

Contradictions in Our Daily Life

Over the past two articles, I wrote about the meaning of what the Catholic Pro Life position includes (gun control, mental health, elder care, abortion, capital punishment, immigration, etc.) and have met with many in agreement with educating all our members of the true meaning of Catholic Pro Life. Others remain steadfast that Pro Life is 99.99% anti-abortion and that inclusive of these other issues is misleading or watering down Our Church's position. To those I say, please educate yourself and become a full Pro Life Catholic.

Also, through these "discussions" I have learned that some people consider getting the vaccine to be against Our Church's teaching. Some believe that the vaccine, being possibly made from science including the use of aborted fetuses, is against Our Church's teaches. Sorry to let you know that in January, the Church clearly stated that the vaccine was acceptable to receive as Catholics. Getting the Vaccine can save your life, as well as others in your community. Aren't those lives worth saving.

The other big contradiction I am personally struggling with is the people saying, "I'm an American, No one can make me wear a mask!" I guess for them being American comes first, then being a Catholic is second. That was not what the nuns taught me. Catholic First-American Second was their line. People calling for the right to own assault rifles because it is their right as an American to own firearms, but fighting to take rights away from others whom they do not agree with. I am very confident I will be misquoted here, but fighting to take away a woman's right to choose, doesn't seem to cross many minds. If a woman cannot have the right to health decisions including her own body because she may decide to kill her child; why aren't we fighting to have the right to own assault weapons taken away. Please understand that I have never had an abortion; that I have helped others make the decision to keep their child; that I cared for and supported such child for 10 years after his birth; and truly believe that it is one of the biggest sins of this country. It is the contradiction that I struggle with. How can we proclaim that we are Catholics, and fight for only part of the Church's teaching? It is very hard to be an American Catholic or should I say a Catholic in America.

Just some food for thought. Life is truly a struggle and hopefully through prayer I will find an answer.

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