



The following is a statement from the American Catholic bishops, given by the General Secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Msgr. William Fay. It is from their new

program, "Faithful Citizenship", and it is intended to help us think and pray about our vote in the upcoming weeks:

"We speak as bishops, as teachers of the Catholic faith and of the moral law. We have the duty to teach about human life and dignity, marriage and family, war and peace, the needs of the poor and the demands of justice. Today we continue our efforts to teach on a uniquely important matter that has recently been a source of concern for Catholics and others.

It is the teaching of the Catholic Church from the very beginning, founded on her understanding of her Lord's own witness to the sacredness of human life, that the killing of an unborn child is always intrinsically evil and can never be justified. If those who perform an abortion and those who cooperate willingly in the action are fully aware of the objective evil of what they do, they are guilty of grave sin and thereby separate themselves from God's grace. This is the constant and received teaching of the Church. It is, as well, the conviction of many.

To make such intrinsically evil actions legal is itself wrong. This is the point most recently highlighted in official Catholic teaching. The legal system as such can be said to cooperate in evil when it fails to protect the lives of those who have no protection except the law. In the United States of America, abortion on demand has been made a constitutional right by a decision of the Supreme Court. Failing to protect the lives of innocent and defenseless members of the human race is to sin against justice. Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good.

As our conference has insisted in Faithful Citizenship, Catholics who bring their moral convictions into public life do not threaten democracy or pluralism but enrich them and the nation. The separation of church and state does not require division between belief and public action, between moral principles and political choices, but protects the right of believers and religious groups to practice their faith and act on their values in public life.

Our obligation as bishops at this time is to teach clearly. It is with pastoral solicitude for everyone involved in the political process that we will also counsel Catholic public officials that their acting consistently to support abortion on demand risks making them cooperators in evil in a public manner. We will persist in this duty to counsel, in the hope that the scandal of their cooperating in evil can be resolved by the proper formation of their consciences.

Having received an extensive interim report from the Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Catholic Politicians, and looking forward to the full report, we highlight several points from the interim report that suggest some directions for our efforts:

*We need to continue to **teach** clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care and human service ministries.*

*We need to do more to **persuade** all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.*

*Catholics need to **act** in support of these principles and policies in public life. It is the particular vocation of the laity to transform the world. We have to encourage this vocation and do more to bring all believers to this mission. As bishops, we do not endorse or oppose candidates. Rather, we seek to form the consciences of our people so that they can examine the positions of candidates and make choices based on Catholic moral and social teaching.*

*The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should **not honor** those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.*

*We commit ourselves to **maintain communication** with public officials who make decisions every day that touch issues of human life and dignity.*

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Catholic life. Therefore, like every Catholic generation before us, we must be guided by the words of St. Paul, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27). This means that all must examine their consciences as to their worthiness to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. This examination includes fidelity to the moral teaching of the Church in personal and public life.

The question has been raised as to whether the denial of Holy Communion to some Catholics in political life is necessary because of their public support for abortion on demand. Given the wide range of circumstances involved in arriving at a prudential judgment on a matter of this seriousness, we recognize that such decisions rest with the individual bishop in accord with the established canonical and pastoral principles. Bishops can legitimately make different judgments on the most prudent course of pastoral action. Nevertheless, we all share an unequivocal commitment to protect human life and dignity and to preach the Gospel in difficult times.

The polarizing tendencies of election-year politics can lead to circumstances in which Catholic teaching and sacramental practice can be misused for political ends. Respect for the Holy Eucharist, in particular, demands that it be received worthily and that it be seen as the source for our common mission in the world."

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Today is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Our Holy Father calls every Catholic to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. As Catholics around the world gather at Eucharist, let us PRAY for the Church's worldwide mission and OFFER FINANCIAL HELP through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 mission dioceses. Please be as generous as possible.



Masses For The Week



**THE WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, October 20th - St. Paul of the Cross
8:30 - Lawrence Brei - Filomenia Krugger

Tuesday, October 21st
8:30 - Dec'd of the Barney and Smith Families - Family

Wednesday, October 22nd
8:30 - John Colao - The Big Giveaway Committee

Thursday, October 23rd - St. John of Capistrano
8:30 - James MacKrell - The Big Giveaway Committee

Friday, October 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret
8:30 - Jo Nawrocki - Donna Novak and Sally Morgan

Saturday, October 25th
12:00 - Wedding of Melissa Mehler and James Borkowski
4:30 - Joseph Leone - Family

Sunday, October 26th - The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 - For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
11:30 - Mary Louise Healy - Mary Ann Healy

Monday - Boy Scout Meeting at 6:00PM in the audi.
Monday Night Scripture Group at 7:00PM in the sacristy.
Tuesday - The **Rosary** will be prayed at 2:00PM in church.
Friday - Church Cleaning **Team #8** (Mary Ann Kaiser's team) is scheduled for Friday, October 24th.

BIG GIVEAWAY NEWS AND WINNERS

Congratulations to these most recent **Big Giveaway winners**: 3919 - Rick McLaughlin, 3429 - Mary Lou and Jerry DeLuca, 5262 - Phyllis Miller, 8344 - Carl and Alice Carlotti, 4529 - Tom Prescott, 5535 - Bill and Christine Green, 7571 - Mark and Maureen Totleben, 8266 - Tom and Mary Lee Hudson, 1518 - Gerry Cary, 3220 - Flo Fabrizio, 0147 - Ed Yarrington, 6445 - Frank V. Ponce, and 5023 - Chuck and Judy Heid.

There will be no Big Giveaway turn-in until further notice.

Priest Schedule for October 25th and 26th

Saturday, 4:30PM - Fr. Detisch

Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM - Fr. Detisch

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of †**Immacolata "Esther"** and †**Joseph Palermo** by the family.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES' "DIAPER DRIVE"


This year Sacred Heart is again supporting the **Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services** annual "*Diaper Drive*" to collect much-needed baby supplies. This drive will continue throughout the month of October, "*Respect Life Month*".



Infant items needed include: diapers, blankets, wipes, formula, infant clothing, new bottles and pacifiers, baby lotion, shampoo, and a variety of other baby accessories. In addition to baby items, they will also accept gently used maternity clothes.

Catholic Charities offers free counseling and material assistance to pregnant women, or parents of very young children and other programs and services that promote the sacredness of human life.

Please be generous! There will be a specially marked box located near the Holy Family statue. If you have any questions, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory, 456-6256, Ext. 110.




YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Catholic Connection Youth Ministries would like to thank everyone who traveled with us, helped us, and supported our trip to Steubenville last week. We had a great time and I believe that many youth were touched on that trip. Catholic Connection Youth Ministry is growing! Last year when we visited Steubenville we took just over 30 people, this time it was over 70! The Holy Spirit is at work!

Saint Andrew's Parish will be hosting a rummage sale. We are asking for donations and support on the following dates.

Saint Andrew's Rummage Sale Dates
October 19th 12:00 until 2:00PM
 (collection in gym after Mass)
October 24th 4:00PM until 8:00PM (opening sale)
October 25th 9:00AM until 1:00PM
 (bag sale for whatever is left)

All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew's Youth group, PSR (religious education, and Saint Andrew's Mother's Group). Please feel free to e-mail me any questions or concerns about the following event or about a Catholic Connection youth group. God bless you all and thank you for supporting youth ministry in our parishes!

To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it. - Mother Teresa
 Peace, Jesse Spanaogle



ALL SOUL'S DAY - All Soul's Day, November 2nd, falls on a Sunday this year. At the 11:30am Mass, we will commemorate those who have died from our Sacred Heart Parish family since All Souls Day last year.

All are invited to join the families and friends of our deceased in remembering these loved ones who have been called home to God this past year.

