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Dear Dr. Ferris:

I am happy to know about the plans to establish Holy Family Medical Associates, which will work in close collaboration with the Natural Family Planning Office of the Diocese of Wichita.

In view of your intended mission to provide health care consistent with genuine respect for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death, and in complete accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church on contraception, natural family planning, and the whole Gospel of Life, I gladly endorse the desire of Holy Family Medical Associates to be recognized as a Catholic physicians' clinic.

In his Encyclical Letter on the Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II commended those who have devoted their lives to natural family planning research, education and practice; and he uttered a fresh call for the expansion of these services. Your initiative seems to be an excellent response to this call of the Holy Father.

Not only Catholics would be interested in such a clinic, but also other Christians and couples of good will who are uneasy with the side effects of artificial means of contraception, not only in the physical realm but also in the spiritual and moral. Be assured of my pastoral interest and prayerful support.

Sincerely yours,

+ Thomas J. Olmsted
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