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After Roe v Wade Goes Down

Popular opinion seems to hold that the Roe v Wade decision from nearly 50 years ago will at last be overturned. That is what the buzz seems to be, after a draft of the opinion was (ahem!) “leaked” to the public in early May. While I hope that to be the case, I’m not quite ready to start celebrating yet. As the saying goes, “it ain’t over till it’s over”. The decision has not been formally announced. Many things could happen between then and now. Perhaps that is why the draft was leaked - to prevent the actual reversal of Roe. Some of the justices have displayed rather timorous streaks in the wake of angry BLM and Antifa types. It’s quite possible the leak was designed to motivate some unscrupulous and violent leftists into bullying the justices into upholding Roe. I wouldn’t put it past them - and I mean both the bullies and the bullied.

But let’s say that Roe does go down. Does that mean that pro-lifers can quit the fight and rest on their laurels, as it were? By no means. Roe only stymied the enforcement of state-level anti-abortion laws. Therefore, by and large, our struggle will be on state-wide levels, with the landscape varying greatly between the states. In my state of Maryland, for example, the pro-abortion populace and



Norma McCorvey’s last years were aimed at overturning the Roe decision

their elected leaders have rendered the state to be an abortion mecca. Abortion-minded people from more sane states will come flocking here to kill their babies. That will be the state of affairs for other progressive hell-holes.

The Maryland legislators, not content with the havoc wreaked over 30 years ago with the passing of SB 162, attempted to put through another morass of pro-abortion legislation. One of these bills, HB 1171, would have enshrined within Maryland’s state constitution, the “right” to slaughter innocent babies in their mothers’ wombs. Per the

MD website, that bill was still sitting in Senate conference when the session ended last month. I strongly suspect one reason why it didn’t fly through the General Assembly was the large number of pro-lifers who logged unfavorable comments, as evidenced on the website. By the way, you too can have your own comments recorded on the MD website in a matter of minutes. To do so, go to the website <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb> and click on the “MyMGA” icon at the top right. From there, you’ll be prompted to log in. Then you select the bill number of interest and follow the prompts. It can be as simple as just checking the “favorable” or “unfavorable” box. You will also have the option of leaving more detailed testimony. If you never used the site before, you’ll be guided in setting up your own login profile.

The pro-abortion faction in the Maryland legislature managed to ram through HB0937, the so-called “Abortion Care Access Act”, overriding Governor Hogan’s veto in the process. Among its more egregious features, it will allow non-physicians to perform abortions. Think of it. Abortion is a highly invasive surgical procedure, and we know that physician botch the procedure up with an alarming

rate of frequency. Just consider how many ambulances pulled in front of Leroy Carhart’s two MD facilities to take butchered women to hospitals. If non-physicians are permitted to invade women’s wombs, these incidents will increase many-fold; so much for “safe” abortions! HB0937 will also compel insurance companies to cover completely the costs of abortions, free of any deductible or co-pay limitations.

At the time of this writing, proliferators all over the state will be collecting signatures to petition HB937 to referendum in next November’s general election. We need 25,000 signatures by May 31st. Of course we don’t know yet whether or not we’ll achieve that goal. For now, we must all continue to collect at many signatures

Please be certain to vote in person

as possible from Maryland voters. Petitions, instructions and related materials can be found at campaigntoprotectwomen.org.

What we do know is that the other pro-abortion legislation that didn’t make it through this session will be tried again. These sorts of laws, with the same provisions, are being proposed in state legislatures throughout the country. This is no doubt a highly-coordinated effort to codify Roe v Wade. We saw this kind of coordination 13 years ago, when NARAL tried to silence pro-life pregnancy centers. Thankfully that effort of theirs went down in flames in Maryland.

We will have to focus much

State of Maryland - Statewide Referendum Petition
HB937 THE ABORTION CARE ACCESS ACT

(Bill Number) (Bill Title)

For _____ County or Baltimore City

We, the undersigned voters, hereby petition to refer the bill identified above to a vote of the registered voters of Maryland for approval or rejection at the next general election.

