

Topic: Abortion is the Number One Issue

Statement

As we approach the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*, decided on Jan 22, 1973, we must recall that, in our world today, there is no class of person that is in need of as much help as children in the womb.

Charity — the form of all the virtues — motivates us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Children in the womb are truly our neighbors, as are their mothers. Christian charity requires us to love the preborn and their mothers as ourselves.

Justification

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Whose birth we have recently celebrated, has solemnly declared to us that, at the end of time, we will be judged on how we treat the least of His brethren: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” ([Matthew 25:40](#)).

[The Code of Canon Law](#) prescribes the following for those who commit abortion: “A person who procures a completed abortion incurs a *latae sententiae* excommunication.” Thus, particular love must be given to those closest to us — our families and those most vulnerable.

Since its beginning, the Church has taught that human life begins at conception ([CCC, §2270–2271](#)). The child in utero enjoys all the rights proper to a human person regardless of his stage of development. [The Sacred Magisterium](#) keeps the unborn in mind when fulfilling Jesus’ command to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide. According to the [World Health Organization](#), every year there are approximately 73 million murders by abortion worldwide. In 2021, [Breitbart reported](#) the total number of deaths from all other cases combined was 58.7 million.

According to the [Code of Canon Law](#), individuals who persist in manifest grave sin should be denied Holy Communion. According to the Catechism, “Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. ([CCC §2272](#))

Catholics, in keeping faithfully the Corporal Works of Mercy as commanded by Our Lord, should extend neighborly care to the child in the womb, as well as to pregnant mothers. Examples of such care are the provision of prenatal care to expectant mothers, which may consist of assistance with necessary medical care and counseling ([CCC, §2447](#)).

Conclusion

We, the *patres fidelium Christi*, desire and implore our spiritual fathers, the bishops, to become pro-life leaders in a way that reflects the gravity of the present, contrary to their actions thus far.

We must realize that this fight against mass child-slaughter, euphemized as abortion, is rooted in charity. Charity also must be extended to others who are deeply wounded by the destructive sin of abortion, which includes the victim's parents and grandparents.

Christ, our Maker, will judge us on the Last Day for what we have done or failed to do for the least of His brethren, whom He lives in.

Lastly, we lovingly entrust to the Creator those hundreds of millions of children who have already fallen victim to abortion, as we also, with paternal affection and Christ-like mercy, pray for the conversion and healing of their mothers, fathers and any others who may have participated in the taking of their lives.

In Christ,
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