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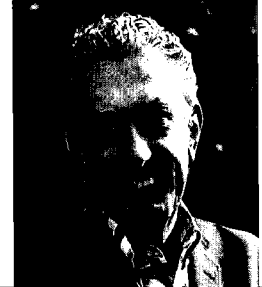
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GUEST SPEAKER: AUSTIN RUSE

President of the Center for Family & Human Rights (C-FAM)

"The crises in our world and in our Church are so immense, so myriad and manifest, that many people turn away in fear or despair. Others lose themselves in nostalgia. Still others squander their time in entertainment," states **Austin Ruse** in his new book, *Under Siege: No Finer Time to Be a Faithful Catholic* [Christian].

He continues: "We were made for this, after all, made for times of trouble. God Himself has called us to this time, not to any other, and not, it seems, to a time of ease and comfort. God sent the likes of us. As Winston Churchill said during the Second World War, this is a great hour to live."



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September 26, 2021

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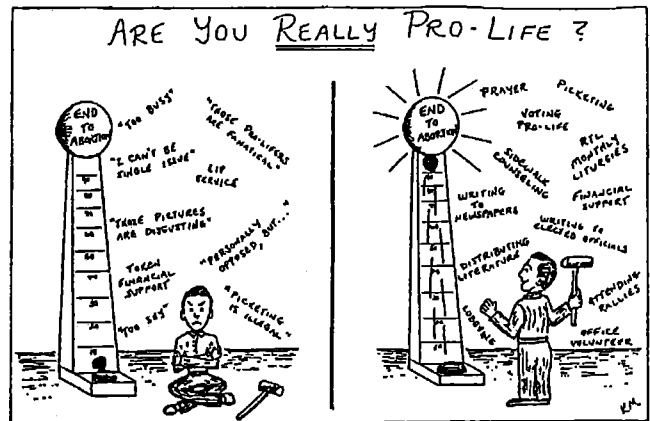
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OUR GUEST SPEAKER, AUSTIN RUSE



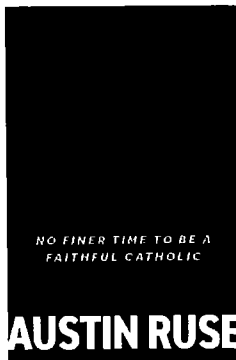
Decades as a Christian leader - most notably at the U.N. as president of the **Center for Family & Human Rights (C-FAM)** - have earned writer **Austin Ruse**, once a Washington liberal with little faith, his share of defeats and triumphs. Ruse and his team have participated in every major UN social policy negotiation since 1997, defending the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life. Having briefed members of the U.S. House and Senate on UN matters, as well as briefing the White House and National Security Council, he has appeared as a specialist in UN matters on a number of national cable networks, with his writings being published in *First Things*, *Washington Times*, *National Review Online*, *Weekly Standard*, *Human Events*, and *Touchstone*, as well as numerous newspapers, while he lectures UN matters in countries throughout the world.

He received a degree in journalism and political science from the **University of Missouri**, and an honorary doctorate from **Franciscan University of Steubenville**.

He and his wife, **former Cathleen Cleaver**, senior legal advisor to the **Family Research Council**, have two daughters, Lucy and Gigi.

Under Siege

In his new book, *Under Siege: No Finer Time to Be a Faithful Catholic*, released just this April, **Austin Ruse** carefully examines how the anti-Christian forces gained power over every elite institution in America. He exposes their most deviant plans for the future. He then issues his authoritative call to arms, brilliantly arguing that there is no finer time to be a faithful



Christian. God Himself called each of us to live in this time and place, to contribute to the renewal of society and the Church, and to vanquish the enemies of civilization.

Ruse argues that each of us is called specifically to this battle, and he provides a roadmap for fighting the major challenges American Christians now face. He identifies the vulnerabilities of the Leftists who appear so dominant today, and he pinpoints Christianity's most potent sources of resistance.

More than anything, Ruse argues that, as dark as these days seem to be, future generations will look upon this generation with envy that they could not have been here with us in these dangerous times when everything seems so lost.

The best days could be ahead for us, but only if we accept - and stick to - this plan to rebuild Christendom.

The Best Commencement Speech

It was in May, 2003, that our oldest daughter, **Jill**, received her degree in nursing from **Franciscan University of Steubenville**. As proud parents, like all parents there, my wife and I attentively took in every part of the commencement exercise.

