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To: All clergy, Catholic school and parish staff, and lay faithful

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Subject: Clarification about Planned Parenthood

Recently a Catholic school in our Diocese included contact information for Planned Parenthood in a list of recommended community resources for youth. This should not have happened. While it is important for our Catholic schools, parishes and social services to make information available about outside organizations that provide assistance to people in need, we must ensure that those organizations provide only information and services that conform to our Catholic values. Planned Parenthood is not one of them. In fact it is the #1 abortion provider in the United States; every year its affiliates kill over 300,000 innocent pre-born children. For more documented facts about Planned Parenthood's involvement in the abortion industry, go to http://www.usccb.org/_cs_upload/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/abortion/186277_8.pdf

Our Catholic schools are committed to creating a culture of life in the hearts and minds of our students.