—especially for the life of the unborn—has always had a profoundly personal meaning for me. *Roe v. Wade* happened in 1973, just two years before I was ordained to the priesthood. During the early years of my priestly ministry, from 1975 to 1980, I urged parents to be vigilant in safeguarding the Christian life which they were imparting at home to their children from any corrosive teaching in schools against God’s Law of Life.

Twenty-two years ago, when I founded the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and, fourteen years ago, when I dedicated the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I sought to continue the mission of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by her appearances in 1531, restored society’s respect for human life and inaugurated a civilization of life and divine love. Accordingly, central to the mission of Our Lady at the Shrine is the Memorial to the Unborn, where God’s tiniest children who have died in the womb, or in childbirth, or who have been victims of procured abortion and experimentation upon embryonic human life, can be memorialized by grieving parents, relatives and friends.

I ask that you prayerfully consider a generous gift to help Our Lady’s Shrine in La Crosse provide the occasion to experience an extraordinary encounter with God through the maternal care of Our Lady.

Thanks to generous givers like you, especially those who responded to my previous letter, the Shrine is able to maintain sacred places of devotion like the Memorial to the Unborn, as well as offer the nourishment of the Sacraments to the nearly 90,000 souls who come to the Shrine on pilgrimage.

For that reason, I am glad to inform you that, in addition to offering at their usual times every day the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Most Holy Eucharist, pilgrims, since May 1st, now have the occasion to receive those same sacraments twice a day, Monday through Saturday, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Visit GuadalupeShrine.org to learn more. I invite you to come on pilgrimage and encounter the mercy of God, incarnate in her Divine Son, through prayer and divine worship in Our Lady’s “little sacred house,” in La Crosse, Wisconsin.





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You have my profound gratitude for your gift to the Shrine, so that we can continue God's salvific work.

Invoking God's blessing upon you and your home, while confiding your intentions to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego, I remain

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
and in the Purest Heart of Saint Joseph,

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
Founder, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