If the full text of the bill or part of the bill referred (the "proposal") does not appear on the back of this signature page, a fair and accurate summary of the substantive provisions of the proposal must appear on the back, and the full text of the proposal must be immediately available from the petition circulator.

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SBE 6-211-3C (Rev 3-2012)

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition is public information and may be used to change your voter registration address.

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We need thousands completed by June 30

attention on the state-wide elections that are upon us. There are a number of pro-life candidates running. With the internet at the fingertips of most Maryland citizens, it should not be difficult to determine who they are. The primaries will be held on July 19th. Please don’t overlook the importance of primaries; it will be crucial in the selection of candidates, particularly in the gubernatorial race. Please be certain to vote in person. If you mail in your ballot,

you risk it being shipped to some abandoned warehouse in the desert. Learn some lessons from the 2020 election fraud debacle.

I am writing this article over the Memorial Day weekend. So many of our service men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our rights as United States citizens. With those rights come responsibilities. Be sure to exercise those rights to fulfill your responsibilities to honor those fallen military and Our Lord.

Pelosi Finally Barred from Holy Communion

On Friday May 20, 2022, the Archdiocese of San Francisco announced that Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone barred Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi from Holy Communion in that diocese, which is also Pelosi's home diocese. The Archbishop issued a letter to her pointing out that he tried to contact her several times but never elicited a response from her. He informed her that she was not to present herself for Holy Communion in San Francisco, and if she did so, the San Francisco priests were ordered not to give her Holy Communion.

This measure is in complete accord with Canon 915 that says, "Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to holy communion." Note that this canon is directed at clerics, not laity

Please note a few things. First, this action is not a declaration of excommunication. Thus, she still has the option of going to Confession and repenting of her support of baby murder. Owing to her very public stance, Cordileone stated that said repentance must be done publicly.

Also to be noted is that Cordileone's authority extends only to the boundaries of his archdiocese. Pelosi, if she is of mind to do so, may present herself for Communion elsewhere. Regrettably but predictably, she has done so in the Archdiocese of Washington, where as House Speaker she spends considerable time.

On Sunday May 22, that is precisely what she did at Holy

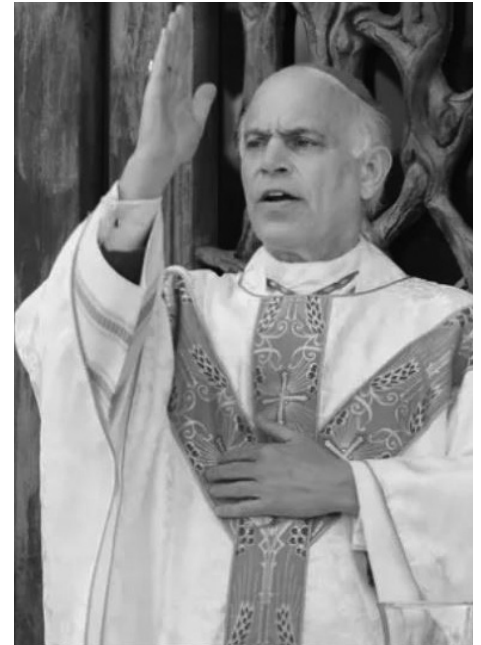


Pray for her repentance while she has time

Trinity Church, a Jesuit-run parish just south of Georgetown University. The phrase "Jesuit-run" should give the alert Catholic quite a clue as to that parish's ideological bent. This is the same church that gave then Vice-President-elect Joe Biden a standing ovation during Mass after he and Obama were elected to office in 2008. Of course he received Holy Communion at that Mass, although his pro-abortion track record was quite well-established.

Several US bishops have spoken in support of Archbishop Cordileone. They are:

- Archbishop Alexander Sample, Archdiocese of Portland, OR
- Bishop Michael Barber, Diocese of Oakland, CA
- Bishop Robert Vasa, Diocese of Santa Rosa, CA
- Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Archdiocese of Denver, CO
- Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Diocese of Springfield, IL
- Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS
- Bishop James Conley, Diocese of Lincoln, NE
- Archbishop Paul Coakely, Archbishop of Oklahoma City,



May more prelates follow his example

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- Bishop Liam Cary, Diocese of Baker, OR
- Bishop Michael Olson, Diocese of Fort Worth, TX
- Bishop Joseph Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, TX
- Bishop Thomas Daly, Diocese of Spokane, WA
- Bishop David Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay, WI
- Bishop Donald Hying, Diocese of Madison, WI
- Bishop Michael Burbidge, Diocese of Arlington, VA
- Bishop Thomas Tobin, Diocese of Providence, RI
- Bishop James Wall, Diocese of Gallup, NM

Moreover, three of these have banned Pelosi from Communion in their diocese. They are Bishops Burbidge, Strickland, and Vasa.

From the Archdiocese of

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Two Pro-Life Activists Prevent Incineration of Murdered Babies

On October 22, 2020, nine pro-life activists staged a rescue in the abortion mill operated by Cesare Santangelo. This rescue was not conducted as a Red Rose rescue. Rather, it was conducted in a manner done during the 1980s and 1990s, involving blockades. Besides Lauren Handy, the other eight are: Jonathan Darnel, of Arlington, Virginia, Jay Smith, of Freeport, New York; Paulette Harlow, of Kingston, Massachusetts; Jean Marshall, of Kingston, Massachusetts; John Hinshaw, of Levittown, New York; Heather Itoni, of Linden, Michigan; William Goodman, of the Bronx, New York; and Joan Bell, of Montague, New Jersey. There were several others. In February of this year, 15 months after the rescue, the Department of Justice convened a grand jury to “investigate the charges” against the nine pro-lifers. The jurors were sworn in on February 15, but none of the pro-lifers received any notice of these proceedings. The Department of Justice filed indictments on March 24.

Lila Rose and her Live Action group conducted one of their signature sting operations against Cesare Santangelo in 2013. A pregnant associate spoke with Santangelo, asking him what he would do if the child survived the abortionist’s attempt on his/he life and was born alive? It has happened before, and obviously the child would be in distress. He admitted that he would not do anything to assist the child, disregarding the requirements set forth in the Born-Alive Infants’ Protection Act.

On March 25, 2022, Lauren Handy and Terrisa Bukovinich



Terissa Bukonovich, Lauren Handy, and Joan Bell address a press conference

(director of Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising) were sidewalk-counseling outside of Santangelo’s abortuary when they noticed a truck from Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services (located in Baltimore) parked in front of the building. The two women had reason to suspect

5 of them were much older, almost full-term. They appeared to have been victims of abortions that are proscribed by law, and one or two may actually have been born alive.

Handy called a pro-life priest, Father William Kuchinsky who is stationed in West Virginia. He came and prayed over the dead children. Then he took the 110 smaller children and gave them a Christian burial in an undisclosed burial place.

For the 5 older babies, Handy and Bukonovich wanted answers regarding their deaths, as too many signs pointed to murder just after live birth. They decided to contact DC authorities through a law firm, Steve Cooley and Associates, headquartered in California. Accordingly, Cooley sent both an email and regular mail to the DC Medical Examiner and the DC Police. That communication was dated March 29.

Please refer to the first paragraph of this article. The indictment filed by the DOJ were unsealed on March 30, a day after Cooley’s communication reached the DC authorities. That very day, between the hours of 5am

They wanted to give cover to Santangelo and to the abortion industry in general

that the truck was there to pick up the bodies of babies murdered by Santangelo, and that some of the babies might have been murdered in violation of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban and the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. After obtaining permission from the driver, the two women took one of the boxes to Handy’s home.

