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### Church isn't the issue

Regarding Peggy Loonan's Soapbox of July 8: Peggy, you just don't get it, do you? Your gloating expose of the Catholic Church has nothing to do with the pro-life/pro-death issue.

All that matters is that each year more than 1 million children lose their lives because we are a selfish people and we fail to teach our youth that life is precious and valuable and that the power of procreation must be exercised within the bond of marriage.

These "voiceless ones" are subjected to capital punishment without due process. Sadly, the executioners are corrupted medical doctors. Where is their "moral authority?" Shame, shame on them.

What is needed is a constitutional amendment to protect the rights of the unborn. That will surely happen.

Now to paraphrase her final statement, "Let her be silent."

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### Be responsible

I find I must agree with Peggy Loonan in her July 8 Soapbox.

that some Catholic Bishops have not lived up to their responsibility to protect children by removing abusive priests.

What I can't understand is how she thinks that this fact justifies abortion. Men and women who engage in sex must also live up to their responsibility when their behavior results in pregnancy. At the very least they can provide incubation for nine months and find a loving adoptive family for their child (what Peggy would call a "pre-viable fetal life.")

Some of the reasons Peggy thinks justify an abortion are: "I'm not emotionally ready" and "I need to finish my education." What happened to responsibility?

A few Catholic bishops have failed in their responsibility and hundreds of children have suffered, which is heartbreaking. Each year millions of "pre-viable fetal lives" are snuffed out so that irresponsible men and women can avoid nine months of inconvenience. That, too, is heartbreaking.

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