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STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BRENNAN ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ACTIONS ON TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING AND MEXICO CITY POLICY

I join my brother bishops of the United States in speaking out against the Biden Administration's actions rescinding regulations designed to protect the life of the unborn. Through executive order, the President overturned the Mexico City and the Promoting Life in Global Health policy, which prohibited U.S. taxpayer dollars from funding abortions overseas. The Administration has also opened the Title X family planning program to the provision and promotion of abortion and has begun to consider codifying the Roe v. Wade decision.

The right to life is the preeminent human right, the first among all other human rights. If the right to life is not protected, no human being and no other human right is secure.

While the Catholic Church actively supports domestic and global humanitarian assistance programs designed to assist families and further authentic human development, it is a moral imperative that these programs protect human life and dignity from the moment of conception to natural death. Abortion is at odds with genuine love and concern for our neighbors in need. We pray that the President has a change of heart and acts to protect all human life.

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What is needed is a faithful and living witness to the wonder and beauty of human life at every stage and in every condition; a witness that upholds life itself, and everything necessary to live a fully human life with dignity. Despite our ongoing need to advocate for pro-life policies and laws, the ultimate victory for life will not be accomplished in the White House, the halls of Congress, the many Statehouses, or even the Supreme Court of this great country. It is only when this fundamental human right becomes sacrosanct in the hearts of the people, that it will be fully protected and endure. May all our efforts aim to build a culture of life.

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