In that box, they found 115 babies that had been murdered by Santangelo and/or his staff. 110 of them were early-term babies, but

– 8am, the nine participants in the October 2020 rescue were arrested in their homes, obviously in several states. The authorities barged into their homes, taking the rescuers away at gunpoint. A question comes to mind as I write this. The arrests happened between 5-8 am. At what hour were the indictments unsealed? It seems probable to me that the arrests occurred before the indictments were unsealed. Is that



This poor boy may have been born alive



This little girl may have been killed via partial birth abortion

legal? Inquiring minds would like to know.

All the rescuers were released, including Handy. However, she

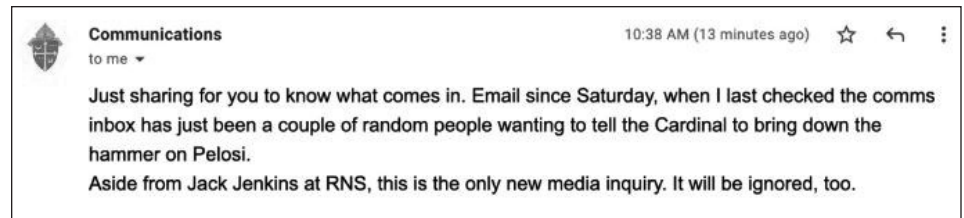
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Washington, however, Cordileone will receive no support. Cardinal Gregory raised no protest when Pelosi took Communion at Trinity last Sunday. Of course this is no great surprise. Catholics all over have been petitioning Gregory to follow Cordileone’s lead. The Washington Examiner inquired as to what the DC chancery would do. They *accidentally* received a reply, per the attached picture.

Including Archbishop Cordileone, we have eighteen US prelates who at least support the idea of protecting the Eucharist from sacrilege and the mortal sinner from incurring the guilt of yet another

mortal sin. However, there are one hundred ninety-six (196). Where are the other one hundred seventy-eight prelates? Well, make that one hundred seventy-seven, since Gregory has already stuck his finger in Cordileone’s eye. Wouldn’t it be delightful to see Bishop Koenig of the Diocese of Wilmington DE come out in support of Cordileone? Koenig is the bishop of Biden’s home diocese.

Do they think their silence will get them off the hook? Whether or not that happens in the public eye is irrelevant. God sees all and he will call them to account. We do thank Our Lord that more and more of these prelates are waking up.



Cardinal Gregory’s Freudian slip

returned to her home only to find it being raided by the DC Police. They seized the bodies of the 5 murdered children – that she had hoped to hand over to them in an orderly fashion. When asked how they learned of the presence of the babies, they claimed to be acting “on a tip”.

Notice that they referred to a single “tip”. Unless they learned of the babies from additional sources, the only “tip” had to have been Cooley’s letter sent at the request of Handy and Bukonivich. Just whom do these dopes think they are fooling?

Let’s cut to the chase, shall we? The DC government, having

received the email from Cooley, knew that they would be obliged to examine the bodies in accordance with Handy’s request. Being in the back pockets of the abortion industry in DC, they connived to discredit Handy. Knowing that Handy and others conducted a rescue at Santangelo’s one and a half years ago, and that the Department of Justice was sitting on an indictment of which the defendants were unaware, they worked with the DOJ and the FBI to act on that indictment to arrest Handy and the others. That served the purpose of getting Handy

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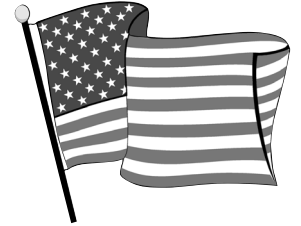
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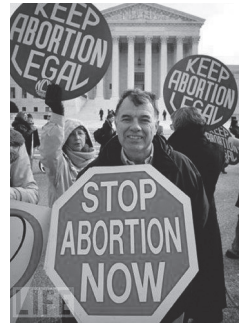
Believe it or not, it's time for our **22nd Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour July 25-29**. Once again, we will show the **Ugly Reality of Abortion**. We will visit **15** locations, all of which are heavily trafficked. Thousands of persons, many for the first time, will see **what abortion really is!**

Our first stop is in West Virginia. One stop is in front of the **White House** where **Joe Biden** now lives after his fraudulent election in November 2020. But this year, several key factors will be different:



