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Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Chair  
Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors  
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Dear Archbishop Dolan,

After Shaw's and Norton's story about CRS, HIV, and condoms appeared in *Our Sunday Visitor*, I studied the "CRS' Position on the Prevention of Sexual Transmission of HIV" and found in that document substantial reasons for concern about CRS' policy. I considered writing to you confidentially about it. But my research turned up two of the attached files—the Client Education Flipchart and the covering letter sent with it from CRS' Baltimore office by Jared M. Hoffman in October 2007.

Those items show that at least some CRS' officials have been gravely violating their responsibilities as agents of the Catholic Church in the United States, and I suspect that some members of the board have been aware of it. I am confident that you have not been aware of it and will want to investigate carefully and deal appropriately with misbehavior you find. After consultation with prudent and experienced friends and much reflection, I judged that it would strengthen your hand if I publicized what I had found. I therefore wrote the attached article, which will soon appear in a Catholic periodical—on whose website the evidence will also be available to the public.

Some bishops' failure to take firm and prompt action needlessly escalated a few clerics' and religious men's seduction of minors into a disaster. You can prevent another, similar disaster. Precisely because CRS has done and is doing many other, good things, any misbehavior by its officials must be identified, condemned, and definitively ended. No wrongdoer can be allowed to keep his or her job.

Those involved in misbehavior or board members condoning it will offer several arguments against appropriate action by you and the majority of the board.