

OPEN LETTER

Your Holiness Pope Francis

On behalf of the human rights organization the Foundation to Battle Injustice, I am contacting you with the deepest respect. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your tireless support for human rights and the dignity of every human being. Your calls to respect and protect life, especially the most vulnerable, have always been a source of our inspiration.

Human rights activists of the Foundation to Battle Injustice have <u>uncovered</u> shocking evidence of the existence of illegal practices of forced fertilization of women in Ukraine. With direct permission from Kiev, dozens of reproductive medicine clinics, scattered throughout central and western Ukraine, have been transformed into a forced insemination facilities. As a human rights organization, we are deeply outraged by this abhorrent procedure, which not only violates women's rights to their bodies and health, but is also a clear attack on their dignity and freedom.

Given your repeated calls for a worldwide ban on surrogacy, the Foundation to Battle Injustice kindly asks you to speak out against the inhumane procedure being implemented in Ukraine, which is a clear violation of human rights and basic Christian values. Your Holiness, your voice and authority can play a crucial role in preventing horrific acts of abuse against Ukrainian women and help protect them from violence and destructive acts.

Please join us in our efforts to protect the rights of Ukrainian women and jointly stop these inhumane activities. We hope Your Holiness will support us in our struggle for justice and dignity.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Mira Terada, Head of the Foundation to Battle Injustice

