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Dear Family of LIFE,

Due to the great concern and reality of many seeking sponsorship and assistance over the next few months and into the fall semester I wanted to get a jump start on some of the organizations that may be seeking our parishes and diocese for any assistance.

The Respect Life Ministries of the Diocese of Amarillo, office of the Bishop acknowledges the beneficial work of **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**, formerly known as the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**, in the area of breast cancer detection, prevention, research and treatment. Due to its policy allowing affiliates to offer financial support to abortion providing facilities, its denial of studies showing abortion as a cause of breast cancer, and its endorsement of embryonic stem cell research, Respect Life Ministries neither supports nor encourages participation in activities that benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Another organization is the **March of Dimes**, as part of their strategy; MOD strongly promotes pre-natal diagnosis and treatment. When birth defects are diagnosed prenatally and no medical cure is available, parents are forced to re-evaluate the pregnancy, often under the guidance of genetic counselors or doctors for whom “treatment” means abortion.

Because of their support of experimentation on live babies in the womb and on tissue from aborted babies, their support of federally funded embryo-destructive stem cell research and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), their dishonesty in ignoring the connection between prior abortions and premature birth, their grants to Planned Parenthood, Respect Life Ministries neither supports nor encourages participation in activities that benefit March of Dimes.

Based on these documented facts, ***Respect Life Ministries, Diocese of Amarillo does not endorse Susan G. Komen for the Cure, nor March of Dimes.*** RLM encourages you to pray for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and March of Dimes and pray for an end to all associations between their affiliates and Planned Parenthood, pray for support of further studies on the link between breast cancer and abortion, for an end to the endorsement of research that leads to the destruction of any human life. Our hope is that these organizations will focus all funds on research to find causes and cures for breast cancer and refuse to give financial or other support to any abortion provider or organization that promotes the destruction of human life. The patients and families who are diagnosed remain in our prayers, and we encourage all to continue supporting all those who are suffering and are in spiritual, physical or financial need.

Respectfully Your Servant,
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