

## Moral Conduct for CCHD Parish Grant

*Please indicate yes or no for each section and sign the reverse side of this document as it pertains to your parish as well as all partnering organizations that would benefit from the Parish CCHD Grant funding. Please feel free to contact the Parish Social Ministry office with compliance questions (523-1161 or [psm@ccmaine.org](mailto:psm@ccmaine.org)).*

- 1) **Abortion and Suicide:** The Catholic Church's position is that the right to life and dignity of the human person exists from conception to natural death. Is your parish or any partner organization referring, counseling for, or administering abortions or distributing pro-abortion material? Does it promote or provide assisted suicide? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Birth Control:** Artificial birth control is contrary to the Catholic Church's position on the natural order and reproduction of life as God designs it. Is your parish or any partner organization referring, counseling for, or administering artificial birth control devices or materials? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Marriage/Family Life:** Marriage between a man and woman is a highly respected and sanctified vocation in the Catholic Church, and family life is one of the most important components. The traditional family model or single head of household model as the basic unit of society should be supported at all times. Is your parish or any partner organization opposed to this principle or supporting, promoting or advocating for unmarried cohabitation or same-sex unions? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **Preferential Option for the Poor:** A fundamental moral measure of any economy is how the poor and vulnerable are faring. The Catholic Church's position is that the needs of the poor and vulnerable in society should be addressed first, before any others. Does your parish and partner organization give priority to the needs of the poor? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) **Children:** Economic choices, activity and institutions should be judged by how they protect the life and dignity of the human person, support the family and serve the common good. The Catholic Church's position is that children, especially poor or unborn, are the most vulnerable group in today's society. Is your parish and partner organization open to addressing the needs of any child in society, especially the poor or the unborn? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) **Persons With Disabilities:** All people, no matter what their physical, mental, emotional and developmental abilities are, should be accepted and included. The Catholic Church's position is that the life and dignity of persons disabled should be respected and safeguarded. Is your parish and partner organization open to supporting or meeting the needs of persons with disabilities? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) **Death Penalty:** All life is precious and should be respected. The death penalty is an affront to Christian concepts of repentance and conversion and perpetuates the cycle of violence and death. Is your parish or any partner organization promoting or advocating for the death penalty or life without parole? \_\_\_\_\_

**A Summary of Catholic Policy Positions:**

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title.cfm>

**The Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching:**

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/justpeace/documents/rc\\_pc\\_justpeace\\_doc\\_20060526\\_compendio-dott-soc\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html)

By signing I am stating that all partnering programs/organizations are in compliance with the Church's moral and ethical teachings for the purpose of this ministry and those served by it.

Parish/Cluster \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Include this form with your completed application.**