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MEMORANDUM

To: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Catholic Schools and all Catholic Organizations

From: Archbishop Aymond *+ [Signature]*

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Several questions have been raised regarding the Susan G. Komen Foundation and their relationship to Planned Parenthood. Attached is information from the Foundation which states: "In our most recent fiscal year (FY 2016), eight Komen Affiliates are funding eight grants totaling approximately \$363,290 for screening and education services at Planned Parenthood clinics in communities served by those Affiliates."

Because of their relationship with Planned Parenthood, Catholic parishes and Catholic schools are not to participate in fund raising for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. When we give financially to an organization that supports abortion, we share responsibility for the immoral acts they perform.

This is indeed unfortunate. We know the Foundation provides many services; however, the moral teaching of the Catholic Church does not allow us to support abortion and any organization, which funds abortion. A number of clinics associated with the church offer medical services for women in accord with church teaching.

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Attachment



Susan G. Komen works in hundreds of communities and 30 countries worldwide, funding breast cancer research and programs that serve low-income, uninsured and under-served women, men and families facing breast cancer.

Our approximately 100 U.S. Affiliates currently fund almost 1,300 local health programs that provide vitally needed medical supplies, patient navigation services, financial assistance (including emergency living expenses, insurance co-pays and diagnostic services), in addition to patient and family support.

Our Funding Process

Each Komen Affiliate conducts a thorough assessment of breast health needs in its service area, followed by a formal request for grant proposals from local providers, and an impartial review and scoring system for grant applications. Breast health needs may vary from community to community but generally include the services mentioned above.

Current Funding

In our most recent fiscal year (FY2016), eight Komen Affiliates are funding eight grants totaling approximately \$363,290 for screening and education services at Planned Parenthood clinics in communities served by those Affiliates.

These clinics provide needed breast cancer screenings, including clinical breast exams conducted by trained medical personnel, and referrals to mammography centers, usually paid for through the grant. Twice each year, Komen Affiliates conduct a thorough review of their community health grant programs to ensure that funds are being used only for breast health services.

Under no circumstances are Komen funds used for abortions or other non-breast health services.

Komen and its Affiliates will continue to make local granting decisions based on the needs of their communities and available funds.

For additional information on this issue and Komen's overall work in local communities, we invite you to visit our website at www.komen.org. Thanks again for your interest in Susan G. Komen and our efforts to end breast cancer forever.