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Your Excellency:

Following up on the Statement of Catholic Principles which we presented for your consideration at our March 6 meeting, we have prepared an abbreviated statement of those principles, with a statement of acceptance and signature, to be appended to the more detailed exposition and explanation of those principles. We hope you will have Fr. Berschied present this to the Pro-Life Commission for signature by each member. We also hope you will then disseminate it further to all diocesan agencies and staff for acceptance and execution.

We certainly think it is important to see which persons in active and influential positions in policymaking Catholic agencies are willing to declare their active and total assent to the teaching mind of the Church, in order to prevent the kind of scandal given last November by Pro-Life Commission Coordinator Karen Riegler's public endorsement of Kenton County Commissioner Barbara Black, the leader of the opposition to our efforts to reject Title X's distribution of contraceptives/abortifacients with public funds to the public, including to teenagers.

The evidence we have previously furnished you demonstrates that many have not been fully Catholic, and have caused great problems of scandal by public dissent, in official positions with the diocese, from unambiguous Catholic teaching.

The record is likewise clear that unless the Shepherd speaks with a clear and mandatory voice, this scandalous dissent, and its ruinous consequences, are certain to continue.

Respectfully,

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