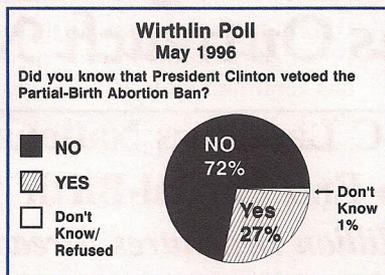


NRLC '96 - Convention Focuses on Partial-Birth Abortions

Alexandria, VA (June 20-22) — The central theme of National Right to Life's 1996 convention was the initiation of a nationwide campaign to persuade Congress to override President Clinton's recent veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. The convention was attended by more than 1,200 pro-life leaders from all fifty states who represent the active local leadership of the grass roots pro-life movement.

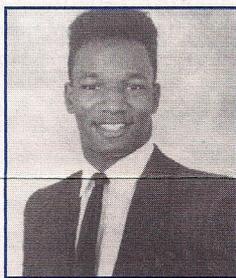


NRLC'96 also served as a platform to release a recent Wirthlin Poll that indicated that 65% of the American Public did not know what a Partial-Birth Abortion was. 73% did not know that Congress had passed a bill to ban Partial-Birth Abortions and 72% did not know that President Clinton had vetoed the measure. These numbers reflect an appalling lack of understanding by the American public on Partial-Birth Abortions. The poll also revealed that once people understood how Partial-Birth Abortions are performed, 84% opposed the procedure. Education and lobbying efforts are the key components of NRLC's campaign to end PBA's.

Keynote speakers at NRLC's convention this year included Presidential candidate Alan Keyes, nurse Brenda Pratt Schafer, a PBA witness, Rep. Chris Smith (R/NJ), and Kay and Charles James.

Pro-life Communication in African-American Communities Subject of Convention Workshop

Among the many important issues discussed in convention workshops was the question of African-American involvement in the pro-life movement. A workshop entitled "Extending the Pro-Life Message Into the African American Community" was presented by Mr. Vincent Watkins, an expert on developing effective communications with African Americans. Watkins said that the problem within the African-American communities is that while they often have a pro-life attitude, they are passive about them. He attributed this to a "masterful public relations campaign" emphasizing "choice," and to the fact that pro-abortionists have "embraced" black communities with their programs. Watkins developed a series of strategies to help pro-life people work better with the African American community.



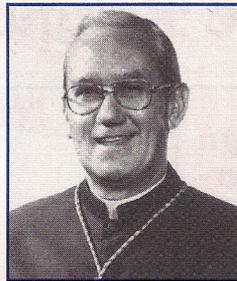
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Pentagon Issues Gag Order to Catholic Chaplains on Partial-Birth Abortion Postcard Campaign



Archbishop Dimino

(Washington, DC, June 23) The Pentagon has issued a bulletin prohibiting Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Services and their congregations from participating in the nationwide postcard campaign to lobby Congress to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. The Project Life Postcard campaign is being sponsored jointly by the U.S. bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment. Already more

than 27 million cards have been sent out to churches across the country.

An Air Force bulletin, issued June 7th, specifically refers to Project Life, stating that, "A member on active duty shall not use his official authority or influence for soliciting votes for a particular issue....An Air Force member may not participate in political activities while on duty."

Archbishop Joseph Dimino, head of the Military Services Ordinariate, which oversees Catholic chaplains and congregations within the armed services, called the ban "a most unfortunate interpretation" of Department of Defense regulations, and urged Catholics in the military to oppose the ban.

"We are not discussing politics— we are discussing morality. We are discussing the need to struggle constantly in order to maintain high standards in our country," the Archbishop said.

In announcing the campaign in a letter to Catholic military chaplains, Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan, Chancellor of the Military Services Archdiocese, wrote, "Our people in the military are by profession ambassadors of peace and guardians of life. With your help they can be a part of this important project for life."

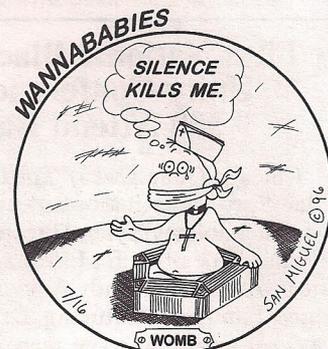
The Pentagon directive appears to be directly targeted at Catholics who comprise 25 percent of the military. Kevin Hasson, president of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, believes the directive is an "outrageous attempt to gag priests in the pulpits and prevent them from preaching on a moral question of great significance in the country."

"This is trying to censor a sermon....It is [a] naked assault on religious liberty," Hasson asserted.

Cardinal Bernard Law, Chairman of the Bishop's Committee for Pro-Life Activities, responded to the "unprecedented order," saying, "As bishops, we take seriously our obligation to teach the truth, in season and out of season."

Father Lawrence Gosselin, a priest of the Melkite Diocese of Newton, Massachusetts and an Air Force chaplain, wrote in a letter protesting the move: "This is a serious breach of the religious rights (as well as the freedom of speech) of military members to speak out on this issue in its appropriate forum as priest-to-parishioner."

"I am reminded that following World War II the German military bishop and chaplaincy were roundly condemned for their failure in pastoral leadership against the horrors of euthanasia, abortion and genocide," Father Gosselin said in his letter."



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