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On Oct. 7, 2007, Sen. Barack Obama spoke to the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and promised, "The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. That's the first thing I'll do."

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What is the Freedom of Choice Act? It is the most sweeping pro-abortion legislation ever proposed in the United States.

In a letter dated Sept. 19 to members of Congress, Philadelphia's Justin Cardinal Rigali rightly warned:

"Despite its deceptive title, FOCA would deprive the American people in all 50 states of the freedom they now have to enact modest restraints and regulations on the abortion industry. FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars. And FOCA would counteract any and all sincere efforts by government to reduce abortions in our country.

"The operative language of FOCA is twofold. First it creates a 'fundamental right' to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy, including a right to abort a fully developed child in the final weeks for undefined "health" reasons. No government body at any level would be able to "deny or interfere with" this newly created federal right. Second, it forbids government at all levels to "discriminate" against the exercise of this right "in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information." For the first time, abortion on demand would be a national entitlement that government must condone and promote in all public programs affecting pregnant women," said the cardinal.

It is clear the FOCA raises abortion to what it calls a "fundamental right." Yet it is not clear if Catholics realize the threat that Mr. Obama poses to the unborn, to believing Catholics in the medical profession, and to Catholic hospitals across the nation.

Michael Moses, legal analyst of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops called it a "radical measure" that will "go way beyond Roe ." The language is so sweeping that it will wipe out any state's "conscience" clause, which is the law that allows hospitals, doctors and nurses to abstain from taking part in abortion for reasons of conscience. If abortion is a "fundamental right", according to FOCA, then every hospital must provide it.

The net result, as one writer noted, is "President Obama and his congressional supermajority would force every Christian hospital, doctor or nurse to abandon their faith or go out of business." Under FOCA, believing Christians could be banned from the hospital industry (and apostolate) by federal law.

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Re: Obama Closing Catholic Hospitals? - posted by itg3712 (), on: 2008/11/2 17:33

Sadly, the behavior of abandoning and killing infants has a long history.

The Bible records an incident around 3500 years ago (Exodus 1:22) when Pharaoh of Egypt ordered infant Hebrew sons to be cast in the river. By the remarkable Providence of Almighty God, Moses was preserved.

The Bible records an incident around 2008 years ago when King Herod carried out the killing of infants two years old and under (Matthew 2:16). By the remarkable Providence of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was preserved.

By mythological legend, Romulus and Remus, twin infant sons of the war god, Mars, survived being tossed into the Tiber River in the eighth century B.C. According to the legend, they were raised by wolves and later founded the city of Rome.

The practices of grievously harming infants has a long history.

Sadly, in our time, many have suffered from the sad circumstances of miscarriages and/or ectopic pregnancies. These situations do present moral mysteries and dilemmas but they can be managed.

Infants (and many older people) must depend upon others to care for them and defend them. Infants have little or no wealth and no real political power. As such, they are vulnerable. May many fear Almighty God and restrain themselves from oppression and cruelty towards the infants and the weak. May God's Kingdom come and His Will be done.

Re:, on: 2008/11/2 18:10

The labor and prayers of the prolife movement over the years has resulted in fewer abortions and fewer abortion providers. It took many years of prayer and labor to end slavery in America.

The pursuit of revival for America could result in the collapse of the abortion industry. Take away the sexual immorality and you will bring abortions to a halt. Is this possible for this generation?

Re: Obama Closing Catholic Hospitals? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/11/14 23:34

Quote:
-----President Obama and his congressional super majority would force every Christian hospital, doctor or nurse to abandon their faith or go out of business." Under FOIA, believing Christians could be banned from the hospital industry (and apostolate) by federal law.

If it would come to this, what will the Christians plan "B" be? We are going to have to think outside the box - consider, the Feds screwed up the educational system and what did Christians do? Start their own schools. If Christians were to care for themselves minus the medical community's expertise....might have to pray more and do it more diligently...

We all know the health industry has been exploited by the pharmaceutical companies to feather their own nests, so what would happen if we would just decide to take care of our selves?

What do you think?

ginnyrose