The Rt Hon Glenda Morean The Attorney General Cabildo Chamber 23-27 St Vincent St, Port of Spain

12.8.03

Dear Ms Morean,

Re: Abortion issue

Please find attached for your information a copy of a letter sent to our Prime Minister, Mr Manning, about his recent statement relating to the current 'debate' in TT about Abortion.

I am proud that the Prime Minister has taken a stand on being Pro-Life and I hope that the Cabinet will be in total agreement with his view.

The right to life is a human right issue. Let us strive to use our human ingenuity to devise strategies to support both the unborn child and his/her mother/parents.

You may recall that at my meeting with you last year – I was a member of a delegation from Emmanuel Community – I gave examples of action that can be taken to support pregnant mothers who may be experiencing difficulties.

Two key areas that you may wish to consider are:

- 1. A review and acceleration of the Adoption process with checks and balances to avoid abuse of children;
- 2. The establishment of a Fostering Service in TT, such as that which is in existence in various parts of the world e.g. England and Wales.

With all the violence that has engulfed our country, we need to say "NO" to more violence - violence against the unborn. We must raise our voices, particularly for each voiceless, defenceless unborn child.

Yours sincerely,

Leela Ramdeen

Episcopal Delegate/Chair