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Dear Brother,

Pregnant and parenting moms in need of help and support attend Mass in our parishes and live in our neighborhoods. The good news is that help and support is often readily available from many compassionate and dedicated people and organizations. The 25th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand these resources and to communicate these resources to those in desperate need of them.

To this end, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has initiated a nationwide effort called *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service*, taking place from March 25, 2020 through March 25, 2021. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, through the Office for Life and Family and Catholic Social Services, have enthusiastically joined this effort. For more information, please visit <http://phillycatholiclife.org/walking-with-moms-in-need/>.

I invite you to appoint a parish leader to be the main point person and coordinator of this *Year of Service*. We plan to gather the parish leaders to an informational workshop on April 18, 2020. This workshop will review the *Year of Service* and to answer any questions they may have regarding this most important outreach.

Our Archdiocesan coordinator for the Year of Service is Steven Bozza, Director of the Office for Life and Family. **Please submit the name and contact information of your parish leader to him by March 25, 2020**

Thank you for joining parishes across our Archdiocese, and across the county, in this nationwide effort to better support pregnant and parenting women in desperate need, and to communicate better what help is available to them.

If you have any questions about this most important initiative, please feel free to contact Steve at 215 – 587 – 5661 or sbozza@archphila.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Nelson J. Pérez".

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia