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Catholic Conference of Illinois Responds to Governor Quinn regarding Personal PAC

CHICAGO – The Catholic Conference of Illinois issues the following statement regarding Governor Pat Quinn’s comments about his planned appearance at a Personal PAC event to give out a pro-choice leadership award.

“Governor Quinn’s statement today that he is recognizing a rape victim for her advocacy work dodges the issue. Our hearts go out to any victim of rape, one of the most personally violent crimes against women,” said Mary Massingale, director of communications.

“He is presenting an award – titled the Pro-Choice Leadership Award – at an event hosted by Personal PAC, an organization that describes itself as a ‘political action committee (PAC) dedicated to electing pro-choice candidates to state and local office in Illinois.’ This action is irreconcilable with any honest profession of the Catholic faith, and it is what prompted the Bishops’ statement.”