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An open letter to the United States Catholic hierarchy

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Dear Father/Deacon,

Yesterday I issued an open letter to the Catholic hierarchy. Below are excerpts. The full letter can be found at www.PriestsForLife.org/OpenLetter.

Since 1994, the Priests for Life ministry team, which I continue to lead and which embodies a wide range of pastoral and political experience, has addressed our national elections, seeking to articulate and apply the teachings of the Church to the political realm.

The Second Vatican Council's teaching in *Gaudium et Spes* which states, "*At all times and in all places, the Church should have the true freedom to teach the faith, to proclaim its teaching about society, to carry out its task among men without hindrance and to pass moral judgments even in matters relating to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it*" (76; see also Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 426; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2246; "Doctrinal Note On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life," CDF, November 24, 2002, and Code of Canon Law 747 §2).

In a book I wrote in 2015 (*Abolishing Abortion*, Thomas Nelson publishing), I document extensively the manner in which that duty of the faithful, both clerical and lay, to "pass moral judgments even in matters relating to politics," has been hindered by the kind of guidance that dioceses, Catholic Conferences and the USCCB routinely issue, telling us not to "engage in any political activity which seeks to support or discredit any political party or candidate" (p.117)

The Democrat Party, its current Administration, and its leading candidates, embrace and promote unrestricted abortion both on the federal and state level. How, then, is it possible for the Church "*to proclaim its teaching*" without discrediting (implicitly if not explicitly) the political party that so obviously opposes that teaching? How, furthermore, can the Church defend her own religious freedom, the nature of marriage and the family, the rights of parents over their children, the duty of nations to protect their citizens at the border and in their city streets, the rights of voters to free and fair elections, and the rights of children to be safe from transgender indoctrination and mutilation, *without discrediting the Democrat Party, which is engaged in an obvious assault on all these rights?*

Each year, on August 14th, the Catholic Church honors St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest who, in the Auschwitz death camp, sacrificed his life for another prisoner. However, the part of that inspiring story that is less well known, and less preached, is that he had published pamphlets from his monastery *against the Nazi party* because of their positions against human dignity and religious freedom.

In our elections, the voice of the Church is needed now more than ever! (Visit www.ProlifeVote.com for more.)

Blessings,

Please fax this back to 321-225-8271

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Yes, I will inform my parish(es) about this! (I am a Deacon Priest) PLEASE PRINT:

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