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Dear Ms. Steinbrecher,
Dear Ms. Brandstetter,

the President of the German Bishops' Conference, Bishop Dr. Georg Batzing, has forwarded your open letter to the Secretariat of the German Bishops' Conference. In accordance with the generally applicable rules, open letters are not answered individually. Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the comments and suggestions you have made in your letter, which we will receive critically.

As you are surely aware, the German bishops have always been strongly committed to the issues of dignity and the protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. In this context, it is a matter of course to oppose any form of general legalization and social establishment of abortion. This commitment is expressed not only, but also in the Week for Life, for which the German Bishops' Conference has been jointly responsible for many years. Based on the joint declaration of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany and the German Bishops' Conference, "God is a friend of life. Life Challenges and Tasks in the Protection of Life," countless texts and contributions pointed out the absolute protectability of human life and the challenges and obligations associated with it.

Next year, the Week for Life will take place from April 22 to 30. May I kindly point out that the Week for Life always also offers the opportunity for initiatives and associations to partici-

pate in this framework with their own events and actions on the respective topic and thus express the common commitment to the protection of life.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frank Ronge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Frank Ronge