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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With heartfelt reverence and pastoral care, I write to you today to introduce a new initiative within our community: the Catholic End-of-Life Network. This sacred endeavor brings together several ministries in a unified mission to uphold the dignity of life and to walk with each of you in faith, love, and preparation as we journey toward our eternal home.

Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, the Catholic End-of-Life Network seeks to:

- Promote our Church's enduring values on the sanctity of life and the spiritual significance of preparing for one's end-of-life.
- Encourage faithful action in making thoughtful and prayerful preparations for this sacred transition.
- Support individuals and families through the ministries available within our Archdiocese, offering guidance, comfort, and resources.

The ministries united in this mission include:

- Respect Life Denver, a ministry of Catholic Charities
- The Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado
- Knights of Columbus
- Emmaus Catholic Hospice
- St. Raphael Counseling, a ministry of Catholic Charities
- Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services

Each of these ministries exists to serve you — from conception to natural death — with compassion, wisdom and unwavering faith. As your Archbishop, I wholeheartedly endorse these resources and encourage you to embrace them as companions on your spiritual journey.

Our guiding vision is simple and profound: Prepare with Love, Leave with Dignity. This vision is anchored in four pillars:

- Faith — Remaining grounded in the eternal truths of our Catholic tradition, especially at life's end.
- Prepare — Answering the call to act with intention and grace.
- Love — Caring deeply for ourselves, our families and our communities.

- Dignity — Honoring life as a sacred gift, from womb to tomb.

Let us walk together in faith, trusting in God's mercy and the promise of eternal life. May this initiative be a source of peace and strength for you and your loved ones, and may it inspire us all to live and die in the light of Christ.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Samuel J. Aquila". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver