

Open letter to his Holiness Pope Francis, Vatican City, Rome

Dear Pope Francis,

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I am ever humbled yet moved to respond regarding your recent comments regarding the pandemic which has the world in a fatal grip. Choosing the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, you have attributed this as a response by the Earth as if it is a rational entity determined to punish humanity for neglecting common action needed to protect “our garden-home.” As the ‘image of God’, you say, we are called to care for and respect all creatures, and to offer love and compassion to our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable among us, in imitation of God’s love for us, manifested in his Son Jesus. But, because of our selfishness, you say, we have failed in our responsibility to be guardians and stewards of the earth. We have polluted and despoiled it, endangering our very lives. You express appreciation for the various international and local movements who are appealing to our consciences. How do you respond to the World Health Organization stating: “Abortion ‘essential’ during coronavirus pandemic: Women should be allowed to abort their children at home, and abortions should continue even if antibiotics aren't available, said a WHO medical officer. Is this a correct conscience toward our brothers and sisters in the womb?”

Proverbs 18:20; You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say, 21; what you say can preserve life or destroy it; so, you must accept the consequences of your words. (Or the lack of words that did not preserve but destroyed life.)

(“and to offer love and compassion to our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable among us, you say”)

Dear Pope Francis, the most vulnerable among us have been exterminated! The conscience of the Roman Catholics in the world in this regard I have no answer; but those in America certainly have much to answer for. Formally seventy-nine years in the archdiocese of Boston the silence from the pulpits regarding this crime against humanity has been deafening! I recall vividly in Baltimore Catechism of my youth and fire and brimstone preached from the pulpit with its profound effect upon me and those around me. For the past 47 years that our brothers and sisters in the womb have been legally exterminated, only one fire and brimstone sermon was heard by me from the pulpit on this subject. Misguided, Mr. Salvi a Catholic, committed a crime of violence

against abortionists. Fire and brimstone erupted from the pulpit, directed at us in the pews, against any thought of copying Salvi! The image of the church was to be preserved at all cost. No fire and brimstone sermons were ever heard directed at abortionists, the Democrat Party which adopted this crime against humanity as part of its platform or those in the pews who easily separated their faith from their faith in voting for the Democrats!

The Baltimore Catechism fell by the wayside and a plethora new catechisms emerged on an annual basis certain to sustain income for the parishes and publishing houses. Did our consciences suffer, one must wonder? Public pro-life witness did suffer. I can attest personally to this! Hundreds of prayerful, pro-life witnesses attended regularly outside Planned Parenthood. Today it is a few dozen if we are lucky. The unborn, our sixty-one million American brothers and sisters, have perished. Americas conscience has not prevailed, it has disappeared. (Attendance at Mass seems also to have suffered.)

God issued a choice and a challenge to the people of the Old Covenant: "See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. ...I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him" (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). And God issues the same challenge to the people of the New Covenant today. Do you weigh the consequences of your choices? Do the choices you make lead you towards life or death - blessing or cursing?

Pope Francis, we are deprived of the sacraments and you seem more concerned with the planet. I would suggest that God is was infinitely more concerned with the most vulnerable amongst us who we have refused to love. The planet is not punishing us! Lacking a return of conscience and repentant hearts, the punishment will continue IMHO. Our selfishness has allowed the continued extermination worldwide, of 1.5+ billion souls, our defenseless brothers, and sisters in the womb. No international and local movements are appealing otherwise to our consciences.

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