

VOICE OF TRUTH - The Catholic Voice in the Public Square

By and for 5,100 Adult Laity from Rockville's St. Mary's Parish

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The Moral Side of National and Maryland Legislation

Protesting Government Funding of Planned Parenthood and other Abortionists

As individuals devoted to our Catholic faith we are deeply disturbed by both the Maryland Assembly and the United States Congress using our tax-supplied funds to support the abortion industry in the United States. Action on your part as a Catholic is absolutely necessary to stop this immoral and un-Constitutional activity.

Our State and Federal governments must stop providing support in the form of funding for abortions, a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the United States which states all human beings have "the right to life."

If the government believes, by its laws, women possess the choice to take the life of their pre-born child, women should not expect the government, federal or local, to be responsible monetarily for the choice they have made. Nor should the taxes paid federally or locally by its citizens or insurance companies funded by these citizens, be responsible for the choices made by these women.

Let us all be reminded what we as Catholics hold to be The Truth:

- Our Constitution states we live under the power of our Creator, called by such names as God, Allah, or Yahweh by various religions and peoples.
- He created us through the cooperation of our mother and father, starting with Adam and Eve.
- Science has proven that our human life starts at conception with the DNA of the parents and the sex determined by the male sperm. This life must be nurtured in the mother's womb until the child's physical faculties are mature enough to live outside the womb with the continued assistance of his/her parents.

From the time of Moses and the Apostles abortion has been considered evil. In the Didache written about 100 A.D. which summarized "The teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles by the twelve Apostles" it is stated ".....you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is born..." Such condemnations have been repeated ever since by Christian, Judeo and other religious leaders.

Our Declaration of Independence states "...that all men [human beings] are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are life...."

Many of you who had written your government representatives protesting government funding of abortion, received a reply telling you they are merely supporting the right of women to make their own decision regarding "reproductive healthcare" a favorite liberal euphemism. They refrain from calling the procedure "abortion," and certainly ignore the fact that "reproductive healthcare," kills the child in the woman's womb. It is also important to note the Guttmacher Institute, founded by Planned Parenthood, reported in a 2005 paper that only 4% of abortions were chosen by women because of "physical problems with my health"; 95% of the women who had an abortion did so primarily for social and financial reasons; and less than 1% because of rape or incest. Since abortions ultimately have nothing to do with improving a woman's physical health, the continual lying by our government, for instance: you can keep your insurance provider and doctors in the Affordable Care Act, must cease!

A Government that lies to its citizens is putting the country on the path to the eventual loss of our freedoms, to dictatorship. Our government representatives must be told: Please stop lying to us!

Any person or organization that gives money to organizations that perform abortions is an accomplice

to murder. Putting restrictions on the government-provided funds to organizations or clinics that perform abortions instructing them that the money cannot be used for abortions is totally meaningless and ineffective; funds are fungible – they merely free up other funds in that organization to be used for abortions.

In order to be in compliance with our Constitution, Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers must be eliminated from State networks of Medicaid-approved healthcare providers – a woman's decision to have an abortion has been proven by the Guttmacher Institute to be based on social or financial concerns, not used as a form of medical healthcare. The state agencies in Maryland must be directed to stop funding organizations, clinics and doctors who perform abortions.

Further, due to the laws allowing abortion and the mandate by HHS in the Affordable Care Act to include abortions, abortifacients, contraceptive pills and devices in employer insurance plans, organizations, like those aligned with the Catholic Church such as Little Sisters of the Poor, EWTN, Belmont Abbey College and countless others, have been discriminated against and threatened with heavy fines for their refusal to include these items in their insurance packages or in the medical services they provide, thereby causing the government to violate the First Amendment that states: "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The justification for abortion is not a question of what the personal beliefs are of the government or our representatives, but that of respecting the freedoms provided to all human life under our Constitution.

As one of the 5100-Catholic adult laity of Saint Mary's Parish in Rockville Maryland who holds these beliefs, you are being asked to voice your concern to each of your government representatives. They are to be told that how they vote on this most basic and profound Constitutional issue, will enable you to judge their suitability for the office they now hold.

To carry this important message to your Federal and State representatives, draft your own letter or as you leave church pick up copies of a letter for you to send to your representatives, together with their addresses.

Address the letters, sign them listing your Maryland address, and send!



The authors of this newsletter, The Voice of Truth, could use two or three others to help produce this monthly newsletter. All it takes are a few people who share the belief that as missionaries for Christ, we have a vital responsibility to first of all educate all Catholics on the moral side of today's issues being debated by our state and federal government, and then take this message to our government representatives. We the laity are required to be witnesses to the teaching of Christ. Besides being a committed missionary, we are looking for a few to help in collecting the Catholic position on important issues, drafting the message to our parish community and government representatives, and preparing the monthly newsletter. Word and document processing experience and familiarity with Catholic internet sources are very important. Contact Pitt Thome at spizzz@comcast.net if you might be interested in helping.

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