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NKRTL'S 35TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008



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Human Life International is, of course, one of the premiere orthodox and uncompromising Pro-Life organizations in the nation, having been founded more than 35 years ago by **Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B.**, who was called “the Apostle of Life” by **Pope Paul VI**, and was told by **Pope John Paul II**, “You are doing the most important work on earth.”

Dr. Brian Clowes

HLI is blessed to be served now for several years by its current President, **Fr. Thomas Euteneuer**, an outstanding, courageous, and uncompromising Pro-Life spokesman.

In the Winter 2008 issue of HLI's magazine, *Front Line*, it publicly excoriated the approval by the **Connecticut Bishops Conference** of the administration of the “Plan B” “morning-after” pill in Catholic hospitals in cases of rape, pointing out that the statement of the bishops contained “extremely egregious errors.”

Fr. Euteneuer pointed out: “The truth is that there is absolutely no doubt about how the ‘Plan B’ pills work,” citing the manufacturer’s own literature that the pill, among other things, prevents implantation in the womb of the newly conceived human being, and thus is an abortion.

The article pointed out also the unmistakably clear and exception-less consistent teaching of the Catholic Church, reiterated again by the Pontifical Academy For Life in October of 2001: “From the ethical standpoint the same absolute unlawfulness of abortifacient procedures also applies to distributing, prescribing, and taking the morning-after pill. All who, whether sharing the intention or not, directly cooperate with this procedure, are also morally responsible for it.”

The same issue of the magazine addressed the question that refuses to die, although is avoided by the majority of Catholic bishops, “Should we deny Communion to dissenters on Church teaching?” It answered that question, “Yes,” and the reason is very simple: “Those who are not *in* communion should not *receive* Communion. That is fundamentally the position of our Church.”

The article cited this clear teaching as contained in a 2004 letter to American bishops by then-Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI), which was based upon Canon 915 of the Canon Law.

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A third article in the issue addressed the scandalous situation of the approval by **Holy Cross College President Fr. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.** of a program on campus with sponsors and presenters that included such strident pro-abortion organizations as **Planned Parenthood Federation of America** and **National Abortion Rights Action League**. To his credit, Worcester, Massachusetts, Bishop Robert J. McManus asked Fr. McFarland to withdraw the college's facilities from organizations whose teachings are "contrary to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church," due to the scandal to the faithful, but Fr. McFarland declined, stating that we should not "run away from public discussions of issues that are important to us just because of the presence of those whose positions or activities we find to be wrong."

HLI observed: "So, may we expect Holy Cross to host a conference of child molesters, pornographers, Nazis, or Ku Klux Klansmen next? The one great problem with accommodating evil is that you never know where to draw the line."

HLI awarded Fr. McFarland its "Millstone Award." "Woe to the world because of scandals! For it must needs be that scandals come, but woe to the man through whom scandal does come! ...It were better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." **Matthew 18:6-7**

In the Spring 2008 issue of *Front Line*, Fr. Euteneuer publicly called for the firing of **University of Notre Dame President, Fr. John Jenkins**, for his approval of the presentation on campus of the play, *The Vagina Monologues*:

"This is really getting tiresome. For 40 years, Catholic university presidents have been intimidated and afraid of 'offending' ideological feminists and others who have undisguised contempt for the Catholic Church. They have been welcomed to these campuses, and have been spitting in the eye of the Church ever since. ...Catholics deserve better from a university named for Our Lady."

Continuing his unapologetic defense of orthodoxy, Fr. Euteneuer in the same magazine issue called upon the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** to fire the Director of the Office for Film and Broadcasting of the Conference for his positive reviews of immoral or anti-Catholic films, including the homosexual promo film, *Brokeback Mountain*, and the atheist indoctrination film, *The Golden Compass*: "I urgently ask the bishops to correct this anomaly at the headquarters and restore the dignity of the Conference, which has been sullied by this man."

If you want to hear truth, unadulterated by apology, exception, or that dreaded word "nuance," come hear Dr. Clowes expose the "Demographic Impacts of Abortion and the Population Control Agenda," on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the Drawbridge Estates, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. The doors

open at 1:15 p.m., followed by the showing of a Pro-Life film at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and exhibits will be available at 2 p.m., with the program commencing at 2:30 p.m. (Free babysitting is provided). Tickets (\$10.00 each) can be obtained by sending your check, payable to NKRTL, to Northern Kentucky Right to Life, 1822 Madison Avenue, P.O. Box 1202, Covington, Kentucky 41012, tel. (859) 431-6380.