The main speaker was a well known member of the Catholic hierarchy, who spoke about 30 to 40 minutes, mainly about himself. What a great disappointment after four years of struggling through nursing school, with its ups and downs; we were so discouraged by the sendoff the commencement speaker offered the well-educated young men and women. I thought, could not the University give them a purpose and encouragement?

Next on the agenda, **Fr. Michael Scanlon**, the president of Franciscan, was giving an honorary doctorate to **Austin Ruse**, about whom I knew little, except that he was involved in UN matters. The mic was offered to Mr. Ruse for a few comments, but at this time I was a little bored, looking forward to the program ending.

For about six to seven minutes, this man, not billed the main commencement speaker, addressed these young men and women, giving them a mission for their life, a way to best use the excellent education they had received and the talents they have developed and the experiences that shape their lives, for the greater honor and glory of God, giving them the confidence and encouragement they, and all of us, genuinely need, and reminded them that this was the greatest time to be a Christian, that God has chosen us, at this time, to be His voice, His hands, His loving care.

To this day, I can still recall his address, again being encouraged by his words.

I have yet to hear a better commencement speech.

- **Fred H. Summe, President of NKRTL**

"No one has ever accused me or Austin Ruse of seeing the world through rose-colored glasses. But we agree on this: there's no better time than now to be a faithful Catholic."

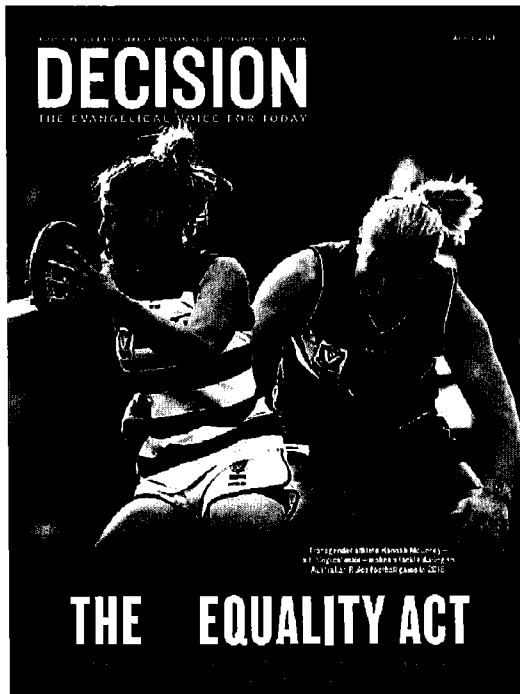
- **Scott Hahn, Professor of Biblical Theology and New Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville**

ONE OF THE MOST ANTI-LIFE, ANTI-FAMILY, AND ANTI-FAITH BILLS IN AMERICAN HISTORY: EQUALITY ACT

In February, 2021, the Democratic-controlled **U.S. House of Representatives** again passed the "Equality Act" by 244 to 206 votes, which included all Democrats and three Republicans.

"One of the most anti-life, anti-family, and anti-faith bills in American history," is how this legislation is described in the April, 2021, magazine, *Decision*, published by the **Billy Graham Evangelistic Association**.

The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, which has consistently opposed this legislation for years, warned that it "would discriminate against people of faith."



Transgender athlete Hannah Mouncey - a biological male - makes a tackle during an Australian Rules football game in 2018.

Decision, published by Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc.
DecisionMagazine.com

Codifying the Lie

Purporting to "prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation," this legislation would codify the lie that there is "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," rising up to the level of a civil right homosexuality, transgenderism, and other perversions of human sexuality. As civil rights legislation was intended to prohibit discrimination based on race or sex, it would now be applied to individuals' self-chosen sexual conduct.

"The Equality Act does nothing to end discrimination," but "the new law would unleash an unprecedented assault on religious freedom and Biblical values, accelerating discrimination against tens of millions of Christians and people of faith," continues the warning expressed in *Decision*.

Since the lie is that there is "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," what will be the outcome of the Equality Act if it ever becomes law?

► **First, various forms of sexual perversion will be declared sexual orientation. Just like what is now being accepted in our nation's schools, homosexuality is taught to be normal, not a deviation from accepted social sexual norms or natural law.**

"Passage of this coercive measure would lay the groundwork for this lie to enter classrooms across the nation, as public educators could be compelled to teach it to their students. No family would be safe from the long reach of the Equality Act," states the **Family Research Council**.

