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Dear Bishop Sherrington,

At the request of the Secretariat of State I have the honour to transmit this Message to you, also asking that you kindly forward it to the Bishops' Conferences of Scotland and Ireland.

His Holiness Pope Francis sends prayerful good wishes for the celebration of the 2020 Day for Life in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Theme "Choose Life" is particularly fitting in this twenty-fifth anniversary year of Saint John Paul II's Encyclical Evangelium Vitae, which summoned the entire Church to be "a people of life and for life" (n: 78). In these days when our world faces the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father asks the faithful to pray for all those families, volunteers and healthcare professionals committed, often heroically, to the care and healing of the suffering, and for all those who, amid the continuing "pandemic" of poverty and war, work to uphold the God-given value and dignity of every human person. It is his hope that amid the present crisis all will be led to a greater appreciation of the moral imperative to build a "culture of life" marked by ever greater concern for nurturing, protecting and promoting the integral welfare of all God's children, beginning with the most vulnerable. With these sentiments, the Holy Father gives the assurance of his closeness in prayer and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

*Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State*

I avail of this opportunity to assure you of my very best wishes and warm personal regards, while remaining,

Yours sincerely in Our Lord


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