

***Humanae Vitae* 50 Observances**  
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**Request for Your Support of *Humanae Vitae* 50 Observances**

Dear Father or Deacon:

**Reason for this Correspondence**

We write on behalf of a coalition of Philadelphia area Catholic and pro-life organizations that are conducting a series of activities during 2018 to observe the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* (HV). This coalition includes the Knights of the Immaculata, the Philadelphia Catholic Medical Association, Generation Life, Regina Academies and other Philadelphia area organizations. The enclosed HV 50 Declaration explains the reasons for these activities.

The sentence "*Contraception is the Root of the Culture of Death*" summarizes these reasons. This sentence expresses our belief that the Church, and the pro-life movement, will not succeed in our efforts to provide legal protection to children in the womb, and other vulnerable human beings, until there is a significant increase in the number of people in the Church - and in the Culture - who reject contraception and the mentality behind it.

We see our HV 50 observances as an excellent opportunity to commence efforts to achieve this increase. We seek your assistance and leadership to seize this opportunity.

**Our Specific Requests of You**

1. Will you become a signatory to our HV 50 Declaration? You can do so by returning the enclosed form or at [www.HV50Philly.com](http://www.HV50Philly.com).
2. We have enclosed a flyer by Fr. Matthew Habiger, OSB which we hope will be of help to you regarding preaching about *Humanae Vitae* on the weekend of July 21 and 22, 2018.
3. Will you, particularly those of you who are Pastors, promote, through Church Bulletin flyers and/or announcements, Pulpit Announcements, Posters, these HV 50 Activities? Such activities include
  - encouraging laity to add their names to this HV 50 Declaration;
  - making available to your Parishioners the enclosed flyer, "The #1 Destroyer of Marriages/A Bitter Pill"; and

- promoting attendance at our HV 50 event on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the Malvern Retreat House, which features a showing of the newly released movie *Sexual Revolution* for which a low-resolution black-and-white promotional flyer is enclosed. If used, we will provide copies of the high-resolution full-color version of this flyer.

### **How to Respond**

Please respond to this correspondence by mail, email and/or phone. We also plan to send a copy of this correspondence to the Respect Life Coordinator for your Parish.

### **Enclosures and Available Materials**

This letter contains the following enclosures:

- a further explanation of the context of and rationale for these HV 50 activities;
- The #1 Destroyer of Marriages/A Bitter Pill flyer;
- a promotional flyer for the *Sexual Revolution* movie showing on July 25, 2018;
- a sample Church Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement; and
- Fr. Matthew Habiger's "A Preachable Message."

Our Foundation can also make available, in limited quantities, the following materials to support these HV 50 activities

- copies of HV in booklet form;
- copies of Archbishop Charles Chaput's April 4, 2018 presentation on HV at 50; and
- copies of Human Life International's *Contraception and Women*, which cogently presents facts and arguments against contraception.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for reading this enclosed correspondence and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Knights of the Immaculata



Timothy J. Murnane  
Chairman

Regina Academies



Rev. Joseph S. Zaleski  
President

Generation Life