► **The second obvious harm that will be created by this bill is that it will be used to suppress those who espouse Judeo-Christian principles in regards to human sexuality, which includes not only Christians and Jews, but also Muslims.**

"The Equality Act specifically states that religious freedom may *not* be used as a defense under the bill. The legislation applies to churches, religious schools, religious hospitals, religious employers, gathering places, sports, all government entities, and more. Christian adoption agencies will be shut down, too, if they refuse to place children with homosexuals or individuals confused about whether they are men or women. That has already happened in states with similar legislation," reports *The New American*. It continues:

"Outside of some tiny and very narrow exemptions, churches, synagogues, and mosques will no longer be able to uphold marriage between men and women, or any moral standards on sexuality at all. Counselors of faith will be banned from helping people with unwanted same-sex attractions or gender confusion. Christians, Muslims, and Jews will no longer be allowed to seek out counselors to help them deal with those issues. Indeed, under the measure, everyone will have to affirm the LGBT agenda or face persecution and destruction at the hands of the federal government. Churches will lose their tax-exempt status if they do not submit. Schools will lose their accreditation."

As pointed out in *Decision*, "this bill refines religious freedom into something heretofore unrecognizable, ignoring the truth...that religious freedom isn't just about what happens in our churches. It's the freedom to determine what we teach our children and the freedom to live out one's religious beliefs in society. The bill expressly exempts itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act...This would create a new hierarchy of rights that privileges sexual orientation and gender identity above the first constitutionally protected right - religion."

What Are We Doing to Our Children?

It is a lie that someone can simply imagine that they are biologically a different sex. Since there is no real limit on the "reality" one can create by one's imagination, this lie proclaims that one can not only change one's biological sex, but can do so as often as one chooses.

If a man perceives himself to be a woman, removes or mutilates parts of his body through surgery, ingests hormones, dresses in women's clothes, and/or conducts himself in a manner normal of a woman, it is not going to change the reality that he in fact is a man. For others pretending that he is somehow a woman would do him a great disservice, assisting him in escaping from the reality that he is a man and encouraging him to live a delusion.

"If you ask proponents of transgenderism to state the scientific evidence that proves a person can change his or her sex, you are branded a 'bigot.' But the simple fact is that transgender ideology is truly anti-science," explains **David C. Mackereth, M.D.**



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He continues:

"Science tells us it is impossible to change gender; that taking cross-sex hormones, having surgery, living as a member of the opposite sex (and, in the future, transplanting the organs of dead people), all put together cannot render such a change."

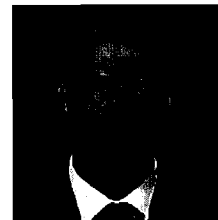
What evil we are doing to children and young adults who are confused about their gender, when we encourage them to accept this lie that they are a woman trapped in a man's body, or that they have a right to choose their sex, by claiming that they can simply change, by their desire, from being a girl to a boy? Are we helping children, or are we destroying them?

The **American College of Pediatrics** recently released the statement: "Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence. Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke, and cancer."

The doctors argue that "Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical or surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful, is child abuse."

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Dr. Paul Hruz, associate professor of Pediatrics, Endocrinology, Cell Biology, and Physiology at **St. Louis' Washington University of Medicine**, expresses his serious concerns about the harm being done to children who are confused about their sex.



Dr. Paul Hruz

"One of the concerns about this particular approach to treating these individuals that have a gender identity that is not in accord with their biology is that it will actually influence how they're able to make that normal integration, and really, **subject them to that need of medical intervention that has potential [for] very serious harms to their bodies throughout the rest of their life**, without even considering whether there are alternative options to help them, and even recognizing that a large number of children that question their gender identity are going to, if merely left alone, realign their identity with their biological sex."

He continues: "We know that giving hormones to individuals that is not in align with their biological sex is not the same thing as giving it to [someone] in levels that are normally present in them. ...These children are very much being harmed."

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~American College of Pediatrics

Common Sense

Whatever happened to common sense? No medical expert or medical study needs to be cited to prove what is so obvious.

"I don't know how anyone could think that something that's so obvious as 'a boy is a boy, and he needs to grow into being a man,' ...can be a question," expresses **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco**.

