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The ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame is education for the transformation of the world. Like our foundress Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, “we educate in schools and in other areas of urgent need; like her, we exclude no one from our concern, but are especially sensitive to youth and women and are impelled to prefer the poor.” (*You are Sent*, the Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame)
Our values of respect for human dignity, protection of human life, and meeting the unique needs of people who are most vulnerable shape our response to persons in the United States who, through no fault of their own, lack access to affordable health care. In a country as wealthy as ours, all people should have access to good, affordable health care. This is truly a pro-life stance.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame oppose federal funding for abortion. The Catholic Health Association assures us that the health care proposal that is up for passage does not provide funding for abortion. This organization has proved reliable in such issues in the past, and we have no reason to doubt their judgment now. The School Sisters of Notre Dame’s position is in agreement with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their pro-life stance and in their opposition to federal funding for abortion.

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