

AFRICAN ANTI-ABORTION COALITION

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President,
Catholic Women Organization
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Aba

Dear Madam,

Ten Million People Anti-abortion Life March 2008

We of the African Anti-Abortion Coalition (AAAC) wish to express our sincere gratitude to your diocese for collaborating on the Million People March Against Abortion held on Feb. 14th 2007. The March was a success in most parts of Nigeria. However, 10 million abortions, still take place in Nigeria yearly. The figures will quadruple with the legalization of abortion by the Federal Government of Nigeria since 2004, after the government signed the Protocol for the Rights of Women in Africa. The Article 14 of this Protocol calls for “free abortion on demand”.

The health hazards posed by abortions for women and the spiritual bankruptcy for our society are very evident today. We all need to strengthen our campaign against abortion in the next years to come. The 2008 anti-abortion campaign will be marked by a 10 million People Anti-Abortion Life March with the theme “*Blessed is the fruit of thy Womb*”.

This March would include all sections of society. We plead that you exercise leadership in collaboration with other Presidents of Christian Women Associations from both the Anglican Communion and Pentecostal fellowships, as well as Moslem Women Organization. The format of the March would be an ecumenical/interfaith peaceful solidarity March. We request that you help in the formation of a committee that will stage the 2008 March. The day is 14th Feb. 2008. Time is 8am-12 noon. The venues are to be agreed by the committee, and should include two central places for start and finish, marching through the city center. The police should be informed of the March path. Groups should identify themselves with placards and banners with the message centered on the Sanctity of Life.

The AAAC secretariat phone no. 08033026124, 08052930888, email: info@chidicon.com, will be available to assist you with any information. We have enclosed a sample brochure with AAAC 2008 message, which could be remade to meet your needs for distribution to people during the March. We have also informed all Bishops across Nigeria. We have obtained the Apostolic Blessings of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI (enclosed). Enclosed is a copy of the VCD with the anti-abortion message, and we kindly request that you play it to the full view of your committee members, Parish Presidents of CWO and other women organizations. You could also make copies for onward distribution.

We thank you and God bless for standing up for life.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, AAAC.