Three years ago, the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** condemned child "sex-change" practices, stating: "Children especially are harmed when they are told that they can 'change' their sex or, further, be given hormones that will affect their development and possibly render them infertile as adults."

As reported by *lifesitenews*, last fall the **U.K. High Court** ruled that minors under 16 years of age cannot properly consent to puberty blockers, acknowledging "unknown physical consequences" of such drugs, describing these puberty blockers as a "pathway" to sterility and "much greater medical intervention." The Court further stated that these interventions are experimental, and that young people can't fully understand and appreciate the implications of initiating puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries.

Let the Persecution Begin

"Well, certainly the president has put in place - has signed executive orders. He's also used the power of the bully pulpit and his presidency to convey that transgender rights are human rights," states **White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki**.

Not waiting for the enactment of the Equality Act, pro-abortion **President Biden** already signed executive orders that his administration will interpret the nondiscrimination laws in such a way as to require recognition of "sexual orientation and gender identity."

In May, the **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**, following Biden's instructions, announced that it will enforce federal healthcare and anti-discrimination laws to apply to sexual orientation and gender identity, reinstating the **Obama** administration policy, and reversing **Trump's** rule protecting conscience rights of medical providers.

The pro-abortion former attorney general of California, now HHS secretary, **Xavier Becerra**, filed a suit to force doctors and hospitals to perform transgender surgeries, regardless of any religious or conscience objections. (His suit as attorney general to force the **Little Sisters of the Poor** to provide in their healthcare contraceptives, sterilization, and abortifacients, failed, and he is now persecuting the **Religious Sisters of Mercy**, a Michigan-based order of Catholic sisters, one of the defendants in this new case.)

To support the lie that there is such a thing as "sexual orientation" or "gender identity," one needs to create some little lies to help deceive those who wish to be deceived.



With the Democrats in control of Washington, our federal taxes are used to drain the financial resources and the time and attention of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, who are devoted to the care of those in need.

HHS Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Richard Levine, a man who goes by the name of Rachel, claiming that he is in fact a woman, falsely claims that the suit is necessary to protect those who identify as "LGBTQ" from being denied services "to fix a broken bone" or "screen for cancer risk."

As the old adage expresses, he is "creating a straw man, so he can knock it down."

When has anybody, regardless of their sex, or regardless of what they think their sex is, been denied care for a broken arm or for cancer treatment? This lie is like the similar lie used by **Planned Parenthood**, which claims that denying taxpayer funds to their pro-abortion industry would deny women the opportunity to have mammograms. The lie is simply exposed by the truth that no Planned Parenthood facility offers mammograms. Such a lie deceives those who wish to be deceived.

"This move by HHS is a setup to normalize and strong-arm doctors into administering puberty blocking drugs on children, performing sex-change surgeries, and more," states **Brian Burch, president of CatholicVote**. "Catholic hospitals and doctors are likely to come under pressure and scrutiny as a result. The Biden administration has invented a phony crisis in order to launch another attack on faith-based private healthcare."

"Becerra is threatening to put doctors and hospitals that disagree with current transgender ideology out of business, including those with medical, religious, or moral objections to conducting sex-reassignment surgeries on minors," commented **Roger Severino**, at the **Ethics & Public Policy Center**.

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"Worst of all, instead of respecting scientists and doctors who recognize objective biological realities in their professions, it [HHS] brands them as bigots at risk of losing HHS funds," warns Severino.

As reported in *lifesitenews*, "In fact, just two months ago, one of the largest hospitals in Sweden announced it would no longer be giving gender transition drugs to children under 16 due to a lack of understanding about the drugs' effects," noted **Terry Schilling**, with the **American Principles Project**. He continues: "And last year, a High Court in the U.K. ruled against the country's largest gender clinic due to doubt over the ability of children to consent to such 'treatments.'"

It should be noted that the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** has never approved cross-sex hormones or puberty blockers for children with gender dysphoria, and that no long-term study has ever been completed on children subject to such practices.

Women's Sports

As has already taken place in a number of areas of our country, athletic competition is occurring between females that are forced to accept participants who are biological males, claiming the status of a female. In the debates in the **U.S. House of Representatives** prior to the passage by the House of the Equality Act, an amendment was introduced by **Congressman Greg Steube (R-FL)**, stating: "Nothing in this Act may be construed to require a biological female to face competition from a biological male in any sporting event." No Democrat voted for it, and no Republican voted against it; thus, the amendment failed. Is this not conclusive evidence that the Equality Act will destroy women's sports?

