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Papal Nuncio to Join Walk for Life West Coast!

Organizers delighted with presence of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò at January 26 event

January 2, 2013 – The Walk for Life West Coast is honored to announce that Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Holy Father’s Ambassador to the United States, will be attending the 9th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, on January 26, 2013.

“What an honor! We are so excited—this is the next best thing to having the Holy Father himself with us!” said Eva Muntean, a co-founder of the Walk. Archbishop Viganò, appointed on October 19, 2011, the Feast of the North American Martyrs, is the 14th Papal representative to the United States. The diplomatic post was established in 1893.

The 2013 event will begin at 12:30 PM in the city’s Civic Center Plaza. The rally and Walk will be preceded in the plaza by an Info Faire, beginning at 11:00 AM, and a “*Silent No More*” awareness campaign, featuring actress Jennifer O’Neill (www.jenniferoneill.com) beginning at 10:45 AM. Rally speakers include:

- **Lacey Buchanan**, a young mother whose YouTube video about her blind son went viral and has touched over 11 million viewers;
- **Elaine Riddick**, a woman who was forcibly sterilized at age 14 under orders from North Carolina’s Eugenics Board, whose goal was to purify the state’s population by weeding out the mentally ill, diseased, feebleminded and others deemed undesirable;
- **Rev. Cleonard Childress**, the founder and director of www.BlackGenocide.org, a website designed to reach the African-American Community with the truth about abortion;
- **Kelly and Matthew Clinger**, a post-abortive couple who share their story about the heartache and pain caused by life in the music industry, divorce, addiction, and abortion.

Following the rally, Walkers will march down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza.

Founded in 2005 by a group of San Francisco Bay Area residents, the Walk for Life West Coast’s mission is to change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer. Walk participants are expected from throughout the Bay Area and across the United States and Canada.

More details at: www.walkforlifewc.com

To set up an interview with any of the Walk for Life West Coast’s dynamic speakers or event organizers, please contact:

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