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36th TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR ON THE UNBORN

The vitality of the Pro-Life movement nationally, as demonstrated in the recent March for Life in Washington, D.C., was epitomized and captured effectively in the February 1, 2009, Letter to the Editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* by **Kate Tucci**:

“I’m writing to do a service to my fellow Cincinnatians that may have been scouring the newspapers for some news of the March for Life Rally in Washington on Jan. 22. I was one of the estimated 300,000 people of all ages and color that marched, and what a wonderful experience it was to be with so many people marching for the rights of the unborn.

“I especially like the elderly couple that marched with signs on their backs that claimed ‘Til natural death do us part.’ To see approximately 500 photos of the marchers (including the enthusiastic McNicholas High School students I chaperoned), please go to www.mommylife.net. That will give you a more honest view of the people who attend the march.”

And these demonstrations were replicated all across the United States. In San Francisco, more than 25,000 Pro-Lifers flowed onto the waterfront streets in a peaceful and vigorous rally/march.

A prayer procession from City Hall to Fountain Square in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, January 24, was typical of hundreds of similar, somber witness-for-life events across the entire nation that weekend.

Actions Have Consequences

As we all know — but need to be reminded of with some frequency — things do not happen in a vacuum. Why does the greatest holocaust in human history continue, with the destruction surgically of 4,000 innocent babies a day, when the evidence is overwhelmingly clear that these are homicides, and most of the polls reflect that the majority of people understand that and the majority of people oppose *Roe v. Wade* which ushered in this open season on babies 36 years ago? The answer is simple: **APATHY!** (This story continues on page 2.)

WAY OF LOVE – THREE SUNDAYS BEFORE EASTER

For the seventh year, the *Way of Love* prayer walk will begin at Burnett Woods Park in Cincinnati for a pilgrimage of prayer for three Sundays prior to Easter. Join Pro-Lifers from all over the Greater Cincinnati area in a Rosary Procession from the Park through Clifton past the Women’s Med Center. On **Sundays, March 22 and March 29 and on April 5** (Palm Sunday), you are asked to gather inside the Park at the Bandstand, the entrance to which is off of Clifton Avenue. The walk will begin at **2 p.m.** and last approximately one hour.

We pray that our souls be cleansed of any unforgiveness. May we make reparation for our own sins and the sins of others, especially for the grave sin of abortion which weighs heavily upon our hearts and the heart of this great nation.

For more information, go to www.thewayoflove.org.

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Why are the majority of the American people, who have a long history of charity and compassion, ignoring such a fundamental and brutal injustice? The answer again is clear — although it does not exculpate any individual of their own responsibility — poor teaching, especially within the churches.

Notice a couple of recent cases in point, and local. Last month, in a Roman Catholic church in Northern Kentucky, the Prayers of the Faithful, read from the pulpit, included a prayer which equated abortion and capital punishment.

First, the logical abomination of such an assertion is ignored. In the United States alone, about two people per week are executed under capital punishment, whereas two unborn babies die per minute by surgical abortion. Moreover, those killed by capital punishment have been found guilty of an appointment of counsel, presumption of innocence, and atrocious violation of the fundamental rights of others, usually homicide, only after having been furnished a jury trial, with an obligation on the part of the state to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. None of these safeguards, of course, apply to the unborn child, who is not even accused of any criminal conduct, much less given a trial.

But more fundamental to the pointed issue here is the theological deception. If a Catholic would refer, for example, to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, containing the clear and authoritative teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, one would see that the state has the legal and moral authority to practice capital punishment, although the Church recommends against it, making a prudential judgment that there are other ways to handle the problem. This, of course, is in strict and stark contrast to abortion, which the Church has always taught is "intrinsically evil," i.e., wrong under every circumstance.

