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Regarding Pope Leo's Announcement
Re: Prayer Vigil for Peace on April 11, 2026

Dear Pastors, Parish Life Directors, and Parishes:

In his "["Urbi et Orbi" message on Easter Sunday](#), our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV reflected on the victory of Christ over death and darkness, and issued a powerful message calling for peace. He also said: *"I invite everyone to join me in a prayer vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter's Basilica next Saturday, April 11."*

In solidarity with the Holy Father's invitation - and because of the ongoing scourge of war happening in the Middle East, Ukraine, and in so many other parts of our world - I ask that all parishes in the diocese add special prayer intentions for peace in the Prayers of the Faithful this weekend, April 11-12. I will also include prayers for peace as part of our diocesan Divine Mercy celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon.

Finally, I would ask all of the faithful to hold this special intention in personal prayer during this extraordinary time in our world.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

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✙ Most Rev. Mark A. Hagemoen