



ISSUANCE OF STATEMENTS POLICY

1. With regards to statements on issues, Offices and Departments are encouraged to craft their own when possible rather than signing on to those written by other groups. In situations where Offices and Departments think it important to join other groups in signing a common statement, the Office or Department should at a minimum participate in the drafting of the common statement. In all instances, the Department Director is to be kept informed.
2. Any Office or Department of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati which wishes to prepare a statement for issuance in its own name, or for joint issuance with the Archbishop or with a Commission, Committee or Agency of the Archdiocese, or for issuance by the Archbishop alone, must present the statement in writing to the Archbishop for study.
3. If the Archbishop wishes to issue a statement as Archdiocesan policy, or jointly with the Office or Department, or as a statement of his own, he will do so using whatever channels seem appropriate.
4. If the Archbishop chooses not to make the prepared statement his own, or issue it jointly with an Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency, he may nevertheless permit the Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency to issue the statement in its own name. Each statement when issued in writing or orally must contain the following identification:

This statement represents the position of (Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency.) It is issued with the consent of the Archbishop of Cincinnati, but the position it espouses is not necessarily that of the Archbishop.
5. All such statements should be in accord with Church teaching and Archdiocesan policy, should serve a clear purpose which is consonant with the purpose of the Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency after timely consultation with the Archdiocesan Communication Office.
6. If the Archbishop does not choose to make this statement his own, or to issue it jointly with the Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency, or to permit its issuance as a statement of the Archdiocesan Office, Department, Commission, Committee or Agency, the statement is not to be issued.

