



### **PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE ABORTED CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS**

**MORE ON ABORTION SUPPORTERS AND RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Vatican Treatise on Eucharist for Synodal Assembly of Bishops INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS**

The XI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops is scheduled to take place from 2 to 23 October 2005 to treat the topic: *The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church.*

These documents provide a profound reflection on the Sacrament of the Eucharist which has important spiritual and pastoral implications. The question of great pastoral concern, episcopal responsibility and prophetic vision is to see how this rich patrimony of faith can be implemented in the Catholic Church, extended over five continents, in the initial years of the Third Millennium of Christianity and beyond.

(Excerpt No.72.) **“Various responses have insisted on the relationship between the Eucharist and the moral life, pointing to a significant awareness of the importance of the moral duty flowing from the reception of Holy Communion. Many refer to the fact that too many receive the Sacrament without having sufficiently reflected on their moral state in life. Some receive Communion while denying the teachings of the Church or publicly supporting immoral choices in life, such as abortion, without thinking that they are committing an act of grave personal dishonesty and causing scandal. Some Catholics do not understand why it might be a sin to support a political candidate who is openly in favour of abortion or other serious acts against life, justice and peace. Such attitudes lead to, among other things, a crisis in the meaning of belonging to the Church and in a clouding of the distinction between venial and mortal sin.”**

### *Sandra Day O'Connor Resigns*

**(How important is her replacement?)**



**Court Rules Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Unconstitutional Headed back to the Supreme Court? July 2005 -- A federal appeals court has ruled that the national ban on partial-birth abortions is unconstitutional. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the ban does not pass constitutional muster because it does not contain an exception for the health of the mother, even though doctors say it is unnecessary.**

**The appeals court upheld a decision by U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf, who pointed to a 2000 Supreme Court decision overturning a Nebraska ban on partial-birth abortions because it, too, did not contain the health exception. Retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was the deciding vote in the case.**

**According to a Justice Department brief, the American Medical Association convened a panel to study the issue of partial-birth abortions. The expert panel “could not find ‘any’ identified circumstance” where partial-birth abortion “was ‘the only appropriate alternative’” to preserve the health of the mother.**

**The Justice Department also points to Congressional findings indicating that partial-birth abortions may pose health risks for women including cervical incompetence, trauma to the uterus, and lacerations or hemorrhaging. President Bush signed the partial-birth abortion ban into law in 2003, but it has not been enforced because of three lawsuits filed by abortion advocacy groups.**

# On Supreme Court Judges

"The President has a choice to make this month—one that will affect our nation for years to come.

It is one of those rare, historic moments when a President gets to literally honor his pledge to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States," by nominating a judge for the Supreme Court.

Bush's opportunity is rarer than most because he can change the composition of the highest court in the land by nominating a strong constitutionalist to fill the slot of the swing-voting Sandra Day O'Connor.

A nominee with a rock-solid, documented judicial philosophy rooted in the Constitution's original meaning is the only thing that can prevent such a mistake from happening again. The fight will be hard, but the stakes are too high not to fight it." **Townhall**

"Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a key swing vote in a series of 5-4 Supreme Court decisions, announced her resignation last week. The impending change could have a profound effect on issues as pervasive as affirmative action, the level of separation between church and state, gun control, and *abortion rights*." **Armstrong Williams**

"More recently, it (Supreme Court) has struck down attempts to prohibit gruesome "*partial-birth*" abortions." **Michael Barone**

"The rise of the lawmaking judge and the conversion of the Supreme Court into a sort of superlegislature make the political system less democratic.

Conservatives and liberals both win some and lose some, but on major issues of the culture war the courts have heavily favored the left and attempted to settle controversial issues that should have been left to politics—most obviously *abortion* and affirmative action. On church and state, the courts have generally imposed the views of the secular elites, converting the Founding Fathers' ban on the federal establishment of a church into a broad program for eradicating religion from the public square. Even the recent baffling and apparently contradictory 5-to-4 decisions on the display of the Ten Commandments seem narrowly political. They bar new displays of the commandments, as in Kentucky, while allowing a token old one in Texas." **John Leo**

"a battle over anticipated Supreme Court Vacancies is heating up. If the right people are named ... the Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. may be overturned." **Supreme Knight, Carl A Anderson**

## Building the Family...from the Ground UP

August 6 - 14, 2005



**Knights of Columbus Family Week**

**The most important aspect of a building's structure is its foundation. If the foundation is solid everything**

**else will stand strong. The family is quite like a building. The strength of the family rests upon its foundation. Each family member brings his or her own personality and strengths to the cement-like mix. With a strong foundation our families, like skyscrapers, stand tall!**

**The Knights of Columbus Family Week, August 6-14, provides councils with the opportunity to show appreciation for their families.**

**Since Father Michael I. McGivney founded our Order more than 123 years ago, Knights have worked to support and nurture families. That support comes in many forms at the local, state and international levels. Councils throughout the Order regularly provide: support groups for new parents; scholarships; babysitting services; fund-raisers, and clothing and food drives for needy families; parenting seminars; family recognition programs; and other family-related projects.**

**During Family Week, and through the entire year, work to strengthen families by nourishing wholesome home life. Urge families to take time out of their schedules to spend time together and talk. Encourage members and their families to chose the Holy Family as their model of interdependence, sharing and mutual respect.**

**Knights of Columbus Family Week is an opportunity for our Order and the community to celebrate the family. Keep in mind that Family Week isn't just for Knights and Squires; its also for family members - wives, children, siblings and grandparents. It's for widows and family members of Knights who have died. Our celebration of the family doesn't have to be a private matter. Open it up to non-members, prospects, parishioners, friends, priests, religious and anyone else in your community. Let people throughout your community join your celebration and show the world that families make up the skyline in our communities. \*\*\*\*\***

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