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Statement from the Diocese of Palm Beach Regarding Division in the Catholic Church on health care directive by the USCCB

öBishop Barbarito stands in solidarity with all the Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with regard to the important teaching and directive as it pertains to health care in the United States. The U.S. Catholic Bishops are long-time advocates of health care reform and the U.S Catholic Bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, conscience and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Bishop Barbarito stands in union with his brother Bishops across the United States in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who, as the moral authority to all Catholic faithful, instruct that health care reform should provide access to affordable and quality health care for all, and not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country. The Diocese of Palm Beach under Bishop Barbarito's leadership has been consistent in conveying this teaching to the priests, religious, deacons and all faithful people of God in our five county Diocese which consists of 53 parishes and missions. The voices of a few dissenting groups should not sway or confuse the faithful with regard to the Catholic Church's teaching on this serious issue for all Americans.ö

- Alexis Walkenstein, Director of Communications for the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach

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