

If a pregnancy center is not Catholic, can it still participate in the KofC Ultrasound Program?

Yes. A pregnancy center must meet the practical, moral, and faith guidelines necessary for eligibility through the KofC Ultrasound Program. To do so, it must receive the endorsement from the diocesan Culture of Life Office.

The Director of Respect Life, of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, endorsed LIFE FORWARD *Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati*.

The diocesan official's endorsement must be based on the following requirements.

1. That the pregnancy center has the staffing, finances, and other resources to justify and support the purchase and continued operation of an ultrasound machine.

LIFE FORWARD *Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati* currently has two locations in Clifton and Springdale. Each center has an ultrasound machine.

2. That the pregnancy center's practices, policies, and history regarding abortion, abortifacients, birth control and other associated practices are consistent with Catholic moral and ethical principles.
3. That experience shows the pregnancy center is welcoming of Catholics as employees, volunteers, and clients and is respectful of the beliefs and practices of those Catholics. The center should have no official policies, practices, or office climate that discriminates against Catholics or that would encourage Catholic employees, volunteers, or clients to leave their Catholic faith.
4. That any Statement of Faith (that employees, volunteers, or clients are asked to sign or assent to in their participation or presence at the pregnancy center) be evaluated with the policies of the diocesan Culture of Life Office and the Bishop.

The KofC Ultrasound Program has placed ultrasound machines in other non-Catholic pregnancy care centers in the Cincinnati area.

What other conditions must the pregnancy center meet to be eligible to receive funds?

1. It must operate on a 'limited medical model.'
 - a. It must have a physician as medical director.

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- b. It must offer medical services such as an ultrasound exam to confirm a pregnancy, and possibly additional, though limited medical services, such as testing for sexually transmitted diseases or infections (STDs/STIs).
2. The pregnancy center should be a nonprofit organization that provides pregnant women with a variety of services not just on the day of the free ultrasound exam, but throughout the pregnancy. Services such as:
 - a. counseling about the alternatives to abortion,
 - b. abstinence education,
 - c. referrals for legal, medical, housing, and social services resources,
 - d. maternity/baby clothes, diapers, and other support.

Frequently Asked Questions About Qualifying a Pregnancy Center

While a free ultrasound exam helps a woman to decide to choose life for herself and her child, she may then need the resources the pregnancy center offers to sustain her in her decision and to help her throughout her pregnancy, and even after delivery.

LIFE FORWARD *Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati* provides these services throughout a baby's first year.