Another local case in point involved a large group of prayer warriors who appeared in front of the Obama headquarters on Madison Road in Cincinnati, Ohio, before last November's election, protesting his strong pro-abortion voting record, and advising that people could not vote for such a person. The only counter-picket presented was that of a Roman Catholic priest from the nearby St. Francis DeSales Church a block away. This priest began to debate with the Pro-Life pickets and argue that it was urgent for the country that we elect Obama. When asked "What about the babies?" his response was, "Well, we really don't know when human life begins"! A nearby Pro-Lifer explained, "Father, I am a graduate biologist and I can tell you if you don't know that individual human life begins at the moment of conception, and that this is an indisputable biological and scientific fact, duly recorded in all of the textbooks." The priest was unimpressed.

Another example, nationally, is the scandal given by the refusal of the vast majority of Catholic bishops to enforce the clear ruling of the *Catholic Code of Canon Law*, which requires that Holy Communion, which

Catholics believe to be the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ, be denied to "unrepentant public sinners," which of course clearly includes those who claim the Catholic faith, but stridently continue to vote for laws which perpetuate the destruction of the lives of these unborn babies. Such persons include about one-fourth of the members of the U.S. Senate, including **our now-Vice President Joseph Biden (D)**, and a large number of members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including the Speaker of the House, **Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D)** of San Francisco, who received Communion at the inauguration Mass of the then-new **Archbishop of Washington, D.C., Donald Wuerl**.

The issue was first raised about four years ago by **then-Bishop Raymond Burke** of Wisconsin, who later became Archbishop of St. Louis and is now Chief Justice of the Rota, the highest Roman court in Rome, but he could only persuade a handful of his brother bishops.

The issue was again scheduled on the agenda of the November 2008 meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, but suddenly and mysteriously it was removed from the agenda. **EWTN-TV news anchor Raymond Arroyo** was mystified and asked his co-host, **Msgr. Swetland**, a very highly regarded professor of theology at a Catholic seminary, as to why the bishops were avoiding this issue, and Swetland replied, "Because they are hopelessly divided on it, Raymond." And so scandal is given, by the clergy, to the laity, indulging them in their continued apathy.

***The Deadly Consequences of
Such Sinful Failure of Teaching
by Those in Positions of Responsibility***

Over fifty percent of American Catholics, according to the national press, voted for **Barack Obama** as President of the United States, despite his 100 percent pro-abortion voting record, repeated by him many times openly and candidly during the campaign. He goes beyond the pro-abortion record even of the most strident other pro-abort members of the Senate such as **Hillary Clinton** and **Joe Biden**, etc., in that he opposed the **Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act**, which would prevent that most heinous, barbaric, and savage method of abortion. A partial-birth abortion

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involves the inverting of the baby for delivery in the breech position, feet first, and then delivering the feet, legs, torso, arms, and shoulders, leaving only the head inside the womb, and then taking a scalpel and puncturing a hole at the base of the skull, followed by the insertion of a tube and a suctioning out of the brains of the baby, which causes the head to collapse and then a dead baby is delivered.

Moreover, Obama has even transcended that savage abomination in his opposition to the **Born Alive Child Protection Act**, which was favorably voted in even by his strident pro-abortion Democratic colleagues in the U.S. Senate. He was not in the U.S. Senate at the time. However, as a member of the Illinois State Senate, he four times voted against such a bill, which simply would have required that a child who survives an abortion, and is lying alive on the delivery table, is entitled to ordinary medical care. A vote against such legislation simply condemns the child to death by abandonment – occurring out of the womb.

These are the untidy little specific facts that everyone wants to ignore – the 3,000-pound pink elephant standing in the middle of the living room.

Individual Accountability

While it is true that there is great responsibility upon these false shepherds who have abandoned the flock to the wolves, the truth has been made widely available to all of us, and each will be held personally accountable for his votes, especially for those who keep the killing machine in place, and for their apathy and inaction in the face of this holocaust, just as we now hold accountable the many people in Germany who watched the victims being herded off in cattle cars to the extermination camps, smelled the odor of burning flesh emanating from the smokestacks, etc.

As **St. Ambrose** said, “Man will be held accountable not only for every idle word, but also for every idle silence.” If the shoe fits, then, in the modern lexicon, you’d better start “lawyering up” in preparation for that Final Court!

