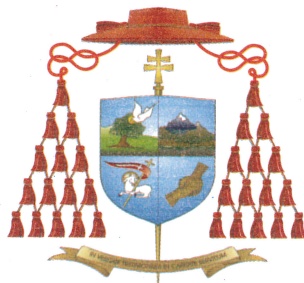


# ARCHDIOCESE OF NAIROBI

## Office of the Cardinal



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**The Board and Management, Friends and Supporters.  
Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR)**

**RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR REV. DR. PATRICK DEVINE**

Greetings to you in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I take this opportunity to commend Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, a missionary who has served the Catholic Church in Eastern Africa for over 30 years with great faithfulness. He served as superior of the SMA missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania for 12 years, two terms as Chairman of the Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya (RSCK – made up of 75 Societies/Orders), and 12 years teaching in Tangaza University College (Constituent College of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa), and presently is on the Council of the University.

With the support of the Catholic Church he founded the Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR, - [www.shalomconflictcenter.org](http://www.shalomconflictcenter.org)) to assist the Church in the ongoing ministry of integral human development and social transformation in Eastern Africa. He is presently the organization's international chairman. Fr. Devine works in union with the Church's institutional framework and teaching, including issues concerning the sanctity and dignity of human life from conception onwards. The Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR, - [www.shalomconflictcenter.org](http://www.shalomconflictcenter.org)), founded by Rev. Dr. Devine in 2009, is against all forms of manifest and structural violence inflicted on human life from conception.

He is presently in the process of establishing a Pro-Life institute on the outskirts of Nairobi, where three slum urban settlements interface with each other. The facility will be called the 'Mary and Joseph Life Center'. The social challenges that women, the unborn, and families face on a daily basis in these locations and others, are extremely arduous and protracted. The overall framework guiding the center is to counter the problem of immoral, unethical and illegal abortion of human life, and in the process to help transform the physical-psychological-spiritual damage done to the unborn, mothers during pregnancy, and resulting children afterwards.

The violence done to the unborn, women, family institutions, human dignity and human rights by such acts of abortion is categorically and culturally unacceptable. Shalom-SCCRR, too, is against all forms of manifest and structural violence inflicted on human life; it is keen to support this project.

### **Catholic OB-GYN Health Care**

The Mary and Joseph Life Center will comprise of a Vitae Clinic based on OB-GYN practice that provides state-of-the-art, holistic healthcare for all women, in accordance with the Ethical and Religious Directives (ERDs) of the Catholic Church.

Our patients will benefit from NaProTECHNOLOGY™ - a highly effective medical science that treats the underlying causes of women's health issues and works in concert with the natural cycle of fertility. Once a woman's body works the way God intended, she can manage her fertility more effectively. NaProTECHNOLOGY's success rates for achieving pregnancy and postponing pregnancy exceed those of In Vitro Fertilization and the birth control pill respectively.

### **Crisis Pregnancy Resource Center**

The Mary and Joseph Life Center will equip women with services that support a Culture of Life. When a woman with an unexpected pregnancy enters our doors, we can provide a 3D/4D sonogram with trained staff to help her make a well-informed decision. Research shows that an overwhelming majority of women who view a sonogram choose life for their unborn children. Through the generosity of donors the Mary and Joseph Life Center and its Vitae Clinic will offer sonograms that give women an incredible peek at their precious miracle - with amazingly detailed images in 3D/4D.

### **Education**

Mary and Joseph Life Center is committed to spreading God's powerful and transformative message of desiring great love and happiness for us. We especially strive to reach young people who are on the threshold of their adult lives and young married couples. Catholic educational outreach will be promoting purity and abstinence until marriage. The educational programs will be ongoing in areas including fertility care, religious freedom, theology of the body, infertility support, and more.

### **Pray, Donate, Volunteer**

Every day women in Eastern Africa face crisis pregnancies. Please pray for them and their unborn babies.

Your financial support will enable the Mary and Joseph Life Center to offer authentically Catholic OB-GYN medical care, sonograms to abortion-minded women and educational programs. The center will appreciate gifts of time and talent as well! Volunteers will help with crisis pregnancies, professional medical advice, office work and special events.

I would be grateful if you could avail Fr. Devine support spiritually and financially in this task. The Mary and Joseph Life Center will be of immense value to the pastoral and mission activities of the Church in Kenya. Your assistance and collaboration with the Mary and Joseph Life Center can make a most significant contribution to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus and empower all like-minded people regardless of faith, race or culture to end the practice of immoral, unethical and illegal abortion.

This is truly a practical and inspirational initiative. The realization of this project will have incredible positive impacts for the unborn and the dignity of human life, not just for this generation but for future generations.

I will be most grateful for your support on this matter and be assured of my collaboration.

With prayerful best wishes

  
✠ John Cardinal Njue  
ARCHBISHOP OF NAIROBI

