## Coalition Announces the International Week of Prayer and Fasting (October 12-20, 2020) for Protection and Blessings on the Upcoming Election and Confirmation of the Supreme Court Justice Nominee

**Washington, D.C:** Please join us this year for our <u>Virtual Prayer and Fasting Conference</u> to be held from October 12 – October 20, 2020. This timing is providential due to the potential Supreme Court Justice hearings beginning on Monday, October 12, 2020.

Today, our Catholic faith and the world face unprecedented moral crises: we have the legal killing of the innocent unborn up until the moment of birth, civil unrest, violence and looting, the accelerating breakdown of marriage and family life, and a deepening Church scandal that has rocked the faithful laity and clergy.

In response to these crises, an international coalition of Catholic organizations has mobilized for the 28<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting from October 12 – 20, 2020. The Coalition is uniting with The Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Legion of Mary, Priests for Life, and many others to pray and fast for:

- the Conversion of all Peoples and Nations
- to Build a Culture of Life
- for all Priests, Vocations, and Holiness for the Members of the Church
- to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life
- for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy

The Virtual Opening Day of the **28**<sup>th</sup> **International Week of Prayer and Fasting** will be begin on Monday, October 12, 2020 and end on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

Registration for this virtual conference is **FREE** but please register online at <a href="https://www.iwopf.org">www.iwopf.org</a> where you can also commit to pledge your prayers and fasting for the week's goals.

Join us for several days of dynamic speakers, the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass.

Some of the speakers include: Bishop Joseph Strickland, Father Donald Calloway, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Father Frank Pavone, Jesse Romero, Eduardo Verastegui, Sister Deidre Burn, Father Chris Alar, Dr. Segunda Acosta, Joan and Dave Maroney and Ted Flynn along with many others. These virtual talks will take place throughout the nine days. Visit IWOPF.org to view the latest schedule and to register.

In the words of Coalition Coordinator Maureen Flynn, "The current grave crisis in the Church and the world can only be fully remedied by Heaven's spiritual weapons of the Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary and Fasting. Our Lord, His Blessed Mother and the saints have told us that these spiritual weapons will destroy evil."

**Pope Saint John Paul II** had given two Apostolic Blessings to the organizing entities and all the participants, the first in 1997 and the second in 2001.

"...As a pledge of an abundance of Divine Blessings upon you and yours, I paternally impart to all participants of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting my most heartfelt apostolic blessings..."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta had given her support for this prayer and fasting movement.

"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Hours of prayer. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."