



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PRO-LIFE PHARMACY TARGETED IN VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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(1/28/09, Chantilly, VA) – DMC Pharmacy, a newly opened pro-life pharmacy in Chantilly, VA was the target of a recent bill introduced into the Virginia House of Delegates. The bill was initially filed as a general prohibition against pro-life pharmacists, who do not prescribe birth control, to refrain from treating customers with “indignity, humiliation or breaches in confidentiality.” It also required the pharmacy to post a sign indicating that no contraceptives were sold there.

Yesterday, the Virginia House Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee held hearings on the bill and tabled it indefinitely. Bob Laird, Executive Director of Divine Mercy Care, which is the parent organization of the DMC Pharmacy, testified against the bill stating that “this bill is to stop an imagined problem which does not exist.” Dr. John Bruchalski, President and Chairman of Divine Mercy Care, indicated that he was not opposed to a business having the sign in question, but stated that it was not the right of the Commonwealth of Virginia to require such a sign.

“This is the second issue in a few days which attempts to suppress the ability of Catholics and the Catholic Church to practice their moral beliefs,” said Bruchalski. Self-proclaimed Catholic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s recent comments defending additional funding for birth control in the economic stimulus package on *ABC’s This Week*... tipped the hand of her agenda and the ‘change’ we should expect from this Congress and this Administration. The bill targeting the DMC Pharmacy is an example of the pro-abortion agenda present even within the once conservative state of Virginia. “These incidents show that all pro-life institutions, especially pro-life businesses and enterprises, must remain vigilant as the new Administration begins to flex its pro-abortion muscle,” said Laird.

DMC Pharmacy is located at 13945 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, in the Sully Place Shopping Center. The DMC Pharmacy offers FDA-approved prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and quality alternative products including vitamins, natural products, homeopathics and herbals, home health needs, and special order products and equipment. They can ship prescriptions anywhere in the state of Virginia. In keeping with Divine Mercy Care’s principles, the DMC Pharmacy will not dispense, recommend or counsel on contraceptive products.



“Divine Mercy Care is values-based and consumer-driven. Both patients and professionals do not want to abandon their conscience while they seek medical care,” Bruchalski continued. “We need to be professional, personal, and passionate about how we infuse our community with the love of Jesus Christ as we meet their healthcare needs.”

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DMC Pharmacy is the second operating entity of Divine Mercy Care; the first entity is the Tepeyac Family Center. Donations can be made to help Divine Mercy Care battle the culture of death by visiting our websites which are all linked to [www.divinercare.org](http://www.divinercare.org) or by writing to Divine Mercy Care, 11135 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. To learn more about Divine Mercy Care, a 501(c)3 tax exempt healthcare organization and its mission to transform hearts through healthcare, call 703-934-5552, email [info@divinercare.org](mailto:info@divinercare.org), or visit us on the web at [www.divinercare.org](http://www.divinercare.org).