



CHARITY WATCHLIST

Church World Service



ABORTION & CONTRACEPTION

- In 2006, [the Diocese of Lansing encouraged Catholics](#) not to participate in Church World Service's CROP Walk due to the organization's promotion of abortion and contraception.
- CWS and 75 other organizations [signed a letter dated December 4, 2023](#) directed to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) regarding "reproductive justice rights of youth in ORR custody." The letter proposes to make abortion, contraception, and "comprehensive" sex education accessible to refugee children:

"We applaud ORR's decision to include protections for abortion access in the Proposed Rule. Access to abortion is critically important for unaccompanied children." (p.1)

"We support the Proposed Rule's codification of ORR's requirement to transfer a minor seeking an abortion within three business days if abortion is unavailable in their area. This is an incredibly important requirement given that sixteen states have total or early abortion bans in effect. It is incumbent upon ORR to provide access to abortion regardless of where the minor is located; indeed, ORR must ensure that a minor's geographic location does not restrict their access to health care, including abortion. Unaccompanied immigrant youth must be permitted to make their own decisions about their medical care, their bodies, and their future." (p.1)

"First, abortion should not be treated separately from other health care. The proposed regulation incorrectly categorizes abortion as distinct from 'routine medical . . . [and] family planning services.' To the contrary, abortion should be included in the definition of medical care and family planning services to avoid stigmatizing abortion care." (p.2)

"We welcome ORR's inclusion of 'pregnancy testing and counseling' in the list of family planning services to which unaccompanied children are entitled. However, we recommend ORR clarify the meaning of pregnancy counseling. It is critical that youth are informed of and empowered to consider all pregnancy options, including abortion, adoption, and parenting." (p.2)

"ORR should ensure that youth are provided comprehensive, evidence-based, medically accurate sex education while in custody. Comprehensive sex education is an essential component of supporting young people's health, well-being, and futures."

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Mission

Transforming communities through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

Focus

human services, international development, disaster relief, asylum

PARTNERSHIPS

- [According to its 2022 report](#), many of CWS' partners support anti-life causes and agendas. Some of these include [Save the Children](#), [UNICEF](#), and [Airbnb](#).
- CWS states that [it is a founding member of Act Alliance](#), a faith-based humanitarian organization. However, a closer look at Act Alliance shows that it heavily promotes abortion and contraception through its "[Sexual Reproductive Health Rights](#)" program. This can be found specifically throughout its May 2024 briefing paper on "[Faith in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights](#)," where it advocates for contraception and "safe" abortion.

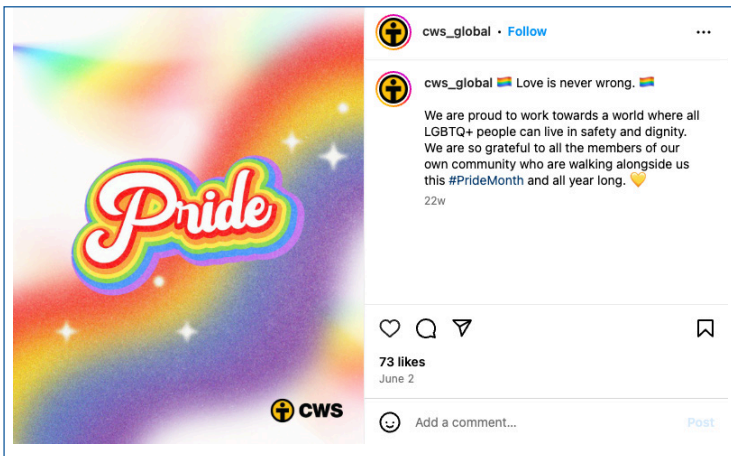
LGBTQ+

- Church World Service publishes a [press release](#) on June 26, 2022 celebrating LGBTQ+ lifestyles.
- Church World Service's [press release](#) from June 17, 2024, echoes its continued promotion of "Pride Month" and LGBTQ+ lifestyles. CEO Rick Santos:

"God's house is big enough for all of us and this month honors that belief. Pride is a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, its victories, its heroes, and of the freedom that comes from inclusivity and diversity. It honors who we are as neighbors, who we are as global citizens, and who we are as humans."

- CWS publishes 'Pride Month' content to its social media accounts:

June 2, 2024



"We are proud to work towards a world where all LGBTQ+ people can live in safety and dignity. We are so grateful to all the members of our own community who are walking alongside us this #PrideMonth and all year long."

June 1, 2023



"Love is never wrong.

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June 26, 2022



"As tens of thousands celebrate Pride in New York City this weekend, here are some words from CWS's President and CEO, Rick Santos, to commemorate #PrideMonth and celebrate love for all."



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