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Dear Brother Priests and Deacons,

Last month I visited the Gianna Center of Philadelphia located in East Norriton (Montgomery County). I had the wonderful opportunity to tour the clinical facility and meet with staff and board members who are dedicated to providing pro-life, authentically Catholic reproductive health care to women in the Philadelphia region.

The Gianna Center of Philadelphia opened its doors at the Suburban Community Hospital (formerly Mercy Suburban) in April of 2019. The center provides general gynecologic care, natural family planning education, and infertility services that work cooperatively with a woman's body to restore her natural reproductive health. The staff does not prescribe contraceptives or utilize artificial reproductive techniques such as in vitro fertilization or intrauterine insemination.

The Gianna Center is truly an excellent resource for couples struggling with infertility and family planning challenges. It is also able to assist teenagers and their parents searching for more effective and moral treatments for their conditions such as premenstrual syndrome, cycle irregularities, and bleeding problems. Women who are at the end of their reproductive age struggling with conditions associated with menopause as well as women who have given birth and are experiencing postpartum depression can be treated effectively with the protocols of NaProTechnology.

In addition, the Gianna Center of Philadelphia provides life-affirming resources such as free health care and ultrasounds to women in need. The Center serves women in English and Spanish. However, at this point, they are not able to provide prenatal care.

We are blessed to have the Gianna Center here in the Philadelphia region. I wholeheartedly support their mission and encourage you to promote awareness about their presence within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to members of your parish community.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson J. Pérez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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