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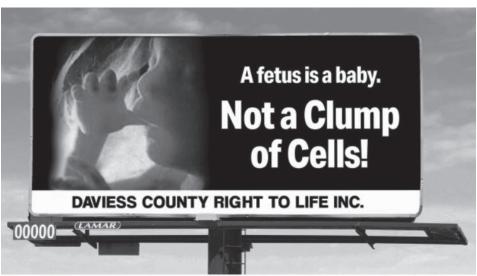
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New Billboards Coming to Daviess County Highways





aviess County Right to Life has taken steps to put two large billboards along highways in the Daviess County area. One of the billboards will go along Highway 50 Bypass along the south side of Washington. The other billboard will go up along Business Hwy 50 on the east side of Washington. The message on these two billboards is that a fetus growing in the mother's womb is not just a clump of cells but is really a baby growing to full term. One of the DCRTL Board Members recently mentioned that when he was speaking to a group of young people a majority of them had never heard of Roe v. Wade but they had heard of the propaganda put out by the pro-abortion forces saying a baby in the womb is just a clump of cells. Ultrasound of the baby in the womb has proved this propaganda is totally false. That is why we decided to take this theme and use these billboards to enlighten those out there who think a baby developing in the mother's womb is just a clump of cells. They can see by this ultrasound that it really is a baby.

If you would like to help with the costs of these billboards, send your donation to: Right to Life, P.O. Box 41, Washington, Indiana 47501 Your support would be greatly appreciated!

Daviess/Pike/Martin Right to Life Banquet Speaker Announced for October 3, 2024 By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

A tentative date and speaker for the Annual Right to Life Banquet has been announced and it is Dr. John Bruchalski who is well known throughout Northern Virginia and much of the United States as a pro-life doctor. His medical practice, Tepeyac OB/GYN, operates as the largest fully pro-life OB/GYN in the nation, with five providers and a midwife. Tepeyac is a nonprofit, caring for women of all races, creeds, and economic statuses, whether or not they can pay. Dr. Bruchalski takes time from Tepeyac to travel throughout the country promoting the practice of Christ-centered medicine. He encourages doctors and other medical professionals to follow Christian principles that reflect the dignity of the human person and the unity of body and soul.

But it was not always like this for the doctor as Dr. Bruchalski was once upon a time an abortionist. Raised in a devout Catholic home, Dr. Bruchalski drifted from his faith in young adulthood. He came to believe that the Catholic Church's teachings on sexual morality would evolve toward those of the prevailing culture. In time, he thought, all would recognize that abortion, contraception, and sexual liberation were necessary for women to flourish. After receiving his M.D. degree in 1987, he returned to Virginia for his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Eastern Virginia Medical Center.

There he practiced the full range of reproductive medicine: contraception, sterilization, abortion, artificial reproduction, embryo destruction, and even developed a reputation for being very adept at late-term abortions.

Dr. Bruchalski's conversion from abortionist to pro-life doctor began as he witnessed the effects of abortion all around him. Far from achieving joy or happiness, the women he aborted or equipped with contraceptives displayed only "more broken relationships, more infections, more destruction, more brokenness." At first he put aside these concerns, swayed by his professors' insistence that happiness was just around the corner, awaiting better education and more of the same services.

Three "words from the Spirit" combined with his uncertainties to fuel his conversion. Early in his residency, he accompanied a friend to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, in Mexico City. While there he heard the clear voice of a woman ask him, "Why are you hurting me?" But still hard of heart, he concluded that his perceptions had been affected by the heat, and put the question in the back of his mind.

Later, during his residency, Dr. Bruchalski inadvertently delivered a baby weighing over 500 grams during a late-term abortion. By law, it had to be sent to the neonatology unit. When he called the neonatologist, she sharply told him he was treating the baby as if it were a cancerous tumor, and that as a doctor he must treat both woman *and* baby as patients. Adding

that she had just returned from Medjugorje, she suggested that he go there himself. Two days later, to his shock, his mother phoned and suggested he accompany her on a trip to – where else? – Medjugorje.

There, a Belgian visionary told John she had a message from Our Lady for him: he was to be the best doctor he could be; to follow and promote the teachings of the Church; and to serve the poor daily. As he told Eric Metaxas in an exclusive interview, "the scales fell from my eyes" and it all made sense: the evils of contraception, abortion, and artificial reproduction; the truth of natural law and Church teaching; the love of Jesus Christ. The course of his future was forever altered.

