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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is with tragic irony that the Catholic Church's observance of Respect Life Month begins with the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas. My prayers, and those of all in the Diocese of Greensburg, are with the victims of this senseless tragedy. We also pray for their families and loved ones. We can never become numbed to the seemingly endless stream of outrageous crimes that show a lack of respect for our fellow human beings. We continue to teach and proclaim that every human person is created in God's image and has the right to life. Although the event in Las Vegas is deeply disturbing for all of us, we will continue to pray that the light of God's love will reach into the darkest places in our nation and our world. As Jesus said, "Be not afraid."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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