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Diocese of Gary Offers Prayers, Support in Burial of Fetal Remains

MERRILLVILLE – The Diocese of Gary is offering a final resting place for the recently discovered aborted remains of unborn children who died at the hands of an abortionist working out of clinics in Indiana.

“I am honored to offer a final resting place for the fetal remains,” said Michael Welsh, chief operations officer of Gary Diocesan Cemeteries. “We are working with officials to explore how to best facilitate that process.”

Rev. Michael J. Yadron, administrator of the Diocese of Gary, said, “Bodies are the temples of the soul. When a life ends, we bury that person with reverence.”

“As so many others, I was appalled when I first heard about the finding of more than 2,246 medically preserved remains of unborn children in the Illinois home of Ulrich Klopfer, who performed thousands of abortions in Northwest Indiana over the years. I am in full support of the investigation underway by the attorneys general in both Indiana and Illinois,” Father Yadron said.

“All life is sacred because all individuals are created in the immortal image and likeness of God. Following the lead of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, which is offering assistance in the burial of remains, the Diocese of Gary’s Catholic cemeteries have also offered to bury the fetal remains,” Father Yadron said.

“Abortion takes lives and creates victims. Many women (and men) feel wounded after procuring an abortion. Often, the wounds do not surface until months or years later. There is hope for those who struggle with the ramifications of abortion. Project Rachel is one of the ministries that offers support to people of all faiths who are in emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion. You may contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-HOPE (4673),” Father Yadron said.

“There has been a huge outcry about the number of fetal remains found recently. As tragic as that number is, the fact remains that it is just shy of the number of abortions that take place daily in the United States. Life is sacred. We must proclaim that fact, and we must do all that we can to preserve life at all stages,” Father Yadron said.