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## **DECLARATION AGAINST THE PRESS RELEASE ISSUES BY MRJC ON ABORTION AND USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES**

As MIJARC World leaders, Continental Coordinators from Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe have just come to learn about the unfolding of events following the March for Life activities that took place in France on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, where MRJC France made the un called for declarations.

We are equally saddened by such a declaration, because it goes against that which we stand for as a movement founded on the basic Principles of Catholic Social Teachings and the doctrines of the Church.

We would like to declare publicly as a Movement that we do not subscribe to the Press Communique issued by MRJC France, supporting fundamental right for women and couples to have access to abortion, the simplification of the procedures for procuring abortions and the defending of the right to access to information on "sexualities" and the access to means of contraception.

We believe and stand by what the Official Church to which we pay allegiance propagates; that The Catholic Church opposes all forms of abortion procedures whose direct purpose is to destroy an embryo, blastocyst, zygote or fetus, since it holds that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. We believe from the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." The Church does recognize as morally illegitimate certain acts which indirectly result in the death of the fetus, as when the direct purpose is removal of a cancerous womb. Canon 1398

We therefore consider MRJC France's position as a deviation from the basic principles of our founding Father Joseph Cardinal Cardijn who was truly Catholic and a believer in the Social Teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church.

MRJC France acted independently in their decision on the issue of Abortion and use of contraceptives. As such therefore we do not subscribe to their views and as Movement disassociate completely to what they have declared.

As MIJARC World we have about 38 member movements around the world who bear the name and identity of MIJARC and none of these movements can be allowed to put the name of the movement in disrepute by unilaterally issuing declarations against the magisterium on matters of Morals and Doctrine.

Above all we would like to humbly submit and state that we as a Catholic Youth Action Group within the youth Churchfraternity adhering to all the teachings of the church, especially its social teachings and doctrines on our own behalf apologize to the church as a movement for causing pain to the faithful for such disturbing developments. We promise to make amends by ensuring that our young people remain faithful and follow the ChurchTeachings.

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