Adoption Agencies

In a statement opposing the Equality Act, the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** warned that it would "discriminate against people of faith" and "inflict numerous legal and social harms on Americans of any faith or none."

The USCCB issued a strong warning that this legislation would "punish faith-based charities such as shelters and foster care agencies, and in turn their thousands of beneficiaries, simply because of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality."

The bishops continued that this legislation would "risk mandating taxpayers to pay for abortions, and healthcare workers with conscience objections to perform them, ultimately ending more human lives."

In the last few years, adoption agencies and foster care services in states and cities controlled by a Democratic majority have been forced to close for refusing to place children with homosexual couples. In Philadelphia, Buffalo, Massachusetts, Illinois, California, and the District of Columbia, Catholic charities and other faith-based child welfare providers are no longer able to participate in foster placement programs and/or be licensed as an adoption agency.

Kentucky has now joined this effort, under the leadership of the pro-abortion **Governor Andy Beshear**. As reported by the *Louisville Courier Journal*: The regulations ban programming that "characterizes in any manner any sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as immoral, unnatural, unacceptable, or invalid." And the regulations require access to "gender-affirming medical care by medical and mental health providers." As reported by this newspaper, Beshear has decided to stop placing children with **Sunrise Children's Services**, an adoption agency affiliated with the **Kentucky Baptist Convention**, and one of the state's largest private providers of foster care, adoption, and childcare services, caring for over 1,000 children a year.

The **Southern Baptist Convention**, which teaches that homosexual sex is a sin, and which teaches that marriage is only between one man and one woman, is now being denied its calling to help children who are in great need.



Sunrise Children's Services, an adoption agency affiliated with Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be unable to serve children if Gov. Andy Beshear is successful in shutting them down.

"But now you can see right here in Kentucky that inevitable collision between the newly invented sexual liberties of the LGBTQ and religious liberty, actually ensconced in and respected in the text of the United States Constitution, even in the First Amendment," expresses **Dr. Albert Mohler, president of Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**. "It [Sunrise] has not surrendered."

"The [Beshear] administration's primary concern should be to help children. In what way does putting a religious charitable organization in a position of either denying its own principles or forsaking the children it assists, help those children? How does it help anybody?" asks **Martin Cothran with the Family Foundation of Kentucky**.

"The Beshear administration is basically telling a Baptist service organization that they can either continue to serve children as long as they give up being Baptist, or continue being Baptist and give up serving children. Maybe the administration thinks it is helping itself by advocating for the causes of its liberal constituency. The Beshear administration needs to consider why it was that the previous administration chose a different path," remarks Cothran.

On the other hand, as the *Louisville Courier Journal* reports, **Grace Akers, CEO of St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville**, stated that she accepts the state's anti-discrimination language. "Not only are we abiding by that, we are actively recruiting gay and lesbian families for adoption and married couples regardless of sexual identification."

What happened to the principle that adoption and foster care agencies existed, first and foremost, for the benefit of the child? Now, their purpose is supposed to include promoting an evil ideology.

THE MOST PRO-ABORTION PRESIDENT: "CATHOLIC" JOE BIDEN

In less than six months as being president, **Joe Biden** has well established that he has consistently taken actions to have children, the world over, destroyed by the painful death of abortion.

- By executive order issued on January 28, he repealed the pro-life **Mexico City Policy**, restoring millions of taxpayer funds to **International Planned Parenthood Federation**, which not only assures that unborn children will be destroyed throughout the world, but also that countries, especially in Africa and South America, will be denied foreign aid if they do not legalize, or keep legal, abortion.

- Joe Biden's administration introduced the rule to again allow **Planned Parenthood** and other abortion providers to receive taxpayer funding from **Title X**.

- The \$1.9 trillion Reconciliation Package includes billions of dollars for funding abortions.

- Biden's **Food and Drug Administration** suspended the requirement that abortion drugs could not be distributed by mail without a woman being seen by the abortionist in person.

- To various cabinet and other government positions, he has appointed medical pro-abortion individuals, the best example of which is his appointment of the California attorney general, **Xavier Becerra**, to head the **Department of Health and Human Services**.

- Under President Biden's administration, **The National Institutes of Health (NIH)** will again fund research on aborted baby body parts.

