

# Sanctity of Life Ministries

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## SLM APPLAUDS VIRGINIA'S REJECTION OF NARAL 'SURVEY' ATTACK ON PRCs

FAIRFAX, VA - Sanctity of Life Ministries today applauded the news that Virginia state legislators rejected an attempt by NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia Foundation to regulate pregnancy resource centers in the state - including a no-vote by a state Senate subcommittee chairman who sponsored the bill. SLM issued the following statement:

"NARAL claimed that its 'survey' found Virginia crisis pregnancy centers provide 'medically inaccurate information' instead of practical help and emotional support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Nothing could be farther from the truth. After Virginia legislators heard testimony on the matter from center directors and clients of these organizations, even some of the sponsors of the bill didn't believe NARAL.

"When it comes to making a major health decision, women want to be well informed. SLM, which has been a trusted part of the local community safety net for the last 25 years, understands this and stands behind the information we provide about pregnancy options and help. As a matter of fact, many local organizations refer clients to SLM.

"Why would other organizations refer clients to us? Because of our reputation as a trusted source of free pregnancy tests, material help, client advocacy and referral services, and after-abortion (non-medical) care.

"All of our materials have been reviewed by experts and professionals. The NARAL study provides no evidence of what's 'medically inaccurate' at SLM or in any pregnancy center it allegedly surveyed. Readers of the 'survey' results are left with taking NARAL's word for it. If any SLM information is found not to be accurate, medically referenced and well-sourced, then we will immediately rectify the situation.

"Moreover, SLM and most of the Virginia pregnancy centers already voluntarily comply with what NARAL is calling for. As part of Care Net, HeartBeat International, and NIFLA, all national pregnancy center affiliation organizations, SLM adheres to an industry set of standards called 'The Commitment of Care' which ensures that every client is treated with honesty, respect and compassion. NARAL provides no substantiated evidence that these standards are being violated.

Annually SLM works with more than 60 churches and 50 county, non-profit, and other social service organizations to give hope and practical support. Organizations such as Fairfax County Social Services and Health Clinics, South County Health Department, Healthy Families, WIC, FAMIS, Medicaid, Child Protective Services, Adult Detention Center, Pre-Release Center for Offenders, Women's Abuse Recovery, Fairfax County Public Schools, Community Shelters, VA Employment Commission, County Day Care and the NOVA Institute of Mental Health. In 2009, 750 SLM clients from 40 countries were helped, many of which were connected with these referrals.

"We hope that those who are concerned will take this opportunity to get to know Sanctity of Life Ministries and to hear from former clients and our volunteers. More than 98% of our clients have indicated on exit surveys that they were treated well and would recommend our center to a friend. Case in point, our highest number of referrals for new clients is from former clients. Our goal is to provide excellent support and care for women."

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