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Abortion is a Crime that Must be Punished Says Vatican -- LifeSiteNews

June 6, 2006 by John-Henry Westen (excerpts) <http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2006/jun/06060604.html>

VATICAN CITY, June 6, 2006 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family has published a document today which uses some of the strongest language the Vatican has employed in decades. The introduction to "Family and Human Procreation" says: "today man has become a great enigma to himself and lives through the most acute crisis of his history in its family dimension: the family is subject to attack as never before; the new models of the family destroy it; procreation techniques jettison human love; the politics of birth control lead to the current 'demographic winter.' ... Along these paths ... we deviate towards a 'post-human' world. It is necessary to save man."

The document specifies that abortion is a crime which must be punished. "Today people want to trivialise abortion with the claim that authorities must not penalise this abominable crime," says the document signed by Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, head of the Pontifical Council. "It is not acceptable that a crime should remain unpunished."

The document also condemns the attack on the family as the "eclipse of God". The five-chapter document says: "Couples made up of homosexuals claim similar rights to those reserved to husband and wife; they even claim the right to adoption. Women who live a lesbian union claim similar rights, demanding laws which give them access to hetero fertilization or embryo implantation. Moreover it is claimed that the help of the law to form these unusual couples goes hand in hand with the help to divorce and repudiate," the document said.

The document in its first chapter speaks of "procreation" and "why the family is the only appropriate place for it". It explains that artificial procreation is illicit since "Procreation is the means of transmitting life by the loving union of man and woman," and it "must be truly human."

ALL's Judie Brown: 'Most Important' Pro-Life Bill Could End Abortion If Passed

By Jody Brown and Bill Fancher August 2, 2006 (excerpts) <http://headlines.agapepress.org/printver.asp>

(AgapePress) - One of the nation's premiere pro-life leaders says a bill currently before a House committee could bring an end to abortion in America. Ironically it originated with strong sponsorship from the Republican Party -- a group she contends is not as "pro-life" as some people think.

The Right to Life Act, sponsored by California Congressman Duncan Hunter, contains no exceptions for an abortion or compromises any pro-life principles, says Judie Brown of American Life League (ALL) -- and that's why she calls it "the most important piece of pro-life legislation under consideration today."

H.R. 552, which now has 100 co-sponsors in Congress, establishes "equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person" -- then goes on to define "human person" as a member of the species homo sapiens "at all stages of life," including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or "other moment" at which the person "comes into being." ALL president Brown believes such legislation is critical in fight against legalized abortion.

Congressman Hunter introduced the Right to Life Act in February 2005 with 36 co-sponsors, and it has picked up 25 more since the first of the year. It has now been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee awaiting hearings. "For the first time in years," says Brown, "we have a politically significant number of supporters in Congress who are willing to stand up for life. Now is the time to act."

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