

Dear Tolton families,

If you've purchased uniforms from Lands' End in the past, you likely received a spring catalog from them in the past few days. In that catalog they highlight Gloria Steinem, whom they refer to as "a legend" – someone they declare has "made a difference in her own industry and paved the way for others to follow".

Unfortunately, Gloria Steinem has been a vocal and consistent advocate for abortion rights for several decades. She has spoken of women's "need" for abortion, and has referred to it as a "sacrament".

While Lands' End has been one of Tolton's official uniform providers since our opening in 2011, we cannot in good conscience continue that relationship. We believe unequivocally that all life is sacred, from conception until natural death. It would be contrary to our school's very identity to support a company who celebrates the work of someone so opposed to our beliefs, a company who is conducting a campaign "in honor of her work".

For this reason, Lands' End is no longer an official uniform provider for Fr. Tolton Catholic High School.

You may continue to purchase uniform pieces from Snow Creek Apparel, a company owned by a family here in Columbia, who sends their children to Our Lady of Lourdes and Tolton, a family who supports our school and those causes which are consistent with our Catholic beliefs. Their website is fully operational at this time: http://www.snowcreekapparel.com/Tolton_Apparel.

Of course, any clothes that your students have purchased from Lands' End in the past are still suitable for wear in our school.

We will provide further information in the coming days and weeks about this matter.

Thank you.

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