The size of the crowd is individually the responsibility of each of us to bring our friends, relatives, pastors, healthcare providers, etc., to give appropriate study and consideration to these crucial issues and to be advised by an experienced observer/participant who has been in the field for many years.

"PLANNED BARRENHOOD" - AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!?!

The newly released **Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)** 2006-2007 Annual Report shows that the abortion behemoth has increased the number of abortions it committed from 264,943 in 2005 to 289,650 in 2006. In the years since *Roe v. Wade*, PPH has killed more Americans than all the wars that America has ever fought.

Total revenue amounts to over \$1 billion, with the organization's profit margin soaring from \$55.7 million in 2005 to \$112 million in 2006.

Taxpayer dollars played a major role in that profit with the report acknowledging receipt of more than \$336 million in government grants and contracts.

Time to Withdraw Our Tax Dollars

In this time when we hear about declining economy, cutting of important social programs, etc., isn't it about time that we withdrew from this behemoth baby-killing profiteer the American tax dollars which could be diverted to really worthwhile programs, or indeed to personal use of the taxpayers?

The Commonwealth of Virginia has just zeroed out PPH's funding in a bill that passed the Senate there by the narrowest of margins, a tie vote broken with a Pro-Life vote cast by **Lt. Governor Bowling**. That bill cut half a million dollars in funding from the abortion giant.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of 20th-century civil rights leader **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, who was with some other black leaders at an April 24th demonstration outside a Washington, D.C., Planned Parenthood clinic, stated: "I agree with the growing number of American voices who demand that Planned Parenthood's tax-supported funding cease. Every political candidate should be asked to stop this funding if elected."

This is a doable project and should be pursued by each of us through our state legislators as well as through our U.S. senators and members of the U.S. House of Representatives, where a similar de-funding bill came close to passage last year.

It's about time to hit this bloated snake in the pocketbook!

A TALE OF TWO COLLEGES: NKU IN CAMPBELL COUNTY VS. TMC IN KENTON COUNTY

Two years ago, abortion was an untouchable topic at **Northern Kentucky University**, spoken of only by pro-abortion feminist professors.

Then, an interested group of students, led by **Katie Walker**, formed **Northern Right to Life**, brought in speakers, and courageously faced the lawless, anarchistic violence of a feminist professor and her graduate students who ripped up the crosses implanted by Northern Right to Life on campus with university permit. The students then followed through and saw to the prosecution of these people for their criminal acts.

Now, two years later, the campus right-to-life chapter is flourishing, sharing facts about abortion with their fellow students and faculty, and just this spring brought in the Genocide Project, produced by the Center for Bioethical Reform, with graphic and descriptive undeniable comparisons to other forms of historical genocide including the Final Solution (Europe in the 1930s-1940s), slavery (U.S. in the 1700s-1800s), and abortion (U.S. today).

The graphic displays presented posters of a Nazi concentration camp, a body after a lynching, and an aborted baby, which carried written headlines "Religious Choice," "Racial Choice," and "Reproductive Choice."

"Abortion is the ultimate genocide," said Katie Walker. "It's mass murder justified by age, size, and level of dependency. There is no difference between the unborn and the born, and their murder is nothing more than genocide of the weakest and most abandoned members of society."

The two-day program concluded with speakers who addressed abortion, racial prejudice, and Native American genocide.

We are proud to report that Ms. Walker, a longtime and strong supporter of Northern Kentucky Right to Life, who just graduated in May, will be moving to Front Royal, Virginia, where she has just been appointed by **American Life League** as Director of Communications - a notable loss to this area, but a magnificent contribution to the principled, uncompromising Pro-Life movement nationally, spearheaded by such organizations as American Life League, PO Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555.

Meanwhile, Across Town...

According to a 3/10/08 article in the *Kentucky Enquirer*, **Thomas More College** began sponsoring a 10-week web class taught by **Oprah Winfrey**, widely known strident pro-abortionist, and author **Eckhart Tolle**, a well-known New Age guru who presents openly pro-abortion, pro-homosexual "marriage" positions.