After he returned from Medjugorje, Dr. Bruchalski told his hospital he could no longer perform abortions, prescribe contraceptives, or deal in artificial reproduction. "Just keep it quiet," his supervisor told him, rolling his eyes. "I hope it wasn't some religious conversion." But Dr. Bruchalski didn't keep quiet. More and more of his fellow residents followed his lead and ceased performing abortions.

After residency and two years of work in a Maryland practice, he felt strongly called to establish a practice of his own design. His journey from an abortionist to a pro-life doctor led him to open Tepeyac Family Center (now Tepeyac OB/GYN) in his basement in 1994, caring for insured and uninsured women alike. Dr. Bruchalski and his practice are caring for their second generation of mothers—one of the first babies delivered in the fledgling pro-life practice recently became a mother herself. Of course, she turned to Tepeyac OB/GYN, now a well-established office that has faithfully served women and babies for more than twenty-five years!

We ask that you keep the date of October 3, 2024 open for the Right to Life Banquet to be held at the Simon J. Graber Building off the Odon/Cannelburg Road. More information will be announced in the coming months. We think this will be another great speaker coming to our area with a great story to tell.



Catholic Voters Abandon Democrat Party Because It Supports Abortions Up to Birth By S.A. McCarthy, LifeNews.com

A new study is showing that Catholics have been abandoning the Democratic Party as the political faction increasingly embraces abortion extremism. According to data collected and analyzed by Ryan Burge, research director at Faith Counts, the past fifty years have seen white Catholics leaving the Democratic Party and beginning to coalesce around the GOP.

In 1972, for example, 67% of white Catholics were Democrats and only 21% were Republicans, according to data from the General Social Survey. By 2021, only 36% of white Catholics were aligned with the Democratic Party, while white Catholics registered as Republicans more than doubled, rising to 44%. Additionally, white Catholics registered as independent voters rose from 12% in 1972 to 20% in 2021, although Burge noted that "a huge portion of independent white Catholics vote for the Republicans at the ballot box."

The American National Election Study, however, shows statistics for presidential elections dating back to 1960 and, in chronological context, reveals how the Democrats' abortion advocacy has driven Catholics away from the party. In 1960, an unsurprising 82% of white Catholics voted for the first Catholic president, John F. Kennedy, a Democrat. Four years later, a still-substantial 78% voted for Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson. The share of white Catholics who voted for Democrat and vice president Hubert Humphrey in 1968 dropped to 60% and has never recovered. In 1972, a year before the U.S. Supreme Court found a "right" to abortion in the Constitution, a surprising 63% of white Catholics voted for Republican Richard Nixon, with only 37% voting for Democratic Senator George McGovern as president.

Roe v. Wade and the advent of broadscale, legalized abortion were a watershed moment for Catholics politically. Up until that point, Catholics had been able to appreciate the Democratic Party's support for the poor and the working class, as well as the party's general liberalism — that is, liberalism as a political philosophy apart from "leftism."

But in 1968, five years before *Roe*, Pope Paul VI published his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which expressly condemned abortion, as well as contraception and sex outside of marriage. In response, Catholic bishops, especially in America, began preparing to combat abortion politically. In 1972, the year before the *Roe* decision, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (US-CCB) founded the National Right to Life Committee and, anticipating the Supreme Court's eventual decision, prepared prolife efforts across the nation, including an appeal to Congress to invalidate *Roe* and bar any state or federal legislature from ever legalizing abortion.

The Catholic Church has, from antiquity, been a staunch, outspoken, and unwavering opponent of abortion. Mary Szoch, a Catholic and the director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council, explained to *The Washington Stand*, "The Catholic Church has always been opposed to the evil practice of abortion. Prior to the Supreme Court ruling in

1973 removing protections for the unborn, the Catholic Church affirmed again in *Humanae Vitae* that abortion is a grave evil. After 1973, every pope has spoken out against abortion..." The Church's incontrovertible opposition to abortion, coupled with the sudden necessity of dealing with abortion on a national scale and the Democratic Party's increasingly vociferous promotion of abortion, drove Catholics away from the party they had once bolstered.

This trend has only intensified as the Democratic Party's abortion extremism has. According to data from the Cooperative Election Study, white Catholics have favored Republican candidates in the past four presidential elections consecutively, and by increasingly wide margins. As Burge noted, "It was 13 points in 2008, 16 points in 2012, 18 points in 2016 and 19 points in 2020. If anything, the data says that the white Catholic voter is becoming just a bit redder with each passing election."

Meanwhile, an NBC News poll published last week found that nearly a quarter of Democrats are single-issue pro-abortion voters. When asked "if any one issue is so important that it would determine their support for or against a candidate," 24% of Democrats responded in support of abortion, compared to 23% of Democrats who responded in support of "protecting democracy or constitutional rights." This comes as members of the Democratic Party have enshrined abortion in state constitutions throughout the country, attempted to enmesh the military with abortion, and consistently refused to set limits on abortion.

Szoch clarified, "A Catholic cannot be pro-abortion and in good standing with the Catholic Church. As the Democratic Party has shifted to make abortion their party's flagship issue, it is challenging to think that there is a place in the Democratic Party for Catholics." She continued, "As the Democratic Party has shifted from being the party who looked out for the weak and the vulnerable to the party that oppresses and destroys the weak and the vulnerable, more and more Catholics are recognizing they cannot vote for someone advancing legislation in direct conflict with their commitment to following Christ."

In comments to *The Washington Stand*, pro-life activist and Catholic Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, explained, "One of the reasons I was drawn to learn the teachings of Catholicism was because of the Church's fearless and timeless defense of the least of these. It's unbelievably offensive to see self-described Catholics such as President Biden and Nancy Pelosi try and justify the Democratic Party's obsession with abortion by misusing faith."

She added, "Every poll says that abortion without limits is not what most Americans want, and, as the Democratic Party leadership has reworked their entire party's agenda to prioritize abortion, it's no surprise that practicing Catholics are leaving that party behind."

In his statistical analysis, Burge noted that the more often Catholics attend Mass, the more likely they are to vote Republican. Among self-described Catholics who "never" attend Mass, 56% voted Republican in 2016 and 55% in 2020. Those numbers remain almost identical for self-described Catholics who attend Mass "seldom" or "yearly," but rise among Catholics who attend Mass more regularly. Among those who attend Mass "monthly," 55% voted Republican in 2016 and 62% voted Republican in 2020. Among those who attend Mass "weekly," 64% voted Republican in both 2016 and 2020. And among those who attend Mass once a week or more, 73% voted Republican in both 2016 and 2020.

These findings are in line with other studies conducted on the subject. For example, a 2022 Pew Research Center survey found that among self-described Catholics who attend Mass less than once a week, only 34% favor abortion restrictions, while 49% favor abortion being "legal in most cases" and 16% favor abortion being "legal in all cases, no exceptions." Among Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week, however, only 4% say abortion should be "legal in all cases, no exceptions," while 26% say abortion should be "legal in most cases" and 68% say abortion should be illegal, including 24% who say it should be "illegal in all cases, no exceptions." Among those who attend the Tridentine Mass (the form of the Mass celebrated in Latin and in widespread use before the Second Vatican Council) only 1% say they approve of abortion.

The Catholic trend towards political conservatism is noticeable in the priesthood, too. A recent survey published by the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. found that the proportion of U.S. Catholic priests who identify as politically progressive dropped from almost 70% among priests ordained in the mid-to-late 1960s to less than 5% among those ordained past 2020. Once again, the number of conservatives in this demographic has skyrocketed: between 1960 and 1979, less than 25% of U.S. Catholic priests identified as politically conservative, compared to 60% of priests ordained between 2015 and 2019 and 52% ordained past 2020, with a large swath (though by no means a majority) of younger priests identifying as politically moderate or unaffiliated.

Burge concluded, "White Catholics used to align pretty strongly with the Democrats, but that hasn't been the case in the last four decades. White Catholics are right of center, politically. They favor Republicans over Democrats." He added, "If anything, I think there's evidence that the white Catholics will continue to coalesce around the GOP.... The future of American Catholicism is more conservative than it was thirty years ago."

LifeNews Note: S.A. McCarthy serves as a news writer at *The Washington Stand*.

Abortion Activists Spent Nearly \$67 Million Buying Ohio Vote, Had Big Advantage on TV Ads! By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

The following article was gleaned from information written by Steve Ertelt in LifeNews.com on the results of the voter referendum by Ohio voters on November 7th, 2023. The article also quotes information from a memo released by Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. This article speaks of the large amount of out of state dark money that was infused into the Ohio voter referendum by the pro-abortion industry. The abortion industry has made millions of dollars on abortion and is doing their best to make abortion legal not only in Ohio but all across the country.

