

**CRS and other materials in preparation for**  
**AD-STL Meeting promoting CRS / Open-Border Immigration**

**March 6, 2025**

*“In matters pertaining to nature, we should love our relatives more; in matters pertaining to civil society, we should love our fellow citizens more; and in military affairs, we should love our fellow soldiers more.”*

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

(among many, speaking to the *Ordo Amoris*, or the “Order of Love” taught by Holy Mother Church)

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, as emphasized by Dr. Scott Hahn and Dr. Taylor Marshall (among others), that all nation’s laws that do not violate Divine Law or Natural Law, *must be obeyed*, by all Catholics. Further, Dr. Scott Hahn has emphasized in many places in his teaching and books that the language of origin word in the parable of the Good Samaritan, refers to a “guest” or one “invited in” to that land or nation.....not one who simply is “there” nor enters illegally.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church**, paragraph 2441

*“Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, **to obey its laws** and to assist in carrying civic burdens.”*

Some Bishops have had the courage to speak the True, Magisterial Teachings of Holy Mother Church, even in light of recent Vatican statements or political rumblings in Washington, DC. They include not only Bishop Strickland, and also former Vatican Curia official Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, but also currently sitting US Bishop Michael Francis Burbidge (Arlington VA), who explicitly stated that “The Church does not teach nor support open borders.”

Church Teaching, Popes and the Vatican make clear what St. Bruno tells us, that “no act is charitable, if it is not just.” The Motu Proprio *On The Service of Charity* clearly states:

*“In particular, the **diocesan Bishop is to ensure** that charitable agencies dependent upon him do not receive financial support from groups or institutions **that pursue ends contrary to the Church’s teaching**. Similarly, lest scandal be given to the faithful, the diocesan Bishop is to ensure that these charitable agencies do not accept contributions for initiatives whose ends, or the means used to pursue them, **are not in conformity with the Church’s teaching.**”*

Article 10, Section 3, *On the Service of Charity*, issued by Pope Benedict XVI. See also the Papal Encyclical *Gaudium et spes*, issued by Pope St. Paul VI.

**NOW, on to the DOCUMENTED evidence that CRS violates Church Teaching**

- **Catholic Relief Services' McCarrick Problem** – 16 August 2018
  - Disgraced homosexual predator, Theodore McCarrick served on the board of Catholic Relief Services for 18 years, and on its Foundations board for 12 years.
  
- **CRS Giving Catholic Funds to Enemies of the Church**
  - Catholic Relief Services is a Major Funder of Contraception-Lobbyists – 22 July 2018
    - Catholic Relief Services is an annual \$54,000 dues-paying member of an organization called InterAction, which lobbies the US government to expand access to both abortion and contraception.
  
- Catholic Relief Services Referral Network in Nigeria Included Planned Parenthood Associates – 26 March 2020
  - From 2013-2018, CRS implemented a project in Nigeria called SMILE which created a referral network that included several pro-abortion organizations, including two that were affiliated with Planned Parenthood.
  
- **CRS Padding Reports for Funding**
  - Liberians Accuse Catholic Relief Services of Fear-Mongering for Funds – 18 January 2017
    - Local Liberians accused CRS of “raising their profile by putting us down,” and concluding that CRS is “Pushing up fire and praying for a self-fulfilling prophecy in Liberia.”

- **CRS and Project AXxess**

- [Inventory Reports Show CRS Distributed Millions of Units of Abortifacient Contraception and Condoms](#) – 17 October 2016
  - From 2006-2010, CRS was an implementing partner in a USAID-funded project called Project AXxess. Inventory reports from quarterly and annual reports for Project AXxess show that CRS received and dispensed 2.25 million units of contraception.
- [CRS Urges Concerned Catholics to Ignore Evidence in Reports](#) – 25 October 2016
  - In the face of the evidence, CRS claimed the 4 years of inventory reports were all a clerical error, just as with the SAIDIA project.

