

Press Release

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Bishop Jenky Responds to Lawsuits Suing Obama Administration

Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, gives his whole hearted support to the lawsuits initiated by many Catholic institutions and dioceses challenging the Health and Human Services mandate. As a Fellow and Trustee of the University of Notre Dame, he participated from the beginning in that school's decision to sue the Obama administration.

The HHS mandate constitutes a grave threat to all Catholic schools, hospitals and other charitable institutions in carrying out their religious mission. This mandate would require Catholic institutions to provide insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization procedures. Under no circumstances can the diocese of Peoria cooperate with the mandate.

The diocese is exploring the possibility of filing a similar lawsuit.

The Bishop is convinced that the HHS mandate constitutes an unprecedented attack on the freedom to practice our religion without government interference.

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