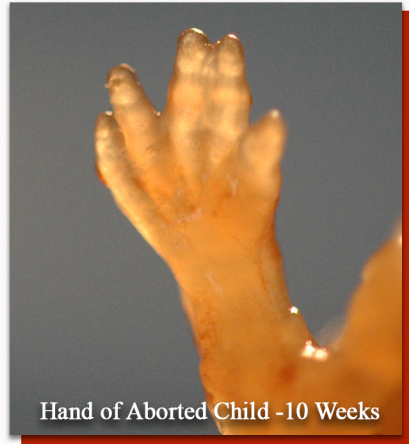


# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES

## Abortion Remains Our Preeminent *Priority!*



Hand of Aborted Child -10 Weeks

**Jesus Christ be praised in all things forever!**

Sadly, the Democratic candidate running for president, **Joseph Biden, who claims to be a practicing Catholic, supports abortion on demand** for the full nine months of pregnancy and has promised, should he win office, to “codify Roe v. Wade.” In addition Biden will require that the American tax-payer fund abortion procedures. Biden’s support for the legalized killing of the unborn is a grave scandal to those within the Church—and to those outside the Church as well!

Moreover, when those who have the authority to admonish such a public figure fail to do so, Biden’s own soul is left in peril. **We are asking that you speak out**, as pastors of Christ’s flock, as a successor of the Apostles, to **please use your authority and provide guidance to those under your care.** We ask that you specifically point out that in so serious a matter as the God-

given right-to-life, Biden stands for and promotes a public policy diametrically opposed to the Catholic Church’s social justice teachings. Every Catholic, every Christian; indeed every person of good will needs to first consider whether a candidate supports or opposes the right-to-life when deciding for whom to vote.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ document “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” teaches that:

“**The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority** because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. ...

Our efforts to protect the unborn remain as important as ever, for just as the Supreme Court may allow greater latitude for state laws restricting abortion, state legislators have passed statutes not only keeping abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy but opening the door to infanticide. Additionally, abortion contaminates many other important issues by being inserted into legislation regarding immigration, care for the poor, and health care reform.”

In “Living the Gospel of Life” the bishops identify the right-to-life as “the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others.” The same document of course rightly recognizes that other grave social issues ought to be of concern, however, those who hold public office need to be aware that:

“[B]eing ‘right’ in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community.”

And if anyone has any doubt that abortion is affirmed as having priority in the hierarchy of social justice concerns the bishops state:

“If we understand the human person as the “temple of the Holy Spirit” — the living house of God—then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. **All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation.** These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right—the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights.”

In the weeks leading to the November election we respectfully and prayerfully ask that you will issue a formal statement to your flock clarifying that Biden’s support for a law that has sent over 60 million human beings to their deaths directly violates Catholic teaching. **The unborn are the most oppressed group in America.** Their oppression should shake us to the core of our souls as only these totally innocent persons are subjected to violent extermination sanctioned by law.

Thus the protection of the unborn remains the most urgent of all social justice issues. It is incumbent on the shepherds of the Christ’s flock to guide the conscience of the Catholic voter to first take the injustice of abortion into account when selecting public officials.

Please, do not neglect to do so! And be assured of our love, prayers and deep respect.

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