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Abortion takes away our unalienable rights

To the editor:

On the Opinion page in the July 31 Reporter-Herald, Julie Maslowski of Life and Liberty for Women suggests that the Catholic Church does not have the "moral authority" to act against abortion or other moral issues because of the actions of several molesting priests within the church's ranks. Using this logic, Congress wouldn't have the "legal authority" to pass laws.

Priests who molest children are wrong — the Catholic Church makes this very clear. One person breaking a law or doing something wrong doesn't mean that he or she forfeits the obligation to judge right from wrong and to stand up for what is right.

I support the Catholic Church's stand against wrong no matter how our society tries to disguise it. The Catholic Church has acted as a "moral authority" for nearly 2,000 years. For the most part, the church has done a good job of it.

As for abortion, it takes away one of the most fundamental of unalienable rights — the right to life. To quote from the third line of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

If I were a woman, I would fear the possibility that the state, in granting women the "right" to abortion, might next require them to have an abortion after their first child (as we now see in China). Such a minor "right" could easily turn into a "mandate."

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