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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Most Reverend Michael Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico to celebrate a special Mass Sunday November 3rd, highlighting "a day of prayer for the end of abortion and the passing of the Albuquerque Late Term Abortion Ban."**

**Statement**

As a followup to his press release of September 27th (see attached), Archbishop Michael Sheehan, giving his full support to the Albuquerque Late Term Abortion Ban, will be celebrating a special Mass as the highlight of "a day of prayer for the end of abortion and the passing of the Albuquerque Late Term Abortion Ban."

Fr Stephen Imbarrato, President of Project Defending Life, is calling on this to be a national effort transcending religious affiliation. "In response to Archbishop Sheehan's leadership and strong voice and the grass roots effort undertaken here in New Mexico, I would hope that the entire country, while focusing on the November 19th referendum here in Albuquerque, would offer up a day of prayer on November 3rd for this important and unique initiative."

Archbishop Sheehan will celebrate the special Mass at 5:00 pm, Sunday November 3rd at The Shrine of Saint Bernadette 11509 Indian School Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87112.

All parishes in the Albuquerque area are being asked to read Archbishop Sheehan's September 27th Press Release (see attached) at all scheduled Masses the weekend of November 1st (All Saint's Day) through Sunday November 3rd, encouraging everyone to come to this special Mass, offer up prayers, and get involved in this effort to end abortions on babies after 20 weeks (5 months) in Albuquerque.

"...I encourage all the people of Albuquerque to support the proposed ordinance to ban late term abortion after the 20th week. These children feel pain and suffer greatly when aborted," stated the Archbishop in his press release.

The Archbishop went on to say, "Please join me in supporting this effort with energy, time, and resources. Together we can get out the vote on November, 2013

**Full September 27th Statement by Archbishop Michael Sheehan**

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### Statement

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### Late Term Abortion Ban

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Friday, September 27, 2013—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan has issued the following statement:

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe congratulates the grass root efforts of so many to place a late term abortion ban on the ballot of the City of Albuquerque. This achievement demonstrates the people's will to defend life.

As Archbishop of Santa Fe, I encourage all the people of Albuquerque to support the proposed ordinance to ban late term abortion after the 20<sup>th</sup> week. These children are able to feel pain and suffer greatly when aborted.

The campaign to pass this proposal will bear much fruit. First, if the ordinance passes, it will protect children. Second, the energy, time, and resources dedicated to the campaign will educate the public. I daily meet people who are shocked to know that New Mexico permits late term abortion. The public will be educated as to the reality of what is happening in our State. New Mexico now attracts those seeking late term abortions from around the Country because of the lack of laws. During this campaign many people will learn the immorality of abortion and some children's lives will be saved by the education of their

parents. I hope the State Legislature will pass a Statewide Bill banning late term abortion, given the support in Albuquerque.

Please join me in supporting this effort with energy, time, and resources. Together we can get out the vote on November 19, 2013.

Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan Archbishop of Santa Fe

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