- Not only did the abortion industry and the pro-abortion forces pour millions of dollars into Ohio, they developed ads on the airwaves that were downright false and misleading. The language in the referendum deceived voters into thinking the amendment allows for limits on abortion but in reality, the health exception in its language is a major loophole that allows for late-term abortion without limit and allows the abortionist to determine viability.
- 2. Also the pro-abortion forces misled Ohio voters with ads stating the Ohio referendum would leave women to die despite clear language in Ohio's law allowing for life-saving care. There was no fact checking to these false ads.
- 3. Not only did abortion proponents outspend pro-life advocates, but they flooded the television airwaves and the Internet with false ads that erroneously claimed women would die without this referendum passing or would be

- denied health care or treatment for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancies. The truth is every single state with an abortion ban fully allows all medical care for pregnant women, including treatment for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies.
- 4. Meanwhile exit polling showed that voters who voted for the pro-abortion referendum did so thinking there would be some restrictions such as rape, incest, or life of the mother; and the voters did not know or bother to find out what they were voting for! They just listened to the false ads and voted accordingly.
- 5. The pro-abortion forces spent a staggering \$66.7 million dollars on the voter referendum outspending the pro-life forces by a 2-1 margin. This helped to fuel a campaign of lies and deception to push through a constitutional amendment which would allow for unlimited and unregulated abortion. AP indicated that "the largest donations" supporting the pro-abortion "yes" campaign came from outside of Ohio. This included "three gifts totaling \$5.3 million from the progressive Sixteen Thirty Fund, based in Washington, D.C." The Sixteen Thirty Fund is largely bankrolled by Hansjörg Wyss, a Swiss billionaire.
- 6. The Ohio results don't reflect the attitude of Americans. The Ohio referendum election results differ significantly from Gallup's polling that was conducted on abortion this summer. As Gallup notes, "Specifically, close to half of Americans, 47%, now say abortion should be legal in all

circumstances while 49%, want it legal in only certain circumstances. That means 49% percent of Americans take a pro-life position opposing all or most abortions while a lower 47% take a pro-abortion position supporting all or most abortions.

- 7. To counter this, pro-life groups need to 1. Emphasize the great things *Dobbs* accomplished from saving babies to helping women; 2. Engage in more work to identify and turn out voters in elections; 3. Do more to fundraise and find large donors who can help the pro-life movement overcome the massive fundraising disparity so it can counter the avalanche of false ads.
- 8. We can only expect the abortion referendums to get worse as there is expected to be at least seven more just like it on

- the ballot in key states in next year's presidential election.
- 9. After the vote was in, the Center for Christian Virtue President Aaron Baer spoke to reporters on behalf of Protect Women of Ohio. He insisted that the voter referendum "does not represent Ohio values," and warned of what may come because of the vote in Ohio. "We stand ready during this unthinkable time to advocate for women and the unborn, just as we have always done," he said. "We persevered for fifty years to overturn *Roe v Wade*. Ours is a movement that has always endured and always will. Tomorrow, the work starts again." The pro-life leader said pro-life Americans have to start working now in states like Missouri and Florida where more pro-abortion amendments are expected.

Pro-Life Catholic Bishop Joseph Strickland Removed by Pope Francis By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com

A fter the Vatican undertook an investigation of one of the most popular Catholic bishops in America, who is also one of the most outspokenly pro-life bishops, Pope Francis abruptly removed him from his duties. Now, Bishop Joseph Strickland of Texas is speaking out about what happened.

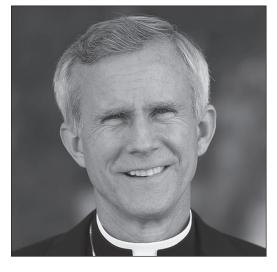
According to a new interview, Strickland said he was sacked because he spoke truth to power. "I really can't look to any reason except I've threatened some of the powers that be with the truth of the Gospel," said Strickland. "The only answer I have to that is because forces in the Church right now

don't want the truth of the Gospel. They want it changed. They want it ignored."

Still, Strickland did not really give a reason why Pope Francis removed him from being a bishop. Strickland shared that he had been asked to resign on November 9 but that he "couldn't, of my will, abandon the flock that I'd been given." Strickland did not accuse Pope Francis of being part of this push to undermine Church teaching, but he did say that "many forces are working at him and influencing him to make these kinds of decisions." For those "forces," the bishop said, "I'm a problem," and so they pushed for the "removal of a bishop for standing with the Gospel."

