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Department or Office with Primary Responsibility: Office of Pro-Life Activities

Department or Offices with Secondary Responsibility: Commission for Pro-Life Action, Department of Pastoral Life, Pastors

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Objectives:

1. The office will inventory all parishes to determine those that currently have active parish pro-life representatives. This will be completed by March, 2009.
2. The pastors of parishes that have active representatives will be asked to reaffirm their commitment by reappointing those representatives by June, 2009.
3. Those parishes without active parish pro-life representatives will be asked to affirm their commitment by appointing a parish pro-life representative to help implement the Respect Life program by June, 2009.
4. In parishes where the pastor cannot appoint a volunteer, the office will evaluate the possibility of having a regional/deanery representative by June, 2009. This will be accomplished by personal contact with the pastors and/or at deanery meetings.