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Your Eminence:

On behalf of the Board of the International Right to Life Federation, I wish to thank the Canadian bishops who have prudently decided to withhold funds in the future from projects of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace until it has been determined that the recipients do not promote issues contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

By working with the local bishops to determine the worthiness of the projects, the prospect of Church organizations and local pro-life efforts being undermined will be eliminated.

The International Right to Life Federation has been deeply concerned to note the clear evidence of pro-abortion organizations receiving support from funds raised by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace (CCODP), which we understand to be an official arm of the Canadian Bishops' Conference. At our annual board meeting last month in London, England, I was directed to write to the Canadian bishops to express our concerns and support for your action to correct the situation.

May God bless you and your fellow bishops as we continue to promote worldwide a Culture of Life.

Sincerely,

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