



Office of the Bishop

**An Invitation from Bishop Brom
to
The Lay Faithful in the Diocese of San Diego**

Two years ago the bishops of California decided that it was time to create a Catholic Legislative Network (CLN) which would inform and allow Catholic laity to be a powerful voice of gospel clarity and truth in the legislative process. Now that the infrastructure of the CLN is in place, an effort is being made to substantially increase the number of network participants. To do this, each of the twelve dioceses in California is being asked to sponsor a *Life and Dignity Sunday*. In the Diocese of San Diego, I am asking that this take place in all parishes on the weekend of October 30-31, 2010.

Membership in CLN is an opportunity for clergy and religious, and especially the laity, to participate in the mission of Jesus by affecting the legislative process in a way that will help “to order temporal affairs according to the plan of God” (Vatican II, LG #31).

Therefore, I am inviting you and everyone in the diocese with an e-mail address to consider becoming a registered member of the CLN. This will be possible after all the Masses next weekend.

I want to be clear about what CLN membership means:

- A newsletter (*Public Policy Insights*) is e-mailed to members on most Fridays.
- Periodic action alerts provide background information on an issue and then invite members to consider sending a message to elected representatives.
- The names and e-mail address of CLN members will never be made available to any other organization or cause.
- Members are always free to discontinue membership.

With our participation, the Catholic Legislative Network will enhance the many efforts we make to build a culture of life and dignity. May San Diego and Our Lady of Refuge intercede for us.

Sincerely in our Lord

Bishop of San Diego