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## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

We desire to provide compassionate medical care according to the highest standards of professional excellence, serving people of all faiths or none at all, all for the glory of God.

We affirm the two greatest commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39. We believe that medical care is, at its core, a work of love.

We believe in the right of each individual to conduct his or her life in accordance with conscience, religious faith, and moral convictions. This right extends to the workplace. Accordingly, we strive to align our medical practice with our Christian (and more specifically Catholic) faith.

With these principles in mind, therefore:

- We honor, protect, and defend the sanctity of human life at all stages, from conception through natural death;
- We give a portion of our professional services to those who are otherwise without the resources to provide healthcare for themselves;
- We do not prescribe contraceptive or abortifacient medications;
- We do not recommend or refer for sterilization procedures such as vasectomies or tubal ligations;
- We do not recommend or refer women for abortions; instead, we refer women inquiring about such services to local crisis pregnancy centers;
- For matters concerning sexual and/or reproductive health, we counsel our patients to follow the traditional Christian teaching of abstaining from sexual activity outside of the marriage, defined as the union of one man and one woman (according to the sex at birth). We do not encourage or facilitate attempts to alter the sex assigned at birth.