



**Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CMF**  
**HEALTH CARE REFORM APPEAL**  
**Pulpit Announcements & Prayer Petition**

**Suggested announcement at all Masses when the Health Care Reform Appeal flyer is distributed:**

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants or low income households.

You're receiving a special flyer today from Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, asking you to contact your Representative and Senators immediately, urging them to help fix these bills with pro-life amendments. The flyer includes telephone numbers and addresses. It also includes a Web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button.

Bishop Rodríguez and his brother bishops around the country are asking Catholics to take swift action and make a commitment to prayer for this critical effort.

Thank you for doing your part. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

**Suggested announcement at all Masses the weekend after the Health Care Reform Appeal flyer is distributed:**

Last weekend, you received a special flyer from Bishop Plácido Rodríguez asking you to please contact your Representative and Senators immediately because current health care reform bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

You are asked to contact our Senators and Representative, urging them to help fix health care reform with legislation that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death.

This week's bulletin includes the contact information. If you have not already done so, please use the information and contact Congress immediately.

Thank you for doing your part. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

**Suggested Prayer of the Faithful:**

That Congress will ensure our nation's needed health care reform legislation truly protects the life and dignity of all, that health care will be affordable and accessible to all, that our freedom of conscience will be preserved, and that we will raise our voices to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable among us. We pray to the Lord.