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Longtime Christian Coalition of Pinellas member Frank Gallagher is also very active in Knight's of Columbus Frank wrote this article for the Knight's of Columbus publication. Christian Coalition is a group of those who love our Lord, we are not affiliated with any specific Church or Denomination. Although this article appeared in a Catholic publication, its views are worthy of printing here. Frank, you did a great job!

DEAR FELLOW KNIGHTS,

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THE CURRENT ELECTION CYCLE PRESENTS A SERIOUS CONUNDRUM FOR THE VOTER WITH A CULTURE OF LIFE CONSCIENCE, AS SPELLED OUT BY JOHN PAULII AND BENEDICT XVI. ONE POLITICAL PARTY IS DEDICATED TO ABORTION, EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, EUTHANASIA AND VARIOUS OTHER SCHEMES THAT CONTRADICT CATHOLIC DOCTRINE. THE OTHER PARTY HAS DILIGENTLY TAKEN AN OUTSPOKEN STANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE IN ALL ITS FORMS.

THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS SEEN A LETTER BY THE BISHOPS, AS A WHOLE, THAT SAYS CATHOLICS MAY NOT VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO STEADFASTLY VOTE FOR, OR PROMOTE ABORTION.

THE CURRENT BISHOPS' STATEMENT TENDS TO CONFUSE; **INTRINSICALLY** EVIL ACTS, WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED AS MORTALLY SINFUL AND CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH WITH OTHERS WHICH MAY BE **EXTRINSICALLY** EVIL (DISCRIMINATION) AND MAY NOT INCUR THE SAME JUDGMENT BECAUSE OF EXTERNAL SITUATIONS.

A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL BISHOPS HAVE SPOKEN MORE SPECIFICALLY IN THAT THEY SAY; CATHOLICS, WHO VOTE TO SUPPORT ANTI-LIFE CANDIDATES WHEN THERE ARE COMPETENT PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES AVAILABLE, PUT THEIR SOULS IN JEOPARDY.

IN THE PAST, THERE WERE ONLY ONE OR TWO BISHOPS WHO SPOKE LIKE THIS BUT NOW THERE ARE NEW BISHOPS AND A LITTLE MORE SPINE IN THE OLDER ONES.

ONE CANDIDATE SAYS THAT HE IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN PRO-LIFE. BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN CONSTANT, NOT ALWAYS VOTING THAT WAY.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE CANDIDATES DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE BECAUSE THEY TRY TO SAY WHAT THEY BELIEVE BUT HAVE TO CRAFT THEIR WORDS TO FAVORABLY IMPRESS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF POTENTIAL VOTERS WITHOUT TURNING THE REMAINDER INTO ENEMIES. ALSO, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF HELPERS WHO FEEL THEY ARE NOT SO BOUND BY THE TRUTH AND WILL PUT FORTH THE MOST FAVORABLE PROPOSITION TO THE CURRENT LIMITED NUMBER OF LISTENERS AND HOPE THAT THEIR WORDS ARE NOT HEARD BY OTHERS WHO DISAGREE.

AFTER EVALUATING ALL ISSUES AND HAVING TO CHOOSE FROM THOSE REMAINING CANDIDATES, I AM CONVINCED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR ME AND HOPEFULLY FOR OTHERS IS; FIND THE CANDIDATE WHO CONVINCES ME THAT HE OR SHE WILL PROPOSE POTENTIAL JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL DECIDE ISSUES AND CASES ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

I TRULY PRAY THAT ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE A SIMILAR DECISION.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO THIS IS; THERE WILL BE NO NATIONAL LEGAL BASIS FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE FOR THE NEXT TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS.

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