

Loveland Reporter Herald 7-11-02

Arguments don't change fact that abortion is wrong

To the editor:

The leaders of the Catholic Church mishandled the sexual abuse perpetrated by some priests by not reporting the incidents to proper authorities so the priests would be punished to the full extent of the law. This does not negate the fact that abortion is, was, and always will be wrong. Also, it doesn't mean all leadership of the Catholic Church and the Church as a whole is wrong in regard to God's teachings. Abortion still stops a beating heart.

The leaders of the Catholic Church and the church's followers sin and make mistakes as do all people. However, that doesn't mean they're wrong in all things. When sin is committed, the sinner asks for forgiveness, rights the wrong and

doesn't repeat the wrong that was done.

Abortion supporter, Ms. Looan, is using the sex scandals within the church to bash its leaders and is attempting to use the scandals as leverage against all pro-life people to promote her ideas supporting abortion. It won't work. People, with a propensity for moral and ethical values and compassion for all human life, including the unborn, will always listen to God and have the innate knowledge that abortion is evil and wrong. Things the church's leaders do or don't do aren't going to change that.

Sexual abuse in all its forms is evil, but that doesn't change the fact abortion is still a greater evil. It's unconscionable and truly ludicrous to state you're opposed to sexual abuse of children and at the same time try to convince people that abortion (killing, murdering) is acceptable. To kill, hence to abort the unborn, is an abusive act in contempt of God's law. Is God not on the side of life, all life? His commandments and teachings haven't changed to appease the proponents of the "so-called" changing times and the 21st century. They need to place themselves in the unborn child's tiny feet.

The reasons given in prior Open Forum articles for abortion once again prove to be poor reasons and excuses. The word unintended pregnancy has been used over and over again. By using the word unintended, are we to assume they slept through the act of sex or were in a coma? Come on. Be honest. You are emotionally prepared to have sex outside of marriage with someone who doesn't love you and whom you don't love? The word is irresponsible.

Abortion still stops a beating heart.

Erika Bruning
Loveland