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A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PRO-LIFE VALUES

Whereas, the University of Notre Dame du Lac informed by Church teaching [seeks](#) “to achieve its overall aspiration of becoming a preeminent research university with a distinctive Catholic mission” by “ensur[ing] that our Catholic character informs all our endeavors”;

Whereas, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* [indicates](#) abortion is contrary to Catholic principles because “[h]uman life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception” (para. 2270);

Whereas, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* [calls](#) Catholics to work for the prevention of abortions because “[f]ormal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense” (para. 2272);

Whereas, the university’s [official policy](#) on the topic of abortion is following: “Consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church on such issues as abortion, ... the University of Notre Dame recognizes and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death”;

Whereas, the university has been the subject of national news attention after an independent, student news publication [revealed](#) a professor has been advertising her willingness to aid students in procuring abortions;

Whereas, the university has refused to comment on this story. Multiple news outlets have indicated the university has failed to respond to requests for comment and has failed to publicly address the story’s existence. [[Fox News](#), [National Catholic Register](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Daily Signal](#), [The Daily Wire](#)];

Whereas, this resolution is intended to address the university’s lack of comment on the matter and is not intended to address the University’s decisions on personnel matters and/or the conduct of individual professors;

Whereas, the university’s lack of comment signals disinterest in letting its Catholic character inform all its endeavors;

Whereas, this [body](#) has found it necessary in the past to call on the university to reaffirm its commitment to Catholic dogma; therefore, be it

***Resolved*, by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, that the University of Notre Dame should issue a public statement reaffirming its commitment to**

pro-life values in accordance with the Catholic commitment to respecting life from conception to natural death.

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