

Dear Excellency:

I just read the joint report on Catholic Relief Services issued by the Lepanto Institute and the Population Research Institute. This report gives substantial evidence of immoral activities on the part of CRS, including the reception of government funds for the purpose of implementing programs that promote artificial birth control. Most egregious of all, however, is that CRS has not been truthful when it claims to not have a part in programs that promote contraception. CRS has a vested interest in keeping this fact from the bishops and the faithful, and has proven that it is either incapable or unwilling to properly investigate its own activities.

It is for these reasons that I am asking you and your brother bishops to do the following.

- Enforce the provisions in canon law per the *motu proprio* “On the Service of Charity,” including the admonition that Catholic Relief Services not receive funding from any public or private institution that promotes contraception or abortion, recognizing the fact that the vast majority of such entities involved in international assistance do in fact promote these evils.
- See to the termination of anyone involved with the acquisition, implementation or oversight of this PEPFAR grant, and whoever is responsible for directing the cover-up of problems associated with the grant.
- Put in place a review committee of outside Catholic experts who are well-formed in the faith, who understand how the development industry works, and know what to look for to vet all grants and partnerships.
- Lead CRS through a revisioning process that will align it completely with Catholic social and moral doctrine, and a directive only to pursue projects that it controls at all levels of implementation.

Your Excellency, I am fully aware of the very good and much needed work that Catholic Relief Services does, but until the actions I am requesting are fulfilled, I cannot in good conscience continue to donate to CRS. Instead, I will be diverting my donations to organizations like Cross Catholic Outreach and Caritas in Veritate International, which administer Catholic charity and do not violate Catholic social teaching.

God bless you, Excellency, and please know that I am praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,