

Abortion, scandal related

To the editor:

I've recently been noticing a debate over the forum concerning abortion, sexual abuse in the priesthood and the relationship between them. The letter from Julie Maslowski on July 31 prompted me to enter the fray.

As a matter of fact, abortion and the sexual abuse which has become rampant in the Roman Catholic Church are closely related. The ability to have sex but not have to bear and raise a child as a result has made things like premarital sex and rape common today. There are other reasons, I'm sure, but you can't ignore the fact that sex without babies has become one of the most appealing characteristics of American life for a lot of people.

Sexual abuse and abortion are both horrible wrongs that the world would be a better place to be without. There are also many more things that fall into the same category. But abortion is murder, and I can't understand how anyone would disagree that the taking of a human being's life is the supreme evil that humans are capable of.

This is not to say that sexual abuse is an unimportant evil in and of itself and it must not be ignored, but neither must abortion.

Maslowski claimed in her letter that, "pre-viable human life has absolutely no right to life over a born woman." This implies that until a human being can defend himself, he has no rights. It also implies discrimination against children, which I obviously am not tickled about. This is another way in which sexual abuse and abortion are related, because they are both, in effect, taking advantage of, or even destroy-

ing, those who cannot defend themselves. If the inability to defend oneself makes one obsolete in the eyes of those who can defend themselves, then it is a cruel and heartless world we live in. Of course, it really is a cruel and heartless world, I suppose, but that's nothing to be proud of. Believing that sexual abuse is wrong and abortion is not is the ultimate hypocrisy.

I've had enough of Life and Liberty for Women. Why not life and liberty for all? That sounds less sexist.

There will be a lot more work to do. I haven't yet challenged the so-called evidence that supposedly proves that abortion "isn't in contempt of God's law." I'll have to save that for another letter.

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