The Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction was founded in 1985 to answer the call for reproductive health care that fully respects life.

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Building a culture of life in women’s health care
The challenges in Pope Paul VI’s 1968 letter *Humanae Vitae* prompted Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, to begin scientific research in the applications of natural fertility regulation and to open the Pope Paul VI Institute in 1985. Now, in 2011, the Pope Paul VI Institute is building a Culture of Life in women's health care throughout the world. The Institute has developed a new approach to women's health care that embodies the best principles of medicine, offers superior treatments for women, and challenges mainstream medicine, which relies on contraception, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, and abortion. Its healthy, moral solutions to issues in women's health care impact the lives of thousands of women, couples, doctors, medical students, priests and babies every year, nationally and internationally. The Institute's developments – the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System (CrMS) and NaProTechnology – are building a Culture of Life in women's health care through its current programs and services, which include:

- **National Center for Women's Health**: Features patient care services, a state-of-the-art ultrasound center and national hormone laboratory
- **Allied Health Education Program**: Educates doctors and FertilityCare™ Practitioners in the CrMS and NaProTechnology
- **Research Division**: Develops cutting-edge approaches to reproductive health issues and investigates cures for infertility
- **Center for NaProEthics**: Articulates the unity between faith, reason and true science
- **John Paul II Fellowship Program**: Trains OB/GYNs in the medical and surgical applications of NaProTechnology in affiliation with Creighton University School of Medicine
- **Seminary Course**: Co-sponsors a course in marriage, the family and human sexuality at three American seminaries – Kenrick-Glennon, Pontifical College Josephinum and St. Charles Borromeo
- **Summer Pre-medical Internship**: Immerses pre-medical students in the Institute's cutting-edge research

The Institute is located in Omaha, Nebraska, in a 20,000 sq. ft. international research, education, medical and service center. With a staff of 24 full-time and 36 part-time professionals, and an annual budget of approximately $1.1 million, the Institute is dedicated to building a Culture of Life in women's health care throughout the world.

**Changing Healthcare, Strengthening Families**

For more than 25 years, Pope Paul VI Institute has been faithful to its mission: to conduct ethical fertility research and provide outstanding education and reproductive healthcare, thereby building strong marriages and promoting responsible parenthood.

Pope Paul VI Institute has trained more than 600 active FertilityCare Practitioners across the United States who teach the Creighton Model system to women and couples in 220 FertilityCare Centers based in hospitals, doctor’s offices, diocesan offices and other private settings. The Institute has also trained more than 400 active physicians and a handful of surgeons who are specially trained to use NaProTechnology in their practices. In addition, there are nearly 100 practitioners and 26 medical consultants active in 16 foreign countries.

In 2010, the Institute served more than 2,000 people and made over 50,000 contacts in its effort to improve women’s reproductive health and strengthen marriages and families.
To achieve its vision, the **Institute must begin to expand its facilities and capacity** to serve a greater number of women, couples, doctors, medical students, religious and babies. Eventually, leaders of the Pope Paul VI Institute plan an Omaha-based campus that will include several structures, including an outpatient surgery center, a conference and retreat center and a parking garage.

The **first phase** of Pope Paul VI Institute’s campus development is the acquisition of a 4.6-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Institute’s existing site, and a major addition and renovation to its current building. **Purchasing the land now is essential to the Institute’s future, as it will secure the location for all subsequent growth.**

The 17,000 square-foot addition and renovation will allow the Institute to continue to grow its programs and services. Space is at a premium within the Institute’s walls. For example, last year’s three fellows shared an office space that measured approximately 10’ x 10’. An expansion of the physical plant will:

- Help the Institute treat a greater number of women by creating a new, larger clinic area. The additional space will allow for the number of physicians on staff to increase from three to 10. It will also provide adequate space for the clinic’s exam rooms, ultrasound and lab services; create additional office space for fellows and staff physicians; and offer appropriate space for outpatient services and nursing staff.

- Allow expansion of the FertilityCare™ and fellowship training programs.

- Increase the area and efforts dedicated for publications and outreach.

- Create a chapel/conference area.

- Provide a designated area for a research library, accessible to medical professionals and the public. Due to space constraints, much of the Institute’s library collection is currently stored off-site.

The projected cost of the **entire first phase of campus development** as outlined above is **$5.2 million**, including land acquisition, construction costs, furnishings and equipment. The **initial step** in the plan is purchasing the land, a **$1.5 million investment in the Institute’s message, methods and vision.** The Pope Paul VI Institute is **asking for immediate philanthropic support to purchase the land and secure its future.**

Completing phase one of campus development will advance Pope Paul VI Institute’s international movement of building a Culture of Life, and in achieving its ultimate vision. The expanded and improved facilities will allow for many more people to be impacted by, and receive the benefits of effective, morally acceptable and healthy reproductive options, inspired by faith and right reason, for generations to come.

> I am glad that there is a place where couples can get help without sacrificing their beliefs. Please keep up the good work. We need more families to put their faith before their desires. Thank you again for your service.

– From “It’s a shame” by Kim Ortmeier in *Building the Culture of Life in Women’s Health Care* newsletter, Fall 2011
Through research, professionalism, organization, education, superior quality medical care, an international reputation for excellence, and leadership in the field of women’s health care, the Pope Paul VI Institute seeks to become a “Mayo Clinic” of reproductive evaluation and treatment with a Catholic moral foundation. Its goals include:

- Successfully countering the prevailing culture of death
- Contributing significantly to the spiritual and physical health of women and their families
- Establishing the acceptance of NaProTechnology by healthcare providers and payers
- Becoming universally recognized as a leader in research, education and treatment in the field of reproductive health
- Promulgating the standards for the delivery of reproductive healthcare

As a leading reproductive health center in the world with research, clinical and education programs, the Institute will set new standards in revolutionizing the field of obstetrics and gynecology. In doing so, it will counter the prevailing culture, moving society toward a culture of life with the attendant benefits to all its members.