"I encourage myself and others to go more deeply than ever into prayer, to pray for Pope Francis, to pray for the Church, and to pray for our world." It's possible that the Texas diocese under which he serves and Pope Francis removed him with potentially false claims that he was administering his Catholic community poorly and using that as cover for the real reasons, but Strickland seemingly dismissed those concerns.

"No place is perfect, no family is perfect," he said. "But



the diocese is in good shape." He also said not administering Pope Francis' director to remove traditional Latin mass also likely played a role. "I know I didn't implement *Traditiones Custodes*" — the pope's 2021 restriction of the Traditional Latin Mass — "because I can't starve out part of my flock," he said.

What will Strickland do now? There is potential that he could become a Catholic leader in general without any official position or title—but spend his time writing, teaching, speaking out on important topics like pro-life and perhaps working with or

starting his own Catholic group.

"I don't have the answers right now," Strickland said when asked what the future holds for him. "Lots of questions, lots of empty calendars that will be, I'm sure, filled in different ways." In June, the Vatican launched an apostolic visitation to the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, and Bishop Joseph Strickland. The reasons for the investigation of Bishop Strickland were unclear, but appear to revolve around his social media posts — where he actively challenges abortion, takes on leftist woke culture and even questions the Catholic Church when he believes it is going the wrong direction.

In September, there were reports that Pope Francis would ask Bishop Strickland to resign. According to *The Pillar*, the pope met with Archbishop Robert Prevost, OSA, head of the Dicastery for Bishops, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States on September 9, with sources close to the Dicastery telling the outlet ahead of the meeting that prelates would present to the pope the results of an

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President Joe Biden's Record on Abortion By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

T he record of Joe Biden on abortion is very clear. He is the most pro-abortion president ever in our nation's history. Let me explain the ways he has taken our country into the depths of the abortion underworld.

- 1. He supported the Supreme Court decision of 1973 (*Roe v Wade*) which legalized abortion.
- 2. Mexico City Policy: In one of his first acts as president on day one, he reversed the policy of previous administrations by funding abortions to the Global Health Assistance Organization.
- 3. Biden fully supports radical abortion up to the time of birth.
- 4. Biden supports funding for abortion services.
- 5. Biden appoints only members in his administration who support abortion and abortion services.
- 6. The Biden Administration has changed military policy so as to pay for travel/transportation and to obtain abortions for military service members. This has been prohibited since 1992.
- 7. President Biden has promised to only appoint judges to all courts who support the right to abortion. He appointed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court which was supported by pro-abortion organizations such as Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and other pro-abortion groups.
- 8. The Biden Administration has weaponized the Justice Department going after people and organizations that do not agree with them. Just one example is they went after pro-life people who were praying and picketing at abortion clinics. They went after them using FBI agents with guns drawn, raiding their homes as if they were hardened criminals when these people were no threat at all.

Not only is the Biden Administration destroying our country by their policies on abortion, but they have opened up our southern border with Mexico through which millions of migrants have fled illegally across the border into the United States. Because of this, we are experiencing a flood of drugs, crime, and nefarious people from Iran, China, and other countries that can do harm to our country.

The Biden Administration is also responsible for the outrageous spending that has caused inflation and is driving up the cost of living. Gas prices are now coming down slightly from a record high caused by the policies implemented by the Biden Administration against using oil and gas. In the past Trump Administration the price of gas was reasonable and the economy was doing well until the COVID bug hit. The Biden Administration is trying to force the American consumer to go green

when they needed to take it slow and steady. This has caused the average American IRA account to take a real hit as the stock market is suffering greatly, and that has caused big losses that will affect the retirement accounts of the average American citizen

I guess the bottom line is that the Biden Administration has not been good for this country; and if we see four more years of this, our country may never recover. While Biden claims to be a "Good Catholic" and is in good standing with the Church, his policies on abortion and his stance on many liberal issues do not coincide with the Catholic Church in any way, shape, or form. Biden has cozied up to liberal Catholics who agree with him on these issues, but liberal priests and bishops who come in contact with the president have not done their duty and instead have looked the other way. They refuse to tell Biden he is wrong on these issues. Some Catholics and Catholic clergy think he should be excommunicated, but that will not happen.

We are facing a grave crisis in this country, and if our electorate does not act and restore some sanity to the White House, our country may be done as we know it. We must pray as never before and pray we can elect a pro-life president and then just maybe turn this country back to God!

Congressman Larry Bucshon, Congressman Greg Pence to Retire after 2024

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr.

