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STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY

"CHA supports the health and welfare of all Australians. We support the rapid development and equitable distribution of a COVID 19 vaccine for all but especially the poor, marginalised, aged and vulnerable.

Like all Australians we support research based on the highest ethical standards and accordingly hope for research that does not compromise the ethical standards of any Australian. Where these standards are compromised, we have a moral duty to seek alternatives. If, however, there is no alternative, we have a duty of care to all Australians to work for the common good.

This is a principle consistent with Catholic ethics and which strives to strike a balance between what is morally ideal and the desire we all have to see an effective treatment for a disease that has been so devastating to families and communities around the world."

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