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SEPTEMBER 07 Talking Points for Council Pro-Life Chairman

Vatican: Abortion in Rape Cases is "Violence Answered with Further Violence, Murder with Murder"

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Link to article: <http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/aug/07082005.html>

VATICAN CITY, August 20, 2007 (LifeSiteNews.com) - In an exclusive interview with Vatican Radio on Sunday evening, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican official who is second only to Pope Benedict XVI, spoke of his regret over Amnesty International's newly adopted advocacy of abortion in cases of rape or when the mother's life is in danger.

Referring to the organization's official confirmation of this "selective abortion" stance, given at its International Council Meeting last week, Cardinal Bertone stated, "Men and women of the Church throughout the world have already made their stark opposition to this decision clear."

"Violence cannot be answered by further violence, murder with murder," said Cardinal Bertone, "for even if the child is unborn it is still a human person."

"It has a right to dignity as a human being."

At the same time, the Cardinal condemned all forms of violence against women, especially rape. Vatican Radio reports that he reiterated that "all forms of violence against women must be opposed and that the inhuman violence of rape be stopped and society be mobilized to defend the dignity of women."

The Cardinal underlined that in the Church's many writings, it has promoted the dignity of women. He gave the example of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith document signed by himself and Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He noted that this teaching emphasized the importance of both men and women working together in the Church and public sphere.

The Cardinal concluded, "We cannot ever destroy life. We must always save life even if it is the fruit of violence."

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SPECIAL NOTE: National Geographic Television is re-airing its incredible program "In the Womb" the second half of September. I couldn't confirm specific dates but someone told me September 19, 2007. Normally special programs will air more than once, so there should be a few options to watch and or record. Please forward this info to all your contacts and tell them to record it if possible and share with others. It is truly an incredible program that shows beyond a doubt the full humanity of children in the womb. Link to their site for details: <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/inthewomb/>

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