Tt was announced this week that Indiana pro-life Con $oldsymbol{1}$ gressman Larry Bucshon from the 8th District and Greg Pence of the 6th District will retire after this session. It was thought for several years that Larry Bucshon was close to giving it up but his late announcement has surprised members in the 8th District. We are saddened to see Congressman Bucshon give it up, but we knew there would come a time when this would happen. We felt Larry was close to this decision for some time now, and with this announcement we must look to see who might be a viable candidate who is pro-life that might jump into the race. There are always those in the wings that have been mentioned but not sure if they are ready at this time. The 8th District used to swing back and forth, but Bucshon will have been the congressman for fourteen years after first being elected in 2010. Before that, Republican John Hostettler was elected to Congress in 1994 and was re-elected for five terms before he was defeated in 2006. Hostettler spent a total of five terms in Congress, meaning the Republicans have held the 8th District seat for 24 of the last 28 years. As of press time, no one has come forward to announce their intentions to run for the open seat.

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apostolic visitation of Stickland's diocese that was conducted earlier this year, as well as additional public actions taken by Strickland.

"The situation of Bishop Strickland is the agenda," one senior official close to the dicastery told the outlet, "and the expectation is that the Holy Father will be requesting his resignation — that will certainly be the recommendation put to him." While the meeting wasn't exclusively about Strickland, who has accused the pope of having a "program [for] undermining the Deposit of Faith, the official said that Strickland's case was set to be the "primary point of discussion" among the church officials.

"There are two aspects," the official said. "There is the matter of the public scandal from all these comments about the pope and the synod, but there are also real problems in the diocese. Those were the focus of the visitation; there are concerns in the diocese about governance, about financial matters, about basic prudence."

The report indicates it is unlikely that Pope Francis will remove Strickland as a bishop but that he would urge Strickland to hand in his resignation. "The consensus in the dicastery is that he will be asked to consider resigning. That has been the substance of discussion among the members." Depending on how the bishop responds, the strength of that encouragement could be increased."

Responding to the news, Priests for Life National Director Frank Pavone supported Strickland. "Hopefully, this will not happen, because it would be the last straw for many Catholics in the United States and elsewhere who are seeing within the church the same ideological weaponization of otherwise legitimate processes that we are seeing in the U.S. government against conservatives, pro-life people, and the MAGA movement," he told LifeNews in a statement.

"What has now become a pattern in the Catholic community ends up weakening the authority of the Church, and the trust that people have in their earthly shepherds. There is no transparency to these processes, which result in clear punishment for no clear crimes," Pavone added. "Whatever happens, the faithful need to unite in their homes, and in various movements and associations that pursue the goal of preserving the authentic Catholic faith, the pro-life agenda, and conservative politics. In the end, these movements will do more to preserve the Church and her freedom than many of the left-leaning shepherds are doing."

Earlier this year, Bishop Strickland called out Joe Biden, saying he's a "fake Catholic" for falsely claiming the Catholic Church supports abortion. Biden lied to a Catholic reporter and falsely claimed the nation's Catholic bishops do not oppose forcing Americans to fund abortions even though the Catholic Church has a longstanding pro-life position against tax-funded abortions. Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Catholic Diocese of Tyler, Texas condemned Biden's comments and said he was engaging in "fake Catholicism."

"Mr. Biden can't be allowed to twist the words of Pope Francis in this way," Strickland tweeted. "I implore the Vatican press office to emphatically clarify that Pope Francis rightly calls abortion murder. It is time to denounce Biden's fake Catholicism."

Editor's Note: This is the third time this year that Pope Francis has removed pro-life clergy from their posts or censored them in one way or another. In January the pope removed Priests for Life National Director Frank Pavone from the priesthood and then in November removed Bishop Strickland from the Texas Diocese and recently the pope has taken steps to take away the rent free apartment at the Vatican and censored prolife Cardinal Raymond Burke. We are waiting what future steps he will take against the cardinal. We pro-life veterans are very concerned by the actions of the pope against pro-life clergies that speak out against abortion and our pro-abortion leaders here in the United States. We wonder what the pope's advisors are telling him and just what actions the pope may take next.

After Father Frank Pavone was removed from the priesthood in 2023, a priest told me that he understands why clergy will not speak out against abortion. When I asked him why, he said they may not be kicked out of the priesthood like Father Frank, but they may be put on a "watch list." We are beginning to wonder which side of the abortion issue the Vatican officials are really on. It should be very clear which is the right side to be on but it appears they have their own agenda. We hope that someday these men will be enlightened and will be on the right side of abortion issue.

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