NKRTL immediately transmitted a letter to **Covington Diocesan Bishop Roger J. Foys** and **TMC President Sr. Margaret M. Stallmeyer**, protesting this abomination upon Catholic premises. NKRTL pointed out that the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** had on 6/18/04 adopted a policy that NKRTL had been advocating for years, and which has long been in place by the **Knights of Columbus** and many other dioceses, to deny Church facilities to such speakers for the reason that such appearance on Catholic premises obviously gives credibility and acceptability to those who publicly oppose fundamental Catholic moral teachings, and scandalously confuses the faithful as to the severity of the issue of abortion. We pointed out that if Winfrey and Tolle had espoused anti-Semitic positions or racist positions, they surely would not be invited or promoted by the college, and requested that the 10-week online campus class be canceled.

As of the printing of this newsletter, neither Bishop Foys nor Sr. Stallmeyer nor anyone on their behalf have responded to our concerns.

Although Bishop Foys has continued his policy of banning all of his priests from Northern Kentucky Right to Life activities, from offering Masses sponsored by NKRTL, from allowing NKRTL's literature to be distributed in the back of churches, and in not allowing the diocesan newspaper to accept ads from NKRTL-PAC, etc., those who support the killing of unborn children continue to be promoted, sponsored, and welcomed to speak at Church facilities.

Follow-up correspondence requesting relief from this abomination went to Covington Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Director Karen Riegler, Diocesan Chancellor Margaret Schack, and Diocesan Vicar General Fr. Michael Due, pointing out that the above-cited policy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been adopted as a matter of policy in this diocese by the recent Diocesan Synod, and is being ignored. This letter was likewise ignored.

Inconsistency continues among the bishops – even on their own resolutions approved by the NCCB. The newly appointed Archbishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Most Rev. John Nienstedt, has just ordered a cancellation of a pro-abortion speaker scheduled to speak at a parish there, pointing out that the cancellation was because of the scheduled speaker's public advocacy of abortion. Unfortunately, the parish simply relocated the venue of the pro-abortionist's talk to a retreat center operated by an order of Catholic nuns, and the Archbishop has not seemed to notice that the barbarians are not at the gates, but in fact inside the walls.

Dissent Flourishes When Authority Abdicates

The most recent public defiance of the clear teaching of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Covington Synod, of excluding pro-abortionists from Catholic premises, occurred at Covington Catholic High School, which invited a stridently pro-abortion politician to speak to the student body and proudly proclaimed the invitation on its sign at the entrance to the parking lot on Dixie Highway in Park Hills: "Welcome, Bruce Lunsford."

Lunsford has a long track record of supporting and financially backing pro-abortion candidates who have promised, and have kept their promises, to keep the killing machine in place. (As a candidate for U.S. Senate in the current Democratic primary, he declined to answer NKRTL's 2008 candidate questionnaire, as he has always refused to answer such questionnaires when he sought public office in prior years.) This flagrant violation of Church teaching occurred weeks before the primary election in which Mr. Lunsford's name appeared on the ballot.

A letter calling attention to this most recent and egregious violation of Church teaching was sent to the Covington Catholic High School principal as well as to Covington Bishop Roger J. Foys – with the usual answer – none!

Church doctrine and discipline are routinely ignored when the shepherd responsible for their enforcement looks away, in silent acquiescence.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, AND THE RIDICULOUS

The University of St. Thomas, Houston, recently canceled a faculty and staff invitation for a pro-abortion advocate who had been scheduled to speak on campus. This university is one of only 21 recommended Catholic colleges in the *Cardinal Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College*, recommended as adhering to basic Catholic principles. The 200-plus Catholic colleges surveyed included 28 Jesuit colleges, none of which qualified as authentic Catholic institutions.

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At the Annual Conference of University Faculty for Life, held at Marquette University, attorney Robert C. Cetrulo, President of Northern Kentucky Right to Life, presented his legal research paper, "Constitutional Personhood of the Unborn Child." UFL is a national organization consisting of persons from multiple disciplines who have taught at the college level and are active in the Pro-Life movement.

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Another faithful successor to the Apostles, Minneapolis-St. Paul Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, has just exercised his shepherd's authority (and duty) by cancelling two pro-homosexual speakers at a Catholic facility in his diocese. The Archbishop reiterated the previously enunciated policy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: "Catholic churches, colleges, and other institutions should not give awards, honors, or platforms to persons who, whether Catholic or not, hold public positions contrary to the Church's defined teaching. To do so would cause scandal, leading Catholics to be confused about what is right and wrong according to the teachings of the Church, promoting them to endorse or even to commit immoral behavior."

Archbishop Nienstedt's statement continued to condemn a published pro-homosexual report: "Always Our Children" as "not a normative teaching statement of the bishops' conference."

