

National pro-life postcard campaign to be supplemented by e-mails

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a campaign to send e-mails with a pro-life message to members of Congress.

The campaign supplements the national postcard campaign begun in dioceses throughout the country in late January. Both efforts are being coordinated through the Washington-based National Committee for a Human Life Amendment.

"Tens of millions of cards have been distributed in parishes, schools, non-Catholic churches and civic organizations across the country," said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications at the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, in a news release.

"The e-mail campaign will give even more citizens the chance to participate," she added.

The e-mails, which can be sent from the USCCB's Web site at www.usccb.org/postcard, contain the same message as the postcards.

"At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn," they say, urging members of Congress to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act "or any similar measure" and to "retain existing laws against funding and promotion of abortion."

"It is especially important that Congress retain these laws in the various appropriations bills, e.g., the Hyde amendment in the Labor/Health and Human Services appropriations bill," the postcards and e-mails add.

McQuade said "our voice is needed now more than ever" in order to "guard against the erosion of current pro-life measures and to keep abortion from becoming a federal entitlement."