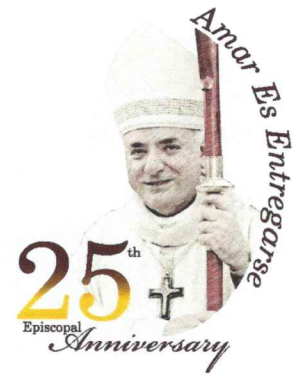


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“Celebrating 25 Years of Amar Es Entregarse”



April 6, 2017

Ms. Sheila St. John
Executive Director
California Association of Natural Family Planning
1217 Tyler Street
Salinas, CA 93906

Dear Ms. St. John,

Thank you for your letter and invitation to participate in the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. It has been 10 years since your last conference and we are blessed to support your return to our diocese for this event. I support this conference and welcome you!

This conference continues to be an opportunity to celebrate the beauty and vision of the teaching of our Church on marriage and sexuality. It will increase our understanding and appreciation of this teaching for Catholic couples. It is a pleasure to have you join us once again and we are happy to be the hosting Diocese for this event.

I appoint Mary Huber, Director of Respect Life and Pastoral Care Programs, as our Diocesan liaison to serve with you on the Executive Committee responsible for planning this historic event. Her contact number is 909-475-5352.

I applaud your simultaneous translation of the keynotes and the options of breakout sessions in Spanish, as the Diocese of San Bernardino is a multi-cultural diocese.

I will pray for you as you collaborate with many in reaching the goal of this event: to educate and inspire all in attendance to embrace and integrate the vision of Humanae Vitae, as a vital tool for the new evangelization.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

cc: Sister Mary Chilee Okoko, DMMM, Director of the Department of Ministry of Life, Dignity and Justice
Mary Huber, Director of Respect Life & Pastoral Care Programs