God will not be mocked. The bill is coming due and will increase in severity until we return our nation to the sanity of morality. God will not bless America until America blesses God!

“It Just Won’t Go Away”

In a recent article by **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe, J.D.**, he pointed out that since 1973, in every presidential election, the issue of legalized abortion has played a major factor in determining how a substantial number of voters would cast their ballots (despite blatant betrayal by many politicians, in both major political parties, and craven cowardice by many other national leaders, including religious leaders), because “some issues define what type of nation we will be,” and these include “the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life.”

A similar historic issue, of course, was slavery, which unfortunately was tacitly approved by the compromise achieved in the First U.S. Constitutional Convention, which derogated from the natural law principles enunciated in the foundational document, the Declaration of Independence. This compromise, as all compromises on fundamental principles, chafed and demanded conciliation, resulting ultimately in a civil war, 70 years later, and continued to cause discord for more than a hundred years thereafter, and of course is not totally resolved.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1857 thought that it had “resolved” the slavery issue in the infamous *Dred Scott* decision. It was wrong. Those who thought that abortion was “resolved” in 1973 by *Roe v. Wade* are likewise wrong.

If the United States of America is to continue, *Roe v. Wade* cannot!

THE CURRENT “STATE OF THE UNION” ON THE MOST IMPORTANT MORAL ISSUE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES: THE SANCTITY OF ALL INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE

What a difference a day makes!

Actions Have Consequences - And So Do Elections

On January 15, outgoing **President George W. Bush (R)** declared **January 18, 2009, as “National Sanctity of Life Day”**: “...our country recognizes that each person, including every person waiting to be born, has a special place and purpose in this world...The most basic duty of government is to protect the life of the innocent.”

President Bush then detailed many Pro-Life pieces of legislation that he signed into law, including the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which extends legal protection to children who survive an abortion attempt (which Mr. Obama voted against when it came before him as a state senator in Illinois), a ban on the practice of partial-birth abortion, and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004, which allows authorities to charge a person who causes death or injury to a child in the womb with a separate offense in addition to any charges relating to the mother.

Days later, our newly elected **President, Barack Obama (D)**, made one of the first priorities of his administration the issuance of an executive order reversing **the Mexico City Policy**, which had been instituted by executive order by **President Reagan (R)** in 1984, and reversed by **President Clinton (D)** in 1993, and reinstated by **President George W. Bush (R)** in 2001. The Mexico City Policy prohibited the contribution by the United States of funds to foreign agencies who perform or encourage or promote abortion in foreign lands. It is startling indeed that even in this time of fiscal austerity in

the United States, President Obama can find funds to destroy innocent human life abroad.

***“Words, Words, Words...
The Devil is in the Details”***

President Barack Obama issued a statement last month, as thousands of Pro-Lifers were marching in Washington, that “Government should not intrude on our most private family matters...While this is a sensitive and often divisive matter, no matter what our views, we are united in our determination to prevent unintended pregnancies, reduce the need for abortion, and support women and families in the choices they make.” The reality of Obama’s record and intentions are quite to the contrary.

(Graphic)

As pointed out by *First Things* (February 2009):

“With apparently some significant success, evangelical and Catholic supporters of Senator Obama attempted to hijack the language of the culture of life, claiming that they are the authentic pro-life proponents because, by reducing poverty and expanding comprehensive sex education, Obama will decrease the number of abortions. This, despite his adamant support for unlimited abortion license, his support for government funding of abortion, and his backing of the Freedom of Choice Act, which would establish abortion as a ‘fundamental right’ and eliminate all regulation of abortion, including state measures such as waiting periods, informed consent, and parental notification which, along with abstinence (‘it works every time!’), have a proven effect of reducing the number of abortions. Such Orwellian distortions are bizarre, but, as **William Brennan** reminds us, they are also the longstanding modus operandi of the pro-choice cause.”

One cannot help but be reminded of the old definition of “euphemism” - “making something sound like what it ain’t,” where a man who was applying for a life insurance policy had to declare the cause of death of his father, who was hung as a horse thief, and he didn’t wish to report that, and instead reported, “My father died while participating in a public function when the platform gave way.”

If You Voted for Obama - Look in the Mirror

In addition to all of the above aberrations, consider that Obama has committed to support and sign into law the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA), which would singlehandedly destroy all of the limited Pro-Life statutes passed over the past 37 years by the U.S. Congress and by the state legislatures throughout the country, including the requirement of parental notification before a minor female may be aborted, prohibitions against taking minors across state lines for an abortion, protection of live babies who survived an attempt to kill them in abortions, outlawing of the barbaric partial-birth abortion infanticide procedure, requirements of notification to the pregnant woman of the reality of abortion including the dangers to her own life as well as the truly homicidal nature of the procedure, etc., etc.

A Review of Team Obama - Radically Pro-Death

And in further discussion with your friend who claims to be “pro-life,” and voted for Obama, you might suggest they review policy-making managers whom he has nominated for the sensitive and influential positions in his administration, in addition to Obama himself with a 100 percent pro-abortion record, and his **Vice President, Joe Biden**, who has a 99 percent pro-abortion record (even he voted for the Born Alive Child Protection Act, contrary to his boss. The extent of Biden’s “concern” for the less fortunate is revealed by his less than 1 percent charitable gift-giving record on his income tax returns):

► **Leon Panetta**, nominated for **CIA Chief**, with a 100 percent pro-abortion voting record in Congress, and serving later in the administration of the pro-abort **President Bill Clinton**.

► **Bill Richardson**, a strong supporter of abortion, Governor of New Mexico, nominated for **Secretary of Commerce**, whose nomination was withdrawn after it was disclosed that he was under criminal investigation for fraudulent construction contracts granted as Governor of New Mexico.

Obama then nominated **U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg (R)**, but Gregg withdrew his name because shortly after his nomination, Obama announced an unbelievably partisan and dangerous political plan of removing from the long, historic authority of the Commerce Department to conduct the 10-year national census, which is the basis for determining seats in Congress, and taking it over into the White House, which plan of course lends itself to the politics of the White House doing “estimated” census counts in inner-city areas where the Democratic party stands to benefit the most.

► **Tim Geithner**, nominated for **Secretary of the Treasury**, who was a major architect of the 2008 clouded bailout program, and served as New York Chief of the Federal Reserve Board during the massive failure of 2008

and earlier, and who, during his nomination process, was found to have paid \$34,000 in delinquent taxes one month prior to his nomination.

► **Tom Daschle**, nominated for **Secretary of Health and Human Services**, whose nomination was withdrawn after it was found that he owed \$134,000 in delinquent taxes over several years, which he paid one month before his nomination. Daschle is a defeated U.S. Senator from South Dakota, with a 100 percent pro-abortion congressional record.

► **Kathleen Sebelius** has been nominated for **Secretary of Health and Human Services**. As Governor of Kansas (D), she has a strong pro-abortion record including vetoing Pro-Life legislation. She is the daughter of former Ohio Governor **John Gilligan (D)**, who previously had been a professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati and who had a strong pro-abortion voting record. Mrs. Sebelius has recently hosted and honored "Tiller the killer," the notorious late-term abortion physician in Kansas. Sebelius' Roman Catholic bishop, **Most Rev. Joseph Nauman**, after conferring with her and explaining her position is in deep discord with fundamental teachings of the Roman Catholic Church on the sanctity of innocent human life, has directed her not to receive Holy Communion until she publicly recants her position, and confesses her sin.

► **Rahm Emanuel**, nominated as **White House Chief of Staff**, has a 100 percent pro-abortion voting congressional record. He previously served as a board member at **Freddie Mac** while massive bad mortgages were written leading to the agency's bankruptcy, and massive political contributions were made by it to primarily Democratic politicians, the #1 of which was Barack Obama and #2 of which was **Sen. Chris Dodd (D)**, a 100% supporter of abortion.

► **David Ogden**, nominated to be **Deputy Attorney General**, which is second in charge of the U.S. Justice Department. As a private attorney, he represented the **American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood, National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL)**, and a large pornographic organization, representing **Playboy** and **Penthouse**. He supported the distribution of pornographic materials in braille through the Library of Congress, opposes any restrictions on abortion, and any restrictions on pornography on the Internet and any restrictions on child pornography. He also served as law clerk to **Justice Blackmun**, the author of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* opinion.

► **Hillary Clinton (D)**, former U.S. Senator from New York and nominated as **Secretary of State**, with a 100 percent pro-abortion voting record, and wife of **former President Bill Clinton (D)**, who twice vetoed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

► **Hilda Solis**, nominated as **Labor Secretary**. She was a member of a labor organization which supported the abolition of the secret ballot in labor union elections, and was found to be liable for 16 years' delinquent taxes, which she paid the week before her nomination.

► **Eric Holder**, named as **Attorney General**, is totally pro-abortion, and has additional unseemly matters in his record. He served in the Clinton White House, and was instrumental in several last minute pardons granted by President Clinton as he left office, including fugitive financier Marc Rich, and 16 Puerto Rican terrorists. Holder, who is black, in his first official public speech as Attorney General, condemned the United States as "a nation of cowards on matters of race."

► **Nancy Killefer**, nominated for **Chief of the White House Performance Office**, who withdrew her name when it was disclosed she also had ongoing unresolved tax delinquency problems.

► **Thomas J. Perrelli (D)**, nominated as **Associate Attorney General**, the number three position in the Justice Department. Aside from his assisting in raising \$500,000 for Obama's presidential campaign, he has a strong pro-death record, including a high profile legal representation in the **Terri Schiavo** euthanasia case.

► **Dawn Johnsen**, a strong pro-abortionist and former legal director of the **National Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL)**, to head the **Office of Legal Council**, which advises the President particularly on questions of judicial nominations.

► **Janet Napolitano (D)**, Governor of Arizona, nominated for **Department of Homeland Security**, with a 100 percent pro-abortion record, including vetoing all Pro-Life laws passed by the Arizona state legislature.

► **Ron Kirk**, former Mayor of Dallas, nominated for **U.S. Trade Representative**. He has been found to owe \$10,000 in back taxes from earlier in the decade.

Obama's campaign promises of transparency and integrity have been broken in one month, as he litters his Cabinet with tax cheats and lobbyists, pushes through massive legislation without hearings (or five-day Internet posting as he promised). But one promise he is keeping is his commitment to the "culture of death."

These are the unavoidable consequences of a vote for Barack Obama, which carry deadly consequences - and eternal responsibilities.

MORE ADVOCATES BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

All Pro-Lifers are requested in their charity to remember in their prayers the souls of **Thomas J. Huth, M.D., Richard Diedersheimer, Kathryn Ann Eviston, Mel Haigis, and Margaret "Mimi" Rabe**, all of whom died recently.

Dr. Huth was a longtime faithful and active member of NKRTL, whose wife Marge Huth, R.N., was a founding (and present) member of NKRTL Board of Directors.

As a faithful Pro-Lifer, he requested memorials to Northern Kentucky Right to Life. We pray that others not only remember him in your prayers, but also emulate his activities and continue the essential life-giving work of NKRTL by testamentary gifts.

Dick Diedersheimer was one of the pioneer prayer witnesses before the abortuary on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, and persisted until months before his death when he became totally disabled.

Memorials to Northern Kentucky Right to Life were also suggested by the families of Kathryn Ann Eviston, Mel Haigis, Margaret "Mimi" Rabe, who, along with their families, remain in the thoughts and prayers of all the volunteers and members of NKRTL.

FAITHFUL READERS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO NKRTL.

One of many recent letters makes us realize that our uncompromising defense of truth serves a function and is much appreciated:

"Find enclosed our annual dues for the newsletter. I wish we could send much, much more. We are very pro-life and learn so much from the newsletter to keep fighting. Thank you for all you do. God bless you all."

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

In the face of some pseudo-sophisticated denials of the abortifacient nature of the so-called "contraceptive pill," a prominent pro-abortion advocacy group, the **American Society of Reproductive Medicine**, published an authoritative statement in December of 2008 declaring that the pill prevents implantation of conceived embryos, thereby causing an abortion.

Has government-funded birth control reduced teen promiscuity? No. Nationwide studies conducted by

the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reveal that teenagers have greater numbers of sexual partners today and start sexual relations earlier than teens 25-30 years ago, even though the largest school districts throughout the country show that artificial birth control is taught in more than 80 percent of the schools.

Moreover, through the years of the Title X program (federal funding of so-called contraceptives), the number of divorces, out-of-wedlock births, and child abuse cases have all grown, even as access to government-funded birth control has increased.

The percentage of births to teens, overall, in the past 40 years has quadrupled; the rates of out-of-wedlock births among teenage girls has increased more than seven times, and the probability of a teenage girl who uses birth control becoming verifiably pregnant over a period of six years ranges from 50 to 90 percent, depending upon the method of birth control used.

These studies have long shown also a correlation between early age of sexual intercourse (under 17) and subsequent cervical cancer.

And this is what our tax dollars subsidize?

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The 85-year-old Austrian chemist, **Carl Djerassi**, who helped invent the contraceptive pill, now says that his creation has led to a "demographic catastrophe" and has produced "devastating ecological effects."

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Scandal continues to be given to faithful Catholics by Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, **Nancy Pelosi (D)**, who recently defended on a nationally televised news program, federal spending for artificial contraception proposed in the recent stimulus package, because that would reduce the number of people who are available for social services, and thereby lessen the taxpayers' burden, and therefore constituted "an economic stimulus."

Shortly thereafter, Pelosi visited the Vatican, and in a brief meeting with **Pope Benedict XVI**, was advised by the Pope that all Catholics, "especially legislators, jurists, and those responsible for the common good of society," need to create "a just system of laws capable of protecting human life at all stages of its development."

Meanwhile, the American bishops who have prime responsibility for her spiritual well-being, **San Francisco Archbishop George Niederauer** (her prime residence), **Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl** (where she spends much of her time at the Capitol), and **Arlington, Virginia, Bishop Paul Loverde** (where she maintains her Washington residence) remain scandalously silent.

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**Catholic Archbishop Raymond Burke**, now **Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura in Rome** (the highest court in

the Roman Catholic Church), recently stated: "There is not a question that a Catholic who publicly and after an admonition supports pro-abortion legislation is not to receive Holy Communion and is not to be given Holy Communion. ...This is a law of the universal Church and it should be applied...Individual bishops and priests simply have to do their duty." This statement was simply a reiteration of a letter that had been written to the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** in 2004 by **then-Cardinal Ratzinger**, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (now **Pope Benedict XVI**).

Archbishop Burke was also quite critical of the homogenization practiced in the document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops prior to the last election cycle, *Faithful Citizenship*, which he said "led to confusion" among the voting Catholic population by combining lesser issues with the intrinsically evil issue of the destruction of innocent human life.

Archbishop Burke's position is supported by **St. Paul-Minneapolis Archbishop John C. Nienstedt**, who likewise confirmed, "The issue of abortion is not simply one among many. It is the single greatest threat to the dignity of human life that we currently face as a nation and as a world."

Archbishop Burke again addressed the issue on January 30, 2009, and pointed out that the Church Canon Law, denying Holy Communion to such an apostate Catholic, is not optional: "It doesn't say that the bishop shall decide this. It's an absolute."

Based upon the widespread disregard by American bishops of Canon Law in this respect, a nationwide **Withholding Communion Petition** was launched by pewsitter.com, a Catholic News Portal, to gather at least 1 million signatures for presentation to the U.S. bishops and the Vatican:

**"While the Catholic faithful understand and support the behind-the-scenes dialogue and diplomacy that goes on with prominent Catholics, by the Bishops, to reconcile them with the Church, when such dissent continues for years and in some cases decades, then it becomes necessary for a Bishop to take a formal public stand to prevent further scandal. Unfortunately, what has happened is that prominent, dissenting Catholics, in public life, have continued to receive Communion with impunity – and this has led to the false impression that the Church condones or at least tolerates such dissenting opinions on serious moral issues such as abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem-cell research, to name a few."**

Meanwhile, the sheep continue to scatter by reason of the confusion among the shepherds: "If the trumpet give forth an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?" **1 Corinthians 14:8.**

**The attribution of the election of Obama to the ambiguity of both religious and political leaders was**

echoed by **Alan Keyes**, former Ambassador to the United Nations under President Reagan, a strong Catholic leader in the black community, who published a statement:

"Regardless of the outcome of the presidential elections, the 2008 election cycle has been a winnowing season for all Americans who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ. Both of the major parties nominated individuals whose views discard the nation's founding principle of respect for the authority of the Creator God. ...Many so-called Christian leaders chose to act deceitfully. They produced voters' guides and made statements pretending that **John McCain** is pro-life. His record includes some actions that appear to be pro-life, others that could not be. They emphasized the first and ignored the second."

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"Public officials who are Catholic and who persist in public support for abortion should not partake in or be admitted to the sacrament of Holy Communion." **Bishop Joseph Martino of Scranton, Pennsylvania**

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The Auschwitz "angel of death," **Dr. Josef Mengale**, infamous for his lethal "scientific" experiments on prisoners, has been found to have fled to Argentina, where his files now reflect that he made his living as an abortionist.

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President Obama, as one of his first orders of business, reversed by Executive Order the **Mexico City Policy**. This policy **prohibited the use of U.S. tax dollars to fund abortions in foreign countries.**

The issue went to the U.S. Senate, which overwhelmingly voted on January 28 to fund the abortion industry overseas, with 18 out of the 24 Catholic senators voting against an amendment that would reinstate the Mexico City Policy.

"The Vatican is clear; our bishops are not," said **Michael Hichborn**, spokesman for **American Life League**. "When will the bishops of these misguided Catholics publicly correct this grave scandal?"

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**Division and open confrontation continue among Catholic prelates**, with the most recent condemnation by **Argentina Archbishop Hector Aguer**, who (appropriately) called the recent book authored by **Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini** "scandalous," as "casting doubt on truths and practices continuously taught by the Church," specifically including the Italian cardinal's questions about Catholic teachings on homosexuality, contraception, and the male priesthood.

## ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION UNDERMINE SOCIAL SECURITY

Currently, Congress collects about \$785 billion in **social security taxes** from about 163 million workers to send out \$585 billion to 50 million recipients. Social security trustees tell us that the surplus goes into a \$2.2 trillion trust fund to meet future obligations, but in reality the difference between social security taxes and benefits is actually spent by Congress.

According to social security trustee estimates, in the year 2016 the amount of social security benefits paid will exceed the taxes collected, which means that either Congress will raise taxes or slash promised benefits or both and that each year the situation will get worse since the number of retirees is predicted to increase relative to the number of workers paying taxes. In 1940, there were 42 workers per retiree, in 1950 there were 16, today there are 3, and in 20 or 30 years there will be 2 or fewer.

**Very few wish to deal with the root causes, which are abortion and contraception. However, the bottom line is the same – a massive Ponzi scheme**, an illegal pyramid scheme named after **Charles Ponzi**, who duped thousands in the 20's, as money from new investors is used to pay off earlier investors until the whole scheme collapses – as replicated recently by the New York fraud, **Bernie Madoff**.

As one pundit recently observed, "What do today's seniors and politicians care? They'll be dead by then."

**Can economic breakdown shock us back to moral sanity? God never ceases calling us back – but we may be at a moment of cataclysmic choice.**

(Graphic)

According to the **Guttmacher Institute**, which compiles reproductive health statistics for **Planned Parenthood**, **black women abort their children at five times the white rate and twice the Hispanic rate.** (It is no accident that PPH locates its abortuaries in inner-city areas where the black community is concentrated, in accord with the genocidal principles established by its founder, **Margaret Sanger**.)

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