

Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc.

Policy and Procedures Manual

No. of Policy 1004

SUBJECT: ABORTION

POLICY: In order to support the sanctity and dignity of human life from the moment if its conception, abortion is not to be considered an acceptable alternative choice in pregnancy.

PROCEDURES:

- 1) An employee of Catholic Charities will not enter into either directly or indirectly the decision of a client to neither seek an abortion nor refer to facilities that make abortion available.
- 2) Counseling would center on alternatives to abortion and all forms of help that the agency or community can offer the pregnant client.
- 3) Women who have had abortions may be referred to Project Rachel counseling, if the clients are interested.
- 4) When working with clients, staff is to follow the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding contraceptives. Staff cannot advise a client regarding contraceptive information nor refer a client to another agency for the purpose of obtaining contraceptives.

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