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" Message from Archbishop Thomas Wenski"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The abortion advocacy organization deceptively called "Catholics for Choice" (CFC) placed fullpage ads in the September 12 editions of The Miami Herald & el Nuevo Herald. CFC is not a Catholic organization, has no membership, and does not speak for the Catholic Church. Nor could any well-formed or well informed Catholic support its goals. It's funded by powerful and wealthy private foundations that promote abortion as a method of population control.

The ads call for taxpayer funding of abortion. What CFC advocates is the opposite of Catholic teaching on the dignity and life of the human person-- and actually attacks its foundation, namely the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Campaigns promoting abortion offer false support to women. The Church stands in solidarity with pregnant women and, through pregnancy help centers and other programs, is at the ready to care for both mother and child before and after birth.

Far from the old cry for abortion to be "safe, legal and rare," CFC's extreme ad promotes abortion as if it were a social good. But as St. Teresa of Calcutta said, abortion "has sown discord at the heart of the most intimate relationships." Abortion kills the most innocent and defenseless among us. Public funding of abortions would force all taxpaying Americans to be complicit in that violence.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami