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Statement on the death of Terri Schiavo
By Archbishop Alex J. Brunett

(Seattle) The death of Terri Schindler Schiavo is a cause for mourning among all who uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Terri Schiavo’s death from dehydration and starvation raises questions for all of us about our response to those who are weak, vulnerable and unable to speak for themselves. This innocent woman’s untimely death is a sign of the growing devaluation of human life in our culture and raises questions about the ethical standards and norms that guide our judicial system and other public institutions.

I urge all Christians and all people of good will to continue to protect innocent life, especially the helpless and the weak among us, and I pray for the eternal rest and peace of Terri Schiavo’s soul. I also ask for prayers for her family and loved ones and for reconciliation among them.

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