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Your Excellency:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 18, in response to our letter of July 30. We, too, are very disappointed that you will not be able to attend our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Life on October 12, but thank you for your other kind offers and commitments. We would very much like to take you up on your offer that you compose an Opening Prayer to be read on your behalf to the assembly.

Regarding your request that NKRTL work as closely as possible and in concert with the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission and Mrs. Karen Riegler, its director, we would remind you that the documentation we have previously furnished to you demonstrates that we have on multiple previous occasions sought to meet with them, and such a meeting was specifically rejected by them. In addition, it is difficult to imagine working with such an organization which has separated itself from basic Catholic principles. Included in the previous documentation which we have forwarded to you, and discussed at meetings with you, is the fact that that organization has on its board of directors a physician who passes out the abortifacient pills in his practice, and whose partner voted pro-abortion on the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board, and that the Commission declined to assist our efforts in the past to reverse the pro-abortion policy which NKRTL discovered to be in place at St. Elizabeth Catholic Hospital, and that most recently, two days before last November's election, its executive director, Mrs. Riegler, publicly gave an interview in her official capacity for the diocese endorsing for reelection the leader of the abortifacient pill forces at the Health Board (enclosed).

Unity can exist only in Truth. Unity among the members of any Pro-Life organization or between organizations, will only exist if all adhere to the Judeo-Christian principle that all abortion, regardless of the reasons, and whether surgical or chemical, is morally unacceptable.

It seems to us that the only way possible to bring about actions in concert between the two organizations would be by specific directions from you to your Pro-Life-Commission to that effect, including your recommendation of their adoption of a Statement of Catholic Principles, similar to the one which we forwarded to you by letter of February 27, 2003, and which we enclose again herewith. Each member of our Board has given unreserved and full assent to this Statement of Principles.

If there is an error in our effort to articulate these Catholic principles, we would earnestly petition you, as our teacher, to so inform us. If they are correct, then we petition you to inform the Pro-Life Commission. It would seem to us useful, and even essential, that diocesan agencies be asked formally to commit to such principles, individual by individual. Those who cannot subscribe to them certainly should have no authorization, or even reason, to continue in such official capacities.

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As experienced victims of political duplicity, we offer you a serious caution — unless Mrs. Riegler's public endorsement of Barbara Black ("She is very pro-life") is publicly withdrawn, both the Diocese and NKRTL will be fed another dose of humiliation (and the public again misled), when Mrs. Black's next reelection cycle comes up.

We eagerly await your response. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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