- **CRS Lobbying on Behalf of Contraception Providers**

- [CRS and the USCCB Sent a Letter to Congress Requesting Funds for Contraception-Spreading Programs](#) – 02 May 2016
  - In 2016, CRS lobbied Congress, asking for nearly \$6 billion to be provided to both USAID and PEPFAR. Both of these government agencies are the largest suppliers of condoms and contraception in the world.
- [USCCB Confirms Funding Request Included Contraception-Spreading Projects](#) – 20 June 2016
  - The US Conference of Catholic Bishops was reluctant to admit that such funding request would also fund contraception overseas. They would offer no explanation as to why it is morally acceptable for the Catholic Church to ask for funding to such gravely immoral organizations.
- [CRS Asks Congress to Fund Agency Funding Planned Parenthood](#) – 22 January 2018
  - In 2018, CRS lobbied Congress on behalf of the Global Fund, an organization which has provided grants to planned Parenthood.

**IN ADDITION:**

And here are some areas to focus on in the form of questions to pose to the powers that be:

- a. The following links (updated since The Lepanto Institute's last major, published report) will take you to images from a document obtained by our researchers from the CRS office in Cameroon. The front cover of the document shows CRS's logo. The "Acknowledgements" page further underlines CRS's involvement, for it

states that the manual “was developed for the KIDSS in Cameroon project.” Indeed, after acknowledging the support of Dr. Leslie Chingang (CRS’ Deputy Chief of Party in Cameroon from 2014 - March 2023) and the KIDSS team in the editing, review and completion of the manual, two other individuals are specifically thanked “for recommending use of this manual to Catholic Relief Services.” In short, this is CRS's document. The question to pose is this: "How can one claim that this document, obtained from CRS, produced by CRS, and used by CRS possibly be said to be in line with Catholic teaching when it normalizes both masturbation and condom use?"

- i. Cover image showing CRS's logo with USAID: <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Cover.jpg>
  - ii. Acknowledgements page: <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Acknowledgements-scaled.jpg>
  - iii. On this page (23), students are told that masturbation is a form of safe sex: <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Masturbation-is-Safe-Sex.jpg>
  - iv. On this page (25), students are told that the notion that condoms do not prevent HIV is a myth. They are also told that "People get HIV by having unprotected sex with someone who is positive.": <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Condoms-and-HIV-prevention-scaled.jpg>
  - v. On this page (65), students are told that "both men and women masturbate," and that masturbation will not cause people to go crazy, normalizing the practice: <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Men-and-Women-Masturbate.jpg>
  - vi. Question 2 on this quiz once again reinforces the concern of having "unprotected sex.": <https://www.lepantoin.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Unprotected-sex-scaled.jpg>
- b. **How can CRS justify partnering with an organization (RENATA) whose very logo is a pregnant woman with an X through her belly?** RENATA is very up-front about its distribution of contraception, its encouragement for young women to use contraception, and the fact that it even takes girls to have abortions. RENATA is on record as encouraging the government of Cameroon to decriminalize abortion, and while this was happening, CRS was providing payments to RENATA for its involvement in the KIDSS project. Given that the Mexico City Policy was in place at the time of these payments, how can CRS escape guilt for violating this policy? But more to the point, how can CRS sending girls to RENATA for "sexual and reproductive health" matters possibly be in accord with Catholic moral teaching?

c. CRS was the lead implementing partner for the DREAMS project in Zimbabwe and Lesotho. As a condition of leading the implementation of the DREAMS project, CRS was required to ensure that the promotion and distribution of contraception was included in the

overall project, even if CRS never handled the contraceptives, themselves. Question: "How can CRS claim to be acting in line with Catholic Moral Teaching if it is directly facilitating the presence of contraception-peddlers in a project for which it is ultimately responsible?"

**d.** Pope Benedict XVI issued a motu proprio in November 2012 titled "On the Service of Charity." The first line in Art. 10. § 3 of the motu proprio prohibits CRS from accepting funding from organizations like PEPFAR, USAID, and the like because they "pursue ends contrary to Church's teaching." Given the following line from the motu proprio (still in effect), how can CRS justify receiving funding from USAID, PEPFAR, the Global Fund, etc?:

1. "In particular, the diocesan Bishop is to ensure that charitable agencies dependent upon him do not receive financial support from groups or institutions that pursue ends contrary to Church's teaching."

**e.** The second line from the same paragraph prohibits organizations like CRS from receiving funds for initiatives that are not in conformity with Catholic moral teaching. Question: In light of this prohibition, how can CRS justify receiving funding from USAID/PEPFAR to implement the DREAMS project, which establishes the increased use of contraception as one of its main objectives?