2018 YEAR-END
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HHS BY THE NUMBERS

Protecting
Conscience and Life

HHS Office for Civil Rights establishes
THE FIRST
Conscience and Religious Freedom
Division, to protect foundational
conscience rights

PROVIDED REGULATORY RELIEF
to American employers, including organizations
like the Little Sisters of the Poor, that have religious
or moral objections to providing coverage for
contraceptives, including those they view as
abortifacient, in their health insurance plans

The Trump
administration
does not recognize
abortion as a method
of family planning
and refuses to fund
abortion in global
health assistance

TITLE X PROPOSED
REGULATION:
HHS would no longer permit Title
X-funded services at the same location
where abortion is provided
HHS awarded funding to 12
organizations that were not current
Title X grantees

HHS continues to
fight the concept
of abortion as
a fundamental
human right on the
international stage

New CMS guidance allows an
individual to claim a hardship
exemption if all affordable plans
on a federal exchange include
abortion coverage, contrary
to the individual’s beliefs

In the process of finalizing rule
to strengthen enforcement
for 25 health-related federal
conscience and religious freedom
laws, treating them the same
as other civil rights laws

HHS updated its 5-year Strategic
Plan highlighting that a core
component of HHS’s mission is
the dedication to protecting the
life of all Americans at every stage
of life, beginning at conception