- Biden is pressuring members of Congress to enact the **Equality Act**, which would force medical providers to provide abortion disservices.



Unborn Baby, 10 Weeks Old

WHY did so many Americans refuse to vote for me?

"Joe Biden has spent his first 100 days in office ensuring that no one on the left can complain that he hasn't done enough to expand access to elective abortion on the taxpayer dime," states the *National Review*.

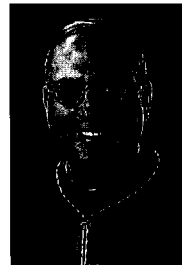
DISUNITY IN THE CATHOLIC HIERARCHY CONTINUES TO WIDEN

In NKRTL's April, 2021, newsletter, the article "Great Disunity in the Catholic Hierarchy" addressed the issue coming before the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** as to whether pro-abortion public officeholders should be told not to present himself or herself to receive Holy Communion.

Faced with the scandal that the most pro-abortion president claims that he is a faithful Catholic, the U.S. bishops are being pressured to do that which they should have done years ago - issue a definitive statement that a public officeholder who supports and/or votes for the continued legalization of abortion be denied, as unworthy, to receive Holy Communion.

At their June meeting, the USCCB will vote on whether its **Committee on Doctrine** will continue its efforts to prepare a document on "Eucharistic Coherence," which would be released at a later date.

As chair of the **USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities**, **Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City** stated: "Because President Biden is Catholic, it presents a unique problem for us. It can create confusion...How can he say he's a devout Catholic and he's doing these things that are contrary to the church's teaching?"

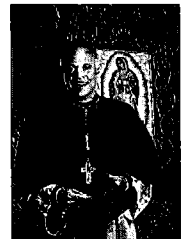


Besides the bishops quoted in NKRTL's April, 2021, newsletter, a number of other bishops have now issued public statements, the following of which are just a few.

► A *Pastoral Letter* was issued by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco**, the diocese in which **Democratic Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi**, resides.

"I tremble that if I do not forthrightly challenge Catholics under my pastoral care who advocate for abortion, both they and I will have to answer to God for innocent blood," teaches the Archbishop. "Abortion is the axe laid to the roots of the tree of human rights. When our culture encourages the violation of life at its youngest and most vulnerable condition, other ethical norms cannot stand for long."

The Archbishop identifies "another source of scandal that pertains specifically to Catholics in public life: If their participation in the evil of abortion is not addressed forthrightly by their pastors, this can lead Catholics (and others) to assume that the moral teaching of the Catholic Church on the inviolate sanctity of human life is not seriously held."



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► As reported in the Catholic *The Wanderer*, **Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver** called it an error for Catholics to hold "that any baptized Catholic can receive Communion if he or she simply desires to do so. ...

"None of us have the freedom to approach the altar of the Lord without a proper examination of conscience and

proper repentance if grave sin has been committed. The Eucharist is a gift, not an entitlement, and the sanctity of that gift is only diminished by unworthy reception," teaches the Archbishop.

"Because of the public scandal caused, this is especially true in the case of public officials who persistently govern in violation of the natural law, particularly the preeminent issues of abortion and euthanasia, the taking of innocent life, as well as other actions that fail to uphold the Church's teaching regarding the dignity of life."

► **Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois**, expresses: "I'm talking about their external actions. If they're living in a way of holding positions that are contrary to Church teaching, then the Minister of Communion has to deny them the sacrament."



► In his apostolic exhortation on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, **Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix** teaches that the Church "requires Catholic leaders who have publicly supported gravely immoral laws such as abortion and euthanasia to refrain from receiving Holy Communion until they publicly repent and receive the



Sacrament of Penance."

► On the other hand, **Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C.**, **Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky**, and **Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego** characterize denying pro-abortion politicians Holy Communion as being misguided and that they would give such a politician Holy Communion.

A Vatican Cardinal Undercuts the Pro-Life Effort

To the dismay of pro-lifers the world over, a cardinal in the Vatican undercut the U.S. bishops long overdue addressing whether pro-abortion Catholic politicians should be denied Communion, in order to counter the scandal which misleads many Catholics and non-Catholics to perceive that under the Catholic Church's teaching, the issue of abortion should be of little concern.



