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## Diocese newspaper is critical of cancer foundation

PHOENIX -- The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix's newspaper wants a breast cancer foundation in Phoenix to stop funding cancer screenings at Planned Parenthood clinics.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation is one of the nation's leading organizations in raising money for breast cancer awareness.

Although the organization says Planned Parenthood uses the money only for cancer screenings, the church is concerned Planned Parenthood also performs abortions.

An editorial in Thursday's Catholic Sun, the diocese newspaper, said the grant money "now frees up Planned Parenthood funds for those other areas opposing life and counter to our Catholic faith."

The editorial was approved by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. But Olmsted has not taken action against two major Komen supporters with ties to the diocese.

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure drew close to 40,000 people last month and raised \$1.8 million. Komen granted \$25,000 to Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona.

Representatives of the Komen Foundation declined to take issue with the newspaper but defended their position.

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