- By the end of June, the Supreme Court in all likelihood, will have announced that **Roe vs Wade** is **history**. The question of whether the slaughter of the **PRE-BORN** is legal, will have been thrown back to the states to decide.
- Some states like Texas, Louisiana and Florida, will immediately pass laws making **ABORTION ILLEGAL!**
- States such as Oklahoma have defacto banned abortion prior to the overturn of **ROE**.
- **Leroy Carhart**, the infamous abortionist from Omaha, Nebraska, has not been seen at his Bethesda, Maryland abortuary for many months. Nor has he been seen at his early trimester mill in Omaha for that same time period.
- On March 25, the bodies of **115 aborted babies** were heroically recovered from an abortion mill just blocks from the White House. The event received national publicity in part due to a great news conference orchestrated by **Randall Terry**.
- Even though the effort to have a referendum vote on the **Abortion Access Law** failed in Maryland, it will produce good fruit because of the hundreds of persons, not yet on our mailing list, who worked so diligently to get nearly **25,000** signatures. They did this without any help from the **Maryland Catholic Conference** which represents the 3 Dioceses of Maryland. The **MCC** decided such a **ballot referendum was not winnable, so why even try?** These several hundred **circulators** will be a great asset to our future efforts to end abortion such as our upcoming **July 25-29 Maryland Face the Truth Tour**.

Several Things YOU can do to make our 22nd TRUTH Tour the best ever



- Be on **our 26-member CORE TEAM**. Travel with us all **5** days and attend Holy Mass each day. Hear inspirational luncheon speakers each day. We pick up all expenses for Core Team members including local travel, meals, and housing. **14** slots filled, **12** slots remain — **sign up NOW!**
- We want **students**, both high school and college students, as well as adults to be on our **CORE TEAM**. Students must be **15 years old** by September or accompanied by an older sibling or relative. Contact **Rochelle Kane** at **410-952-4941** or **DuffyAndROKane@Gmail.com** to sign up.
- If you cannot be on our **CORE TEAM** all 5 days, come be with us an entire day or two, or come to individual **STOPS**.
- Help is also needed for **overnight housing** in Charles Town, WV, Montgomery County, Bowie and Towson area. Again, contact **Rochelle Kane** if you can help.
- Your **generous financial support** is needed for:
 - Stipends for Directors, Speakers and Priests offering Mass
 - Vehicle Rentals (we will have to rent at least one van to carry our signs)
 - Food, water, ice, and **drastically increasing gasoline costs**
 - Radio ads we hope to air on stations like **WCBM**
 - Bus rental for the White House stop

\$ for \$

All told, we need to raise **\$16,000**. Several anonymous donors have once again pledged **\$8,000** if we can raise the other **\$8,000**. This simply means that your donation will be matched **\$ for \$**. In other words, your donation of **\$500** dollars becomes **\$1,000**, **\$250** dollars becomes **\$500**, and **\$100** dollars becomes **\$200**. Please send your most generous tax deductible donation postmarked no later than August 3 to qualify for this matching grant or give online at **DefendLife.org** and click **Ways to Give**. Remember this, Our Great and Glorious God **is never outdone in generosity!**

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Enclosure

Dissident Bishops Bear Blame for Uvalde Texas Shootings

“If we can accept that the mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?” That question was asked by Saint Teresa of Calcutta as she spoke at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast. Those words have obvious significance today.

At Robb Elementary School in Uvalde Texas, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos entered with firearms and murdered nineteen school children and two teachers. Many others were wounded as well. Police dilly-dallied with their response to the shooting. A Border Control agent shot Ramos dead, ending his killing spree.

Facts are emerging about Ramos and his past as I write this. The progressives have predictably placed all the blame on inanimate firearms and none on Ramos. They certainly ascribed to themselves no blame for driving God and godliness out of schools, for facilitating the murders of thousands of babies every day via abortion, for the tearing down of the traditional family, etc.

