

Dearest Most Reverend Archbishop/Bishop,

First, we wanted to express to you that we are grateful for and respect your sacrifices and obedience to your calling as a bishop. May God continue to bless you and your mission in the salvation of His people. We too are called to be obedient and to protect the Body of Christ by immersing our children in the Truth of our Catholic Faith's beautiful teachings and, like you, will protect our children from the evils that exist in this world.

The purpose in contacting you is to voice our legitimate concerns regarding the **Girl Scouts' dangerous anti-life and anti-family agenda**. We have thoroughly read, reviewed, and studied the Position Statements released by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire (NCCGSCF) in January, 2011 as well as May, 2005. We discovered in reading the statements that the NFCYM/NCCGSCF have a *“practice as an organization to investigate such matters by going directly to and contacting the GSUSA”*, as affirmed by both these Catholic committees within their own Position Statements. **We find this “practice” alarming and perplexing because the Girl Scouts is a voting member of the NCCGSCF and the NCCGSCF is on the Board of Directors and a part of the management team of NFCYM.** The hierarchy of the NFCYM and NCCGSCF are so intricately entwined with Girl Scouts that we question their ability to be impartial in matters involving Girl Scouts. Due to this existing relationship we humbly implore you to not be satisfied with either of these *“Position Statements”* from the NFCYM/ NCCGSCF. We respectfully summon our Catholic bishops with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to conduct your own personal investigation.

Neither *“Position Statement”* addresses the fact that the Girl Scouts of America (GSUSA) is a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) through collaborated websites, activities, and finances. Local Girl Scout troops provide financial support to WAGGGS through their annual membership dues, and annual contributions to the Juliette Low Fund and the Thinking Day Fund. This intricate relationship with local Girl Scout troops is extremely disconcerting because **WAGGGS promotes and advocates a campaign for “sexual and reproductive health services”, including “emergency contraception in order to avoid unintended pregnancies” and “accessible, affordable ... abortions” as stated on their website.** WAGGGS also cooperates with the United Nations and the International Federation of Planned Parenthood (IPPF) through a global adolescent reproductive health project.

The Catholic Church has a very long and valued history with Girl Scouts but over the years, in their efforts to broaden their appeal to a wider audience of girls, the Girl Scouts developed flexible moral policies. Substantial evidence of the Girl Scouts' pro-choice advocacy is within the GSUSA's own documents, websites, and literature that they market to our Catholic youth. We fervently appeal you research the websites that the Girl Scouts encourage our children to patronage and call into question the individuals they feature in the books as human ideals. Girl Scouts is promoting the ideology that ABORTION is an acceptable choice in the development of girls here in our local parishes and across the globe.

We are so greatly saddened that the NFCYM and the NCCGSCF have gained approval and creditability from our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic schools. We are concerned with the omission of certain factual information about GSUSA and WAGGGS and their relationship with Planned

Parenthood and other abortion advocacy entities. We are disturbed that the NFCYM and NCCGSCF continue to “*collaborate, engage, and dialog*” with GSUSA as this permits sustained diversion and deflection in their statements which are persistently accepted as truth. **Our bishops, priests, and families have been led astray.** The collaboration between GSUSA and NFCYM/NCCGSCF is inherently wrong and ties with GSUSA should be severed. The Catholic Church containing the fullness of the truth is to illuminate out its light into the secular world but **not** have the secular world “illuminating” its partial truths into the Catholic Church. The truth encompassing **all** the facts should be known, so that the Catholic Church can make an informed decision.

We await your response to our concerns. We make ourselves available to you for a personal meeting if you so desire.

All for the Glory of God,