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Your Lordship,

At the request of the Vatican's Secretariat of State, I have the honour to transmit to you the Message from the Holy Father on the occasion of the upcoming 'Day for Life' on 16 June.

THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN SHERRINGTON
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SENDS WARM GREETINGS OF GOOD WISHES TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2024 'DAY FOR LIFE' TO BE CELEBRATED IN ENGLAND AND WALES, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND ON 16 JUNE, AND HE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR THOSE BEARING WITNESS TO THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES. HIS HOLINESS PRAYS THAT THROUGH THEIR REFLECTION ON THE THEME "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD – COMPASSION AND HOPE AT THE END OF LIFE", THIS PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL ENCOURAGE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE AND A GREATER DESIRE TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE FROM A CULTURE THAT WOULD PRESSURE THEM INTO "ASSISTED SUICIDE", WHICH IS FALSELY PRESENTED AS A FORM OF COMPASSION. IT IS LIKEWISE HIS HOPE THAT THOSE NEARING THE END OF THEIR EARTHLY JOURNEY WILL RECOGNISE THE IMMENSE VALUE OF THEIR LIVES, EXPERIENCE THE COMFORTING PRESENCE OF JESUS AND THEIR LOVED ONES, RECEIVE DIGNIFIED CARE AND TRUST DEEPLY IN GOD'S PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE. TO ALL TAKING PART, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, THE HOLY FATHER SENDS THE ASSURANCE OF HIS CLOSENESS IN PRAYER, AND HE CORDIALLY SENDS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF JOY, STRENGTH AND PEACE IN CHRIST, WHO IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

May I take this opportunity to assure you of my own prayers and warmest good wishes, while remaining,

Fraternally yours,

+ Miguel Maury
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Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster