

Petition for the Excommunication of Pro-abortion Politicians

I/We, the undersigned, as faithful Catholic Christians, hereby affirm our concern for our fellow members of the flock of Jesus Christ, who are being daily led astray by the example and words of particular politicians, who publicly claim to be Catholic, who use this claim to garner votes from Catholics, and yet who openly, repeatedly, and emphatically argue in favor of, and even vote for, abortion. Their claim to be both faithful Catholics and supporters of legalization abortion is harmful to the faithful, many of whom mistakenly think that they, too, can be faithful Catholics while still favoring and voting for the direct and voluntary killing of innocent human beings in the womb. Church teaching on this point is clear and definitive:

“Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors, in communion with the Bishops—who on various occasions have condemned abortion and who in the aforementioned consultation, albeit dispersed throughout the world, have shown unanimous agreement concerning this doctrine—I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being.” (Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, n. 62)

Thus, the teaching of the Church against abortion has been definitively taught and is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith. Those who obstinately deny such a teaching are guilty of heresy.

Canon 751: “Heresy is the obstinate denial or obstinate doubt after the reception of baptism of some truth which is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith; apostasy is the total repudiation of the Christian faith; schism is the refusal of submission to the Supreme Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him.”

Canon 1364 §1: “an apostate from the faith, a heretic, or a schismatic incurs a *latae sententiae* excommunication.”

Canon 1398: “A person who procures a completed abortion incurs a *latae sententiae* excommunication.”

“The excommunication affects all those who commit this crime with knowledge of the penalty attached, and thus includes those accomplices without whose help the crime would not have been committed.”
(Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, n. 62, explicitly referring to Canon 1398)

Not only those who procure abortion, but also all those whose assistance is essential to the crime of abortion, fall under the penalty of excommunication. The support of abortion by politicians is essential to the crime of abortion. Therefore, they also fall under the penalty of automatic excommunication. And since their offense is very public, and is used to obtain votes from the faithful, and is a factor in promoting this same heresy, these politicians should be excommunicated publicly and by name (a *ferendae sententiae* excommunication).

The souls of the faithful are in grave danger from the words and example of these politicians. Therefore, despite sincere concern for the souls of even those who promote abortion, we sincerely request that the Bishops of the Church, the true successors of the Apostles, publicly rebuke all politicians who claim to be faithful Catholics, while openly supporting abortion, and also consider a sentence of excommunication against them.

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