When I say progressives, I also mean the majority of US Catholic bishops. Earlier this week, these feckless hirelings failed - refused - to stand in solidarity with Archbishop Cordileone as he administered the sorely-needed medicine of church discipline to Nancy Pelosi, a chief cheerleader for baby-killers. Some did, the majority did not. By the way - owing to her facilitation of child slaughter and all sorts of homosexual deviancy, she bears her share of the Uvalde victims' blood on her hands. Father Stephen Imbarrato, a priest who has participated in several Red Rose

Rescues, the statement pictured in this article, with which I concur.

The Jesuit bird-cage liner known as “America” magazine featured a bunch of bishops waxing indignant and mournful about (wait for it!) guns! Surprise - not! All of these Jesuit-chosen bishops either want to : get to the “root cause” and/or ban guns altogether. As for their pursuit of the “root cause”, please note that not one of these swishops voiced support for Archbishop



Faithless bishops failed to guide this young man

LET'S START SPEAKING THE TRUTH! The mass shootings in this country are at the feet of godless progressives who foster hate and despair, ignore daily violent crime, worship criminals, mass murder the unborn and the vulnerable, are pathological liars, and are immersed in sick sexual perversions. And they do many such things. They are the culture of death. And bishops...this reality exists because you will not confront the godless, evil progressive movement in this country. Revival will come when the bishops start confronting sin daily and boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bishops, call the nation to repentance. Call the nation to Jesus.

Father Imbarrato speaks truth to the Uvalde situation

Cordileone's actions aimed at curing an actual root cause of the malaise in our culture issued a statement in the snapshot that you see above. Of particular note is the bloviating of Cardinal Cupich, yammering on and on about guns. His archdiocese of Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws in the country, yet it is one of the most deadly cities in the US for all its shootings. I might also point out that one of his noisier priests, Fr Michael Pfleger, called for the owner of a Chicago gun

shop to be “snuffed”. Cupich did absolutely nothing in the face of that threat from one of his priests.

This is the main point. The bishops who refuse to bestir themselves when it comes to the attacks on faith and morality from this secular culture have absolutely no credence whatsoever to pontificate about violence. In many cases, these same bishops actually stand in the way of good people who are trying to bring some sanity to this culture. For instance,

the same aforementioned Cupich, while bishop of Spokane, refused to let his priests join in the 40 Days for Life campaign. Bishops here in the State of Maryland have always dragged their feet when it comes to petition drives to fight horrendous abortion and/or gay agenda laws. In Cardinal Gregory's first "Theology on Tap" talk, he sang the praises of Fortunate Families, a gay-enabling cabal.

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substantial share of the responsibility for the Uvalde shootings and other acts of violence. They have failed - refused - to call their congregations and communities to repentance and conversion to the One True Faith. It is they who refuse to protect the dignity of the Sacraments and the Mass of the Ages. Instead of solid truth leading to salvation, they preach insipid homilies that are full of happy-clappy, fluffy-puff stuff. I would ask whether or not they'll ever wake up, but I am becoming more and more convinced that many of them aren't so much weak as they are in actual cahoots with the Soros-led cabal that itches for a godless society. Therefore I won't ask when they will wake up. I ask, **when will WE wake up??**

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out of her home so that the DC police could conduct their raid. It gave credence to their narrative that Handy was surreptitiously keeping the babies in her home to paint her as an imbalanced "anti-choice extremist", knowing full well that she intended to have the babies examined through legal channels. They wanted to give cover to Santangelo and to the abortion industry in general.

As things stand at this writing, the bodies of the five late-term murdered babies are still in the custody of the DC Medical Examiner. The DC authorities have stated that no applicable law (namely, the Born Alive Infants Protection Act and the Partial Birth Abortion Ban) was violated during the murders of these five children. They have also stated that they plan no examination of their remains. With no examination of the children's bodies, how do they state with certitude that no laws were broken? On what do they base their statement?

Press conferences and rallies have been held outside the DC Medical Examiner's offices. Phone calls and emails have been sent. Still the five children's bodies languish in those facilities: assuming that they haven't been spirited somewhere to be surreptitiously destroyed.

