

A Catholic Oxymoron

“Catholics for Choice” is a Catholic Oxymoron. What is an oxymoron? It is an expression in which the words contradict themselves. “Catholics for Choice” is the name of a group that took out a full page color ad in the Chicago Sun Times this past Wednesday stating that public funding for abortion is a Catholic social justice value. In Monday’s issue of the Times there was a letter published from State Rep.



Elizabeth Hernandez and former State Rep. Kathy Ryg. They stated in effect that, motivated by their Catholic faith, they believe women should have a right to abortion paid for by your tax dollars.

To say that our Catholic faith motivates women to have a choice to abort is simply false. The Catholic Church is very clear on this teaching. Abortion is one of the most grievous of sins because it destroys an innocent life that has no means to defend herself or himself. Not only does the Church teach that this is a most serious sin, but adds the penalty of excommunication to those who procure or assist in procuring an abortion. You cannot get much more emphatic than that!

What about freedom of conscience? Yes, the Church teaches that people are free to follow their conscience in deciding what course of action to take. St. Paul writes quite a bit in his Epistles about Christian freedom. This freedom does not mean someone being able to choose whatever they want. It is a freedom from evil to choose what is right to do. We always must listen to the Church in forming our conscience.

Sadly, it is said that 60% of Catholic voters believe a woman has a right to choose. She can never have the moral right to choose to kill her child, no matter what the law may say. Being able to hear a baby’s heart beat in the womb, there is no question that this is a human life. There is no freedom of choice here. Do not be fooled by those who claim there is.

October is Respect Life month. [... T]he image of Our Lady of Guadalupe... depict[s Mary] as pregnant and hers was a problematic pregnancy, in that she was not married. God and his angel helped her to give birth to the Divine Infant Jesus! Please pray that we can respect all human life from conception to natural death. Know our Church teaching and speak up for it. God bless all pregnant women.

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