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USA.

Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

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Statement from Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA in response to request from “Dan Rather Reports” regarding Adoption Services:

“Catholic Charities agencies have a long history of providing support to birth parents and finding loving homes for children. While some of the personal experiences reported by birth mothers in the 1950s and 1960s are heartbreaking, as the social stigma of being an unwed mother has changed, so have adoption practices. Our practitioners have always utilized the best practices of the day in their dedicated work supporting birth parents and our agencies remain focused on the best interests of the child while supporting birth parents and adoptive parents in their decision making process.”

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“We must not lose track of the tens of thousands of adoptive parents who will be forever grateful to birth parents for the sacrifices they make to ensure that their children’s lives will be filled with the love and opportunity they may otherwise not have received.”

About Catholic Charities USA: Catholic Charities USA's members provide help and create hope for more than 10 million people a year regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. For almost 300 years, Catholic Charities agencies have worked to reduce poverty by providing a myriad of vital services in their communities, ranging from health care and job training to food and housing.

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