For now, all we can do is continue to let the District of Columbia know that we won't forget the five nearly

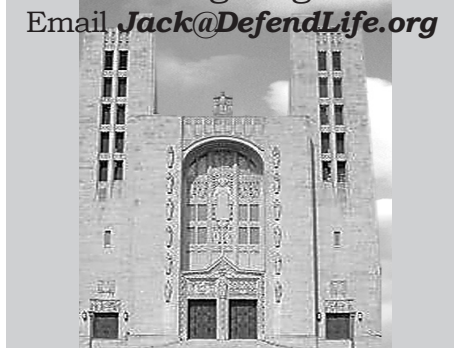
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full-term babies murdered at the hands of Santangelo and his staff. We can be grateful, though, that the other 110 children received a decent burial in accordance with their dignity as people created in God's image and likeness.

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Scientific Criticism of Bishop McElroy

By Thomas P. Sheahan

The name of Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego has come back into the news, as he is to be elevated to the rank of Cardinal in a few months. McElroy incurred considerable controversy in early 2020 when he made a statement implying that climate change was just as important as abortion. There ensued criticism from many quarters in the American hierarchy, but before long Covid-19 took away the spotlight. Two years later, that was forgotten – until his new promotion.

In a speech on Feb 6, 2020, Bishop McElroy said in one section:

“More than 750,000 unborn children are directly killed in the United States every year. At one time there was bipartisan support for erecting policies that made abortion rare. Now that commitment has been eviscerated in the Democratic Party in a capitulation to notions of privacy that simply block out the human identity and rights of unborn children. Even in an age when sonograms testify with the eloquence of truth and life itself that children in the womb are genuinely our brothers and sisters, our daughters and sons, the annihilation of their humanity in perception and in fact continues. Catholic social teaching has consistently demanded that there be legal protections for the unborn, as they are the most vulnerable and victimized of humanity. But we are rapidly moving toward becoming a nation split in two: with half of our country moving toward laws safeguarding the unborn and the other half of our country adopting ever more extreme laws that allow the killing of children on the verge of birth. The

passage of the New York abortion law this past year was a marker of America’s repudiation of the most basic principles of human life. It is for all of these reasons that so many in the Church consider abortion to be the preeminent political imperative at stake in 2020.

“At the same time there is a clear international scientific consensus that climate change caused by the use of fossil fuels and other human activities poses an existential threat to the very future of humanity and that air pollution resulting from fossil fuels is already a major cause of premature death on our planet. Existing trajectories of pollutants being placed in the atmosphere by human activity, if unchecked, will raise the temperature of the earth in the coming decades, generating catastrophic rises in human exposure to deadly heat, devastating rises in water levels and massive exposure to a series of perilous viruses. In addition, there will be severe widespread famines, draughts and massive dislocations of peoples that will cause untold deaths, human suffering and violent conflict. The devastating fires in Australia are a sign of what lies before us, and a testimony that, on so many levels, our current pollution of the earth is stealing the future from coming generations. Because the trajectory of danger unleashed by fossil fuels is increasing so rapidly, the next ten years are critical to staunching the threat to our planet. The United States, which was once a leader in this effort, has in the current Administration become the leader in resisting efforts to combat climate change and in denying its existence. As a consequence, the survival of the planet, which is the prerequisite for all human life, is at risk.



Cardinal-to-be Robert McElroy

“Against the backdrop of these two monumental threats to human life, how can one evaluate the competing claims that either abortion or climate change should be uniquely preeminent in Catholic social teaching regarding the formation of Americans as citizens and believers? Four points should be considered.

1. There is no mandate in universal Catholic social teaching that gives a categorical priority to either of these issues as uniquely determinative of the common good.
2. **The death toll from abortion is more immediate, but the long-term death toll from unchecked climate change is larger and threatens the very future of humanity.**
3. Both abortion and the environment are core life issues in Catholic teaching.
4. The designation of either of these issues as the preeminent question in Catholic social teaching at this time in the United States will inevitably be hijacked by partisan forces to propose that Catholics have an overriding duty to vote

for candidates that espouse that position. Recent electoral history shows this to be a certainty.”