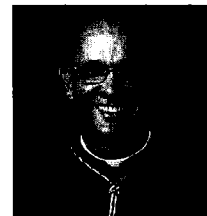
Cardinal Ladaria

On May 7, **Cardinal Luis F. Ladaria, S.J.**, the prefect of the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith**, appointed by **Pope Francis**, issued a letter to **Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the USCCB**, in which the Cardinal advised "that dialogue among the bishops be undertaken to preserve the unity of the episcopal conference in the face of disagreements over this controversial topic."

The question arises, why to the U.S. bishops this is such a controversial topic. Dialogue should be taken, not to preserve unity, but to discern the truth. Is maintaining collegiality the main goal, or should the loss of souls be the bishops' primary focus?

There can only be unity in Truth.

"There is no doubt that a politician who actively protects abortion and strives to make it more accessible also risks his or her salvation," writes **Bishop James Wall of Gallup, New Mexico**. He adds: "Speaking the truth at times appears to create division, but often it simply exposes the division that already exists. If Catholics cannot agree on protecting the helpless unborn, then our unity is superficial at best and illusory at worst."



Cardinal Ladaria continued that the bishops should conduct a similar dialogue with the Catholic politicians "within their jurisdiction who adopt a pro-choice position regarding abortion legislation, euthanasia, or other moral evils, as a means of understanding the nature of their positions and their comprehension of Catholic teaching."

When will dialogue end? For over 47 years of legalized killing the unborn child, public officeholders surely are well acquainted with the Catholic Church's teaching on abortion, as faithful Catholics are well aware of it. The nature of "their positions or their comprehension of Catholic teaching" need not to be addressed. It is their persistent rejection of that Catholic teaching, through their words, actions, and votes, that has led to the painful destruction of over 70 million unborn American children.

Cardinal Ladaria continues, stating: "It would be misleading if such a statement were to give the impression that abortion and euthanasia alone constitute the only grave matters of Catholic moral and social teaching that demand the fullest accountability on the part of Catholics."

On behalf of an unborn child who is about to undergo the painful death of abortion, please, Cardinal, tell us what are the other grave matters of Catholic moral and social teaching that also demand the fullest accountability on the part of Catholics. Surely if he has some in mind, he would have not missed an opportunity to clearly state them.

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Cardinal Ladaria's letter would lead one to doubt whether he is in fact pro-life, for he uses the terminology of those in favor of legalized killing of the unborn child. In addition to the sentence above, the Cardinal employs the term "pro-choice" three other times, and refers to "pro-choice politicians" twice, as well as referring to "pro-choice legislation" and a "pro-choice position."

As noted by *lifesitenews*, "Furthermore, popes and members of the hierarchy have consistently referred to supporters of abortion in precise terms, not the ambiguous 'pro-choice' as favored by abortion supporters."

Contrast this with *Evangelium Vitae*, issued by Pope John Paul II in 1995, in which he states: "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

"Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize," the Pope continued. "There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead, there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection."



"A MIRACLE IN MY LIFE"



Desiree Burgess Alford, with her now 10-year-old daughter

The following are excerpts from an article published by *lifeneews*:

Desiree Burgess Alford was single, unemployed, and just beating an alcohol addiction when she found out that she was pregnant.

The Epoch Times reports Alford, of Black Diamond, Washington, recently shared how, the night before her abortion appointment, God answered her prayers for a sign, and she chose life for her daughter.

"The night before my appointment, God worked a miracle in my life," she wrote on [Facebook](#) recently. "Not a day goes by that I don't think about all that I ALMOST missed out on. It's hard to even type, but I share to hopefully inspire another person that is in the middle of a hardship."

Ten years ago, Alford said she was starting to get her life together again. She said she had just celebrated being sober for nine months after overcoming an alcohol addiction. Still, she did not have a job, a husband, or stability.

So, when she found out that she was pregnant, Alford felt devastated, according to the report.

"I told God that if I was supposed to keep this baby, He needed to send me a sign as clear as that sky," she recalled.

Little did she know...Desiree's parents had invited a middle-aged couple to talk to Desiree about their own painful abortion experience shortly after getting married.

The couple's story was just one sign. God also spoke to her through a sermon at church that evening.

"Sometimes our pain wrecks us for good," she said. "Who knew that this sweet angel would be exactly what I needed. She would be the inspiration behind my business, and God would use her life to transform mine."