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOW DIVIDED OVER FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES, JUST AS OTHER FAITH COMMUNITIES

If it seems to the reader that we are spending a great deal of time pointing out the fidelity problems

within the Catholic Church, the answer is that that is a major part of the problem of societal decline today.

Bishop Elio Sgreccia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, issued a statement following the just-concluded 2008 meeting of that Congregation in Rome, in which he affirmed that the position of the Church on the use of the abortifacient pill called "Plan B" has not changed. The only authoritative teaching of the Church on this subject was issued in 2000 by the Pontifical Academy for Life, absolutely prohibiting the use of the pill under any circumstance, including in cases of rape, because the pill contains a chemical property that causes destruction of human life after conception of the unborn child:

"From the ethical standpoint, the same absolute unlawfulness of abortifacient procedures also applies to distributing, prescribing, and taking the *morning-after* pill. All who, whether sharing the intention or not, directly cooperate with this procedure are also morally responsible for it."

This clear teaching was reiterated most recently by **Pope Benedict XVI** in October 2007, speaking to Catholic pharmacists.

Brazilian Archbishop Jose Cardoso Sobrinho has just condemned the morning-after pill, and all of those connected with its use, in the strongest possible terms: "This policy is wicked and immoral, and in this case, both those who use it and those who incite its use are committing a crime punishable by excommunication."

This is consistent of course with the teaching of the Encyclical by **John Paul II**, *The Gospel of Life*, Section 62 (March 25, 1995): "The abortion excommunication affects all those who commit this crime with knowledge of the penalty attached, and thus includes those accomplices without which the crime would not have been committed."

An equally explicit excommunication statement was issued by all of the **Catholic bishops in Honduras**, stating that the morning-after pill "is abortifacient, since it deliberately and directly ends the life of a human being immediately after conception. ...It is not possible to be living members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and also to be accomplices in abortion. Those who are involved are offending the God of life, and cutting themselves off from communion with the Body of Christ."

Another U.S. Catholic bishop following the clear teaching of the Catholic Church is **Bishop Michael Sheridan** of Colorado Springs, who says he does not and would not permit Plan B to be used in Catholic hospitals and if the state attempted to force that, he would have the Church pull out of hospitals rather than compromise the faith.

Meanwhile, unborn babies are routinely being destroyed through the use of this pill administered at St. Elizabeth Catholic Hospital in Northern Kentucky, with the express written consent of the four Catholic bishops in Kentucky, Roger J. Foys of Covington, Ronald Gainer of Lexington, John J. McRaith of

Owensboro, and (then) Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville.

Pro-Lifers in Kentucky are hopeful for a change in this disastrous policy, with the arrival a few months ago in Louisville of a new Archbishop, Most. Rev. Joseph Kurtz. One of Archbishop Kurtz's first actions was to join on a cold Saturday with the faithful Pro-Life prayer vigil in front of the abortuary there in Louisville, which prompted the attendance also of lay people who had not previously participated in the prayer vigil, according to a story in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

What is Holy Communion, and What Does it Mean "to be in communion"?

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that Holy Communion, i.e., the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, constitutes the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, in an un-bloody, re-presentation of Calvary, in accord with the clear teaching of the Gospel of St. John, and that its unworthy reception is a sacrilege, a sin of the highest order (**I Corinthians 11:27-29**).

Moreover, Church law (Canon No. 915) specifically prohibits an unrepentant, public sinner from receiving Communion, because of course that would desecrate the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and in addition give grave scandal to the faithful who would thus be aware of this moral cognitive dissonance. Such prohibition clearly and unquestionably applies to politicians who claim the Catholic faith but simultaneously publicly support and daily vote for the wholesale destruction of the most innocent member of the human family, the unborn child, such as **Senator Kennedy, Senator Leahy, Senator Dodd, Congresswoman Pelosi, Mayor Giuliani**, etc. (to say nothing also of their second and third illicit "marriages").

This issue was raised several years ago when then-**Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI)** wrote a very clear letter to that effect to the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, stating that Communion "must be denied to politicians who persist in their open and active support of the destruction of the most innocent member of the human family."

The USCCB declined to issue a public statement or take a public position, although a number of American Catholic bishops have enforced this clear meaning of Canon Law, while the majority have chosen to remain silent. Several prominent U.S. bishops, under the leadership of **now-retired Washington Archbishop Theodore McCarrick**, have publicly refused to follow this teaching of the Holy Father founded upon Canon Law.