The single key undeniable fact in all this is the very first sentence:

More than 750,000 unborn children are directly killed in the United States every year.

All the observations that follow are a blend of information gathered from many sources, and Bishop McElroy’s judgment about their importance and how to balance the issues.

In particular, the large paragraph about the dangers of climate change is entirely a report about the opinion of others. The words “...international scientific consensus...” lend credence to a claim about scientists that is NOT true. There is in fact an ongoing scientific debate about the mechanism and importance of carbon dioxide (CO₂) influencing the earth’s climate.

Claims that increasing CO₂ will cause major changes in temperature are not supported by actual measurements; satellite data shows quite clearly that, in the presence of a 50% increase in CO₂ over recent centuries, the temperature has increased only 1°C. A cornerstone rule of science is that data trumps theory; even Einstein conceded that a single experiment could prove his theory of relativity wrong. It is wrong to elevate any theory over the plain evidence of observed data.

That paragraph by Bishop McElroy is entirely a statement about the output estimates from computer programs. The fact that many other people from various disciplines have likewise believed the outputs of such computer programs is no guarantee of their validity. Computer models are only as good as their initial assumptions and input data; they do not create any real scientific information, but only compute one particular analysis that

is programmed into the machine. And all computer scientists remember the aphorism “Garbage in equals garbage out.”

McElroy recites the assertion “... deadly heat, devastating rises in water levels and massive exposure to a series of perilous viruses. In addition, there will be severe widespread famines, draughts and massive dislocations of peoples that will cause untold deaths, human suffering and violent conflict.” That is entirely a product of exuberant media coverage of press releases from the IPCC*. Inside each of the 1000+ page IPCC reports are cautious tables of data and frequent statements warning against exaggeration of results, which the media have repeatedly ignored in their rush to promote alarm.

In a communication to scientists 35 years ago, Pope St. John Paul II famously said “Science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.” Scientists responded “Who, us? Idolatry? What’s that?” The ancient Hindu definition of idolatry is “confusing your model with the real thing.” Nowadays, computer programmers write models that try to simulate reality, but everyone who has ever written a model knows its limitations; in particular, long-range predictions are notoriously wild. (Weather predictions stop at less than a week.) The stark reality facing science today is that adhering to a computer model that predicts the future many years out is just plain idolatry.

In 1972 an elaborate computer-modeling study named “The Limits to Growth” was issued, and predicted all sorts of famine and war a century or more ahead. That alarming report led the UN to implement urgent population-control measures. However, when Fr. Robert Brungs SJ and others examined the inner workings of the computer model carefully, they discerned the

hidden faults. Consequently the Catholic Church soon denounced “The Limits to Growth” because of its cavalier disdain for human dignity. In fact, that entire model was a case of mathematical *chaos*, but *chaos* wasn’t recognized until 1984.

Not so in the present day. Thousands of individuals in leadership roles, from prime ministers through clergymen and corporate leaders who attend the *World Economic Forum*, have accepted uncritically the headlines from the synopsis of the summary of the overview, without ever examining the actual IPCC reports – where they would have found words to assuage the imaginary fears promoted by the media. Those leaders are planning to divert vast amounts of spending from real human needs into mitigating climate change -- all because of their *idolatry* toward computer programs.

Bishop McElroy goes on to equate abortion and climate change as “... two monumental threats to human life...”. Wrong! Abortion is an actual daily occurrence, and the staggering numbers worldwide are a valid “data point” which international policy (including Church policy) ought to address. Global warming is an output from a computer terminal, a guess about the distant future. *Real* scientists have no trouble telling the difference between theory and data. We would like to hope that *real* leaders within the Catholic Church would be able to distinguish between a terrible crime and a computer estimate. There is no room for idolatry in the real world.

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