PRAY TO STOP

ABORTION

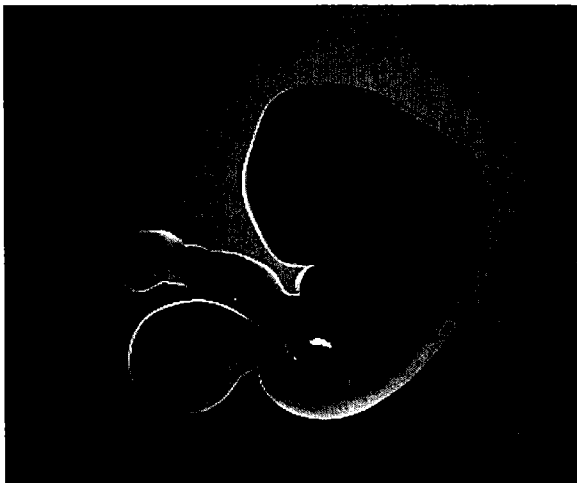
**TEXAS GOV. GREG ABBOTT SIGNS
THE TEXAS HEARTBEAT BILL,
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As reported by *lifeneews*, Gov. Greg Abbott stated the bill "...ensures that the life of every unborn child who has a heartbeat will be saved from the ravages of abortion."

State Sen. Eddie Lucio, a pro-life Democrat who **Planned Parenthood** has labeled a racist, defended the legislation: "To stand for abortion really makes a mockery of the sanctity of life."

To prop up the big lie of abortion, which denies the reality that an individual human life begins at fertilization, little lies need to be created to deceive those who wish to be deceived. The abortion industry and their fanatical supporters in the mainstream news media quickly claimed that a child six weeks old does not have a heartbeat. (At the same time, they never mention at what stage of development a child does have a heartbeat.)



5-week old embryo

- DAY 20** Foundations of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system are already established.
- DAY 21** The heart begins to beat.
- DAY 28** The backbone and muscles are forming. Arms, legs, eyes, and ears have begun to show.
- DAY 35** Five fingers can be discerned to the hand. The eyes darken as pigment is produced.
- DAY 40** Brain waves can be detected.
- WEEK 6** The liver is now taking over the production of blood cells, and the brain begins to control movement of muscles and organs.

The First Nine Months
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The **Mayo Clinic** and the **University of Oxford** have long confirmed that an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable by about six weeks of pregnancy, reports *lifeneews*. In fact, in 2016, researchers at the University of Oxford determined that "the heart may actually begin beating earlier - as soon as 16 days after conception."

The Endowment for Human Development reports that the unborn child's heart at six weeks already has four chambers and is beating.

No matter when an unborn child develops a heart, or when it starts to beat, the reality is that he or she is a human person, who from the moment of fertilization is a person with a soul who will live forever. Little lies and big lies will not change this reality.



8-week old embryo



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For over 45 years, **Margie Marie Huth** (nee Heringer) served as a Board member of **Northern Kentucky Right to Life**. On May 3, 2021, Margie went home to God. Throughout the many years, Margie worked tirelessly as an office volunteer, helped to put together our newsletter for mail outs, helped to update and maintain the mailing list, assisted at the Celebration for Life, stuffed many an envelope, and provided her insight, advice, inspiration, and encouragement to the Board of Directors. Along with her late husband, Dr. Tom Huth, they became an exemplary pro-life couple, who generously gave of their time, efforts, and finances for the rights of unborn children. Please remember in your prayers this most faithful servant and her family.



Margie Huth



PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

EVERY SATURDAY we join together at 8:00 a.m. at **Holy Name Church**, Auburn and McMillan Avenues, Cincinnati, starting with Mass, Eucharistic Exposition, and Rosary procession to the **Planned Parenthood** abortion site, where innocent blood is shed.

"Can you not watch one hour with Me?" Mt. 26:40

"Finally, studies on handicapped children have indicated that their frustrations are no greater than those experienced by perfectly normal children. To this latter fact I can attest. My life has been spent with children who are less than one would consider totally normal, and I have considered it a privilege to be involved with extending the life of these youngsters.

"In the thousands of such circumstances in which I have participated, I have never had a parent ask me why I tried so hard to save the life of their defective child. Now that I am seeing children I operated upon years ago bring me their children for care, I have never had an old patient ask me why I worked so hard to save his or her life. Nor has a parent ever expressed to me the wish that his child had not been saved." C. Everett Koop, M.D., world-renowned Philadelphia pediatric surgeon, and former U.S. Surgeon General