



Sacred Heart Library



MAY - 2012

Hours: Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 to 8:00
(When Faith Formation Classes are in session.)
Sunday Mornings between Masses
Other times - look for the sign in the window
Or Make a suggestion

Obamacare

Contrary to what the major news media would like you believe, not all women are applauding the Obama Healthcare plan. Nor are all women convinced that it is a fight over “women’s reproductive rights”. (*See article “Women Speak Out” in the April issue of Columbia, pages 12 & 13*) And don’t be distracted from the fact that a major problem is with the bill’s many mandates. The mandate in question is the one which forces all employers to pay for abortions, contraceptives, sterilizations, and who knows what else, that it is directly opposed to our religious beliefs. This includes religious organizations such as churches, hospitals, daycare centers, schools, etc.

During a panel discussion that I recently saw on television, one panel member kept referring to the policy regarding mamograms as one of the plan’s benefits, as though that was one of our objections. Obviously, it was just another effort to frighten women. It seems to me that driving the Catholic hospitals out business would definitely result in fewer mamograms. The young lady on the panel did a nice job of drowning out the statements of her opponent and she sounded well rehearsed.

Don’t you get weary of all the yelling at each other that takes the place of polite discussion and honesty?

This writer agrees with Cardinal Dolan that the issue of women’s health is a ploy to dictate to, not only the Catholic Church, but to all religious organizations. A “concession” that **gives you a year to comply** does not sound like a concession.

Another argument I found interesting deals with the assumption that a woman will vote against the Church’s right not to be dictated to because she doesn’t follow the “rules of the Church” and uses or approves of artificial birth control. Life is complicated, but logic is pretty clear. There are many things we do that we probably shouldn’t, but the inadvertent destruction of the Christian churches should not one be one of them.

Population and Right to Life

A report from the *Population Research Institute Review* (Jan - Feb 2012) has a number of interesting articles of global interest. In addition, we have copy of a letter that summarizes an article from an international *Journal of Medical Ethics*. It is a major article which declares that “killing a

newborn child“ should be permissible in all cases where abortion is (legal), including cases where the newborn is not disabled.”

I’ve also read somewhere, or heard (I can’t recall, but will let you know when I find the reference) that Australia is considering a law **to allow infanticide up to three months after birth** even when the child is healthy.

I can’t help wondering if the proponents of such laws have children and if they do, have they ever considered how they would choose the child that would be allowed to live when the government tells them that they intend to “get rid of the unnecessary ones”. (Read up on China’s “One Child Policy”)

Tid - Bits of information and Comments

It is easier to believe what one says than it is to listen to what is said and then check to see if it is what is actually done fits with what is proposed.

Do words mean what you think they mean and does the person your speaking with have the same understanding? I remember a very confusing conversation that I had with a friend of mine early one evening at school. She was talking about needing “a model of a set” for her class that met in about 30 minutes. She was frantic and I did my best to help her. To make a long story short, our classes each dealt with sets, but in a different way. Weirdest conversation that I ever had. But I did learn to check terminology before jumping to conclusions. The tale of my stupidity became one of my standard teaching tool

Many of you have probably heard (or read) the following head lines on April 21 st of Reuters and/or an earlier article in the New York Times (Apr. 19 th). ---

Vatican crackdown on U.S. Catholic nuns has been a long time brewing and **American Nuns, Conscience and the Vatican.** There are probably other reports, but if you want to read these articles, a copy of each is in the library. If you have others you think need sharing, bring them in and we will make a copy to add to the collection. We also have a book, **Sisters in Crisis** by Ann Cary and published in 1997, that gives a history of the “Tragic unraveling of Women’s Religious Communities”. As I remember, it was a balanced look at what has happened and indicates some possible causes. And, as I recall, it is not a case of “chauvinistic men’s fault.” If you are curious, you might find this book interesting wether you agree with it or not.

The **May 2012 Issue of afaJournal** is also available. This issue Focuses on Parenting (pages 10-17)

Other articles talk of ObamaCare and its threat to religious freedom. There is another article on the pro-life cause. (And these 2 articles only get you to page 3.

It would be nice if there was time and room to review the rest of the magazine. And you may recall from previous newsletters, this is NOT a Catholic publication. It is printed by our Christian brothers and sisters.

The two magazines, *Columbia* and *afaJournal* are a good combination for thought provoking information and ideas.

Long-time prayer: Help the leaders of the Church, of our country and the world in government, education and industry and help us to choose our leaders wisely and according to Your will.

Let us all continue to pray something similar beginning this May. It’s easy to say it often.