

MEDIA ALERT

New Mexico Catholic Conference PRESS CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 25, 2007

2:30 PM

New Mexico State Capitol – Room 326

SANTA FE, NM – Tuesday, January 23, 2007-- IMMEDIATE RELEASE –The New Mexico Catholic Conference comprised of the three bishops of New Mexico - **Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe; Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, CSB, Bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces; and Most Rev. Donald E. Pelotte, SSS, Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup** will gather at a press conference to make a statement relating to Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 2:30 p.m., at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe, Room 326.

The New Mexico Catholic Conference

- **Strongly Opposes Embryonic Stem Cell Research**
- **Supports Stem Cell Research that DOES NOT Involve
The Destruction of Human Embryos**

The New Mexico Catholic Conference strongly objects to the use of State monies to fund embryonic stem cell research that requires the killing of a human embryo. The Church rejects the killing of embryos for the harvesting of stem cells. There are many other sources for stem cells that do not take human life. Adult stem cells have been successfully used to treat a number of illnesses without taking human life. There is also much promise in the use of stem cells taken from amniotic fluid, which also does not require the killing of human life.

Life must be protected from conception to natural death.

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