



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2021

RE: Sample letters to pharmaceutical companies urging an end to abortion-derived cell lines

In our recent COVID vaccine [statement](#) and [Q and A](#) that we shared with you we mentioned that the Vatican urges everyone concerned for the sanctity of life to protest the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion. To make it easier for individuals to take this action, we are pleased to provide sample letters to various pharmaceutical companies that are using abortion-derived cell lines in the development and/or production of vaccines.

These letters and a variety of other educational resources from the Vatican and from the USCCB are all now in one [location on our website](#). We ask you to share this information with your parishes and grassroots urging them to take action with these letters. If the timing works for your diocese, we suggest a couple possible target dates for urging this letter writing campaign—March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, or April 25, the Feast Day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla.

And please let us know if we can help further with this important advocacy to bring about an end to the use of abortion-derived cell lines.