The issue was raised again by Pope Benedict XVI on his recent visit to the United States: "Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?" Throughout his trip here, he repeated the core message of his six-day pilgrimage – that faith must play a role in public life, citing the requirement to oppose abortion.

At a Papal Mass in Washington, D.C., pro-abortion **Senators Kerry and Dodd** presented themselves and received Holy Communion. Senator Kennedy also received Holy Communion.

Washington's Archbishop Donald Wuerl, who acquiesced in this abomination (and who indeed had sent personal invitations to these apostates, when seating was by invitation only), attempted to practice political-ease, asserting that the care of the souls of members of Congress belongs to the bishops of their home dioceses, and that he has no authority to prohibit their reception of Communion in Washington, D.C.

Noted Canon lawyer, **Edward Peters**, recently debunked this flimsy excuse on national Catholic radio, on the **AI Kresta** program, stating that the Archbishop should stop making such foolish statements that he does not have authority or jurisdiction in his diocese over who receives the sacraments in his diocese.

Serious Catholic Pro-Lifers are wondering when the Pope is going to publicly censure these "cafeteria Catholic" bishops who, like their pro-abortion communicants, "pick and choose" (the definition of the Greek word "heretic") which teachings they will follow. Until that happens, these false shepherds continue to commit the sin of scandal, misleading the faithful into disregarding mandatory serious teachings of the Church, and simultaneously failing in their duty to "correct the sinner."

New York Archbishop Edward Egan has just publicly chastised former Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani** for receiving Communion, contrary to a promise that Giuliani had made in a private conference with Archbishop Egan, who had explained to him the teaching of the Church and the Canon Law on this question. Although Mayor Giuliani is divorced and remarried outside of the Church, Archbishop Egan did not cite that fact in his public statement admonishing the onetime Republican presidential candidate. Instead, the Archbishop said that he had reached an agreement with Giuliani "that he was not to receive the Eucharist because of his well-known support of abortion." Archbishop Egan's statement was released just after the publication of a syndicated column by the influential Catholic journalist, **Robert Novak**, who asserted that the action of the American prelates allowing prominent political supporters of abortion to receive Communion had betrayed the Pope and "reflected disobedience to Benedict by the archbishops of New York and Washington." The *Catholic World Report* issue of June 2008 noted that Egan's action has now put additional pressure on **Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl** to make a similar ruling regarding politicians in his archdiocese.

Most recently, **Kansas Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann** has publicly directed **Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebellius**, a pro-abortion "Catholic," not to present herself for Holy Communion until she takes "the necessary steps for amendment of her life, which would include a public repudiation of her previous efforts and

actions in support of laws and policies approving abortion." Sebellius is the daughter of former Ohio governor **John Gilligan**, himself a supporter of abortion although a former professor years ago at **Xavier University** in Cincinnati. She has been a strong supporter for the presidential election of the strident pro-abortionist **Barack Obama** and is being strongly considered as his vice presidential nominee.

The Archbishop made that directive public by an article in his archdiocesan newspaper, pointing out that he had made every effort to inform and persuade Governor Sebellius: "I have not made lightly this request of Governor Sebellius, but only after much prayer and reflection. The spiritually lethal message, communicated by our governor, as well as by many other high-profile Catholics in public life, has been in effect: 'The church's teaching on abortion is optional.'"

Archbishop Naumann told *The Kansas City Star* in May that Sebellius must confess "scandalous behavior that has misled people into dangerous behavior." The governor's spokeswoman responded that "receiving Communion has not been a problem in the past for her." An appropriate response came from another faithful Catholic bishop, **Most Rev. Charles Chaput**, Archbishop of Denver, who reproved "verbal gymnastics, good alibis, and pious talk about 'personal opposition' to killing unborn children."

May we actually be seeing here the beginning of a trend for the Shepherds of the Church to develop the courage to actually perform their moral and religious responsibilities as successors to the Apostles, by enforcing clear and mandatory moral law enunciated unequivocally by Canon Law?

The Ridiculousness of Membership by Self-Definition

In an earlier day of intellectual honesty a judge, making a point in a published opinion, noted that "a cow doesn't become a horse just by calling it a horse." And the ludicrous posture of the naked emperor seeking praise for his imaginary "new suit of clothes" was appropriately exposed by the disingenuous child who laughingly blurted out, "Look, the emperor is naked!"

Similarly, a recent Letter to the Editor in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* spoke about "Catholics" who dissent from the authentic teaching of their Church: "When one disagrees on an issue of such magnitude and goes against Church dogma, they are no longer Catholic."

