



December 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next year, on January 20, 2024, San Francisco's Walk for Life West Coast marks its 20th Anniversary. For 20 years, starting under my predecessor Archbishop William Levada, and continuing under Archbishop George Niederauer, the Walk has attracted people from all over the West Coast and beyond. It has grown into the second-largest pro-life event in America. These pilgrims for life come for one reason: to stand in solidarity with women and the littlest and most vulnerable among us.

If you have never attended, I encourage you to do so. First-time attendees are almost universally struck by the determined yet joyful presence of so many students, young adults, and young families. Our young people, of all faith traditions, understand how abortion has cheapened human life, and has made us as a society less inclined to care for the least among us—those whom Pope Francis refers to as the victims of our "throw away" culture. And their joyous, energetic, and spontaneous witness to the Culture of Life is incredibly heartwarming!

I invite you, your family and friends, churches, schools and organizations to join us in the city of St. Francis on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Walk and if you're coming with a group, I encourage you to bring an identifying banner.

The Information Faire starts at Civic Center Plaza across the street from San Francisco City Hall at 11:00 am, followed by the Rally at 12:30 pm. The 1.7-mile walk down historic Market Street begins at 1:30 pm.

This year's Walk has an outstanding array of speakers! I urge you to visit the Walk's website, where you can register for email updates, learn how to sponsor and register a bus to bring your group to the Walk, learn about lodging for your group, learn about public transportation to and from the Walk, and find information on local parking. You can also download Walk for Life flyers in English, Spanish, and Chinese. It's all available at www.walkforlifewc.com

You can also contact the Walk for Life team at (415) 658-1793 or by email at info@walkforlifewc.com.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
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