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Dear Diocesan Director of Respect Life:

As Catholics and faithful ambassadors of pro-life efforts, we are all longing to see the closure of abortion-providing clinics, especially here in California. We know this can only be done with God's help. Two women well known to me, Teresa Marsano and Dora Lee Raras, have a unique vision to foster the prayer needed to bring such closures to fruition: Our Lady's Mission for Life.

Our Lady's Mission for Life is a *statewide* schedule of visitations by the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during the upcoming months of March and April. As you may know, the Missionary Image is a full-size photographic reproduction of the miraculous *tilma* which hangs in Mexico City. The Image was commissioned by the Bishops of Mexico, blessed, and sent to the United States with the specific mission of bringing an end to abortion, as well as drawing souls to Her Divine Son. Our Lady of Guadalupe is uniquely suited for such a mission as she has been adopted by many pro-life groups as their patroness under her title of Protectress of the Unborn.

As the Bishop of Teresa and Dora Lee, my prayer is that you will welcome and support this effort to bring Our Lady to *every abortion clinic in California*. One of the ladies will contact you within the week, to provide you with more information and to discuss the tentative schedule of the pilgrimage and visits to the abortion clinics in your area. Your familiarity of local schedules will be most valuable in their attempts to be at clinics on surgical days. Perhaps you will also be willing to assist them in connecting with individual parishes and/or pro-life groups that are most active in your area. Of course, I am counting on you, in your role as Respect Life Director, to request your own Bishop's permission for these visitations to occur within your Diocese.

I thank you in advance for your time and effort in the promotion of Our Lady's Mission for Life and offer my sincere gratitude for all you do to promote and re-build a Culture of Life in California.

Sincerely in Christ's love,

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And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' ~ Saint Matthew 25:40