Would anyone seriously argue that a retired Cincinnati Reds baseball player, who no longer comes to the training camp, nor submits to the disciplinary rules of the team, etc., is indeed not "a Cincinnati Red," but a former Red?

But the consequences here are much greater. A "dissenter," who publicly flaunts the fundamental teachings of the Church, and is then permitted by those in positions of authority in the Church to receive Holy Communion, and thus be seen as a member in

good standing of the Church, cannot fail but have the effect on the public at large that the teachings of the Church on these supposedly serious issues are really not serious. While there are those who thus deviate from Christ's law, there are certainly others who are misled by the formal acquiescence in this deviation by those who are charged with the responsibility to publicly teach these fundamental principles. So the question arises as to what will be the accountability of these shepherds when they appear at Final Judgment and have to explain to the Good Shepherd their loss of so many sheep entrusted to their care. See Matthew 18:7, and Matthew 25:31-46.

183 CATHOLIC BISHOPS LOST IN THE ROCKIES

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- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops topped off a week-long meeting at the Inverness Hotel and Conference Center in Colorado with a 183 to 6 vote that grants American bishops "freedom of choice" when it comes to enforcing canon law.
- By not stating that priests are obligated to deny Holy Communion to those who "obstinately persist in manifest grave sin," the bishops gave a free pass to "Catholic" politicians and other public figures who publicly and proudly promote, encourage, or support legalized abortion.
- The Church teaches that Christ is truly present in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.
- The Church also teaches that the act of abortion is intrinsically evil.
- By approving their "freedom of choice" statement, 183 American bishops have implicitly decided that either the Holy Eucharist is not all that good...or that abortion is not all that bad.
- Please join us in praying for the return of America's "183 Lost Bishops."

Response of Authentic Catholics

The highly regarded magazine, *Catholic World Report*, carried an editorial critical of the American hierarchy's attempted evasion of this serious teaching of the Church, which editorial was met with multiple favorable responses in the Letters to the Editor of the June 2007 issue of *CWR*:

- "The silence of the American hierarchy is leaving Catholics with the impression that Church teaching can be rejected at their discretion."
- "Your editorial, 'The Pelosi Problem,' would be better named 'The Bishop Problem.' ...Denial and rationalization are defense mechanisms these weak and disobedient bishops use to avoid the obvious duties they have."
- "I applaud you for continuing to focus on our bishops' politically correct tolerance of morally reprehensible pro-abortion politicians. There is a response: Withhold our money, en masse! ...Since 'those in authority refuse to use it,' as you put it, it is time for the faithful to assert their authority in response."

MORE SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, AND THE RIDICULOUS

Ohio and Kentucky are among 10 states that have taken action in recent months to crack down on **sexually abusive teachers** following a stream of arrests and reports that have documented the problem of educators victimizing students, according to a May 30, 2008, story in the *Kentucky Enquirer*.

This increasingly undeniable phenomenon has been confirmed by a **nationwide Associated Press investigation published in October, which found 2,570 educators lost their teaching credentials or were otherwise sanctioned from 2001-2005 following allegations of sexual misconduct**. Experts who track sexual abuse say the problem is even greater than those numbers suggest, since under-reporting is common.

An Episcopal bishop (although his denomination is not identified in the headline) is on trial for concealing his brother's sexual abuse of a 14-year-old girl that he personally observed two times and did nothing to stop. (His brother later was ordained as an Episcopal priest.)

Both of these stories were buried in a few other paragraphs on back pages of the *Enquirer*.

Meanwhile, only five priests out of more than 40,000 had accusations made against them for abusing a minor in 2007 – and this fact appeared nowhere in the secular press, whose favorite target is the Roman Catholic Church.

GENOCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT GOES TO CINCINNATI'S FOUNTAIN SQUARE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

The **Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) Midwest** will be displaying the **Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)** at **Fountain Square in Downtown Cincinnati on Friday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) compares historical genocide to abortion using massive photo murals. The project attempts to create debate on university campuses and elsewhere to influence America's future decision makers and leaders.

"Cincinnati needs to see abortion in the context of historical genocide. In this election year it is important for voters to be educated on this key issue in this key state." – **Mark Harrington**, CBR Midwest

For more information, contact Mark Harrington at (614) 419-9000 or mark@cbrinfo.org.

Mark your calendar and come to this Pro-Life event, and encourage your friends and co-workers to join you.