

We support the right of the Catholic Health Association, NETWORK, and the President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, to publicly support healthcare reform as a matter of social justice.

We recognize that their support was met with opposition by some bishops and that, in making a public statement, they expressed a different opinion about the importance of healthcare reform and of the legislation offered than did the USCCB. We find the reactions by some members of the hierarchy to be vindictive and disrespectful of those who supported this important legislation.

As do all Catholics, women religious have the right to honestly disagree with the bishops' interpretation of a legislative text, to express that disagreement respectfully, and to act accordingly. We are privileged to stand with the Catholic Health Association and women religious of the United States of America, and support this courageous expression of conscience.

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