

Stephen Breyer and David Souter and mentioned Koh as a possible nominee. But Piero A. Tozzi, of the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, points out in a recent edition of the group's Friday Fax publication that Koh is strongly pro-abortion. Tozzi worries that Koh, as a Supreme Court justice, would use a new standard beyond the so-called privacy basis to justify keeping Roe and its ruling that unlimited abortions should be legal throughout pregnancy for any reason. "A Koh nomination would revive debate over the importation of 'transnational' social norms on contentious issues like abortion," Tozzi writes. Tozzi notes that Koh's academic writings have redefined sovereignty as "a nation's capacity to participate in international affairs," and have blurred any distinctive national identity.

Man: "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The green, green grass of home.'"

Doc: "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome."

Man: "Is it common?"

Doc: "It's not unusual."

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I've lost my electron."

The other says, "Are you sure?"

The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..."

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"God knows we're trying"



Mary and Elizabeth

Gospel for Sunday, November 16, 2008. Matthew 25: 14-30

"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

(Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demand-

ing person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

CATHOLICISM,POLITICS

Catholic bishops cut funding for ACORN

Posted by Michael Paulson
November 12, 2008 07:04 AM
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which is the anti-poverty arm of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has cut off all funding for ACORN, the controversy-plagued community organizing network that has been struggling with fallout from an embezzlement and allegations of voter registration fraud. From my story in today's Globe:

Bishop Roger P. Morin of New Orleans said yesterday that the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, an antipoverty pro-

California Backers of Parental Notification on Abortion Respond to Ballot Loss Sacramento, CA (LifeNews.com)

-- Organizers of the parental notification ballot initiative in California have issued a statement following the defeat of the abortion proposal there. They remain encouraged despite the fact that this is the third time the parental notification measure has gone down to defeat. The statement focuses on how they were again outspent by abortion advocates, including Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business. "Once again, Planned Parenthood and the mainstream media have combined to defeat a common sense proposal to enable parents to protect their daughters," the statement said. "Their victory did not come easily or cheaply. The opposition outspent us over 11 to 1," they explained. According to the pro-life advocates, opponents of parental notification spent more than \$8 million on "deceptive ads and other campaign tactics."



Chinese Woman Worried About Forced Sterilization, Abortion Denied Asylum

Denver, CO (LifeNews.com) -- A Chinese woman living in the United States who fears a deportation to China would result in a forced abortion or sterilization lost her bid for asylum. A federal ap-

peals court ruled that Xiu Mei Wei did not present enough evidence in her case for the court to confirm those fears would materialize upon her return. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last Friday against Wei's request to re-open her case. The three judge panel declined to re-open her case even though Wei is pregnant a fourth time and China's family planning policies prevent women from having any more than one child. According to an AP report, Wei had a temporary visa that expired in April 1997. She stayed in the United States and eventually applied for asylum in November 2002 when she became pregnant with her third child. The appeals court sided with an immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals, who both ruled that Wei did not file her asylum request within one year of having arrived in the U.S., as required by law.

Possible Barack Obama Supreme Court Nominee Harold Koh Backs Abortion

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

-- When the time comes for Barack Obama to make his first selection for the Supreme Court, Harold Hongju Koh, the dean of Yale Law School, is one of the people on his short list. A Koh nomination would be a severe blow to the pro-life movement as he would assuredly vote to uphold Roe v. Wade. During the campaign, so-called pro-life Catholic attorney Douglas Kmiec [said Obama would want pro-abortion judges](#) in the mold of

Obama and the members of the new Congress for the common good of all," he said. But, Cardinal George warned that "the unity desired by President-elect Obama and all Americans at this moment of crisis will be impossible to achieve," if the administration's policies increase abortions. "Aggressive pro-abortion policies, legislation and executive orders will permanently alienate tens of millions of Americans, and would be seen by many as an attack on the free exercise of their religion," he said.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."

Two antennas meet on a roof, fall in love and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was great.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

Pundit Apologizes for Saying Media Wanted Sarah Palin to Have Abortion

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

-- A political pundit has apologized for saying during a recent conference that he thinks the mainstream media wanted Sarah Palin to have an abortion on her baby Trig, who has Down syndrome. Michael Barone, a frequent commentator on talking head shows was responsible for the dustup. Barone, the author of the Almanac of American Politics, considered the encyclopedia for campaigns and elections, made the comment during a speech at a meeting of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. According to the web site Politico, Barone said, "Journalists trashed Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republicans' vice presidential nominee, because 'she did not abort her Down syndrome baby.'" Now, in an email to the political web site, Barone said he "was attempting to be humorous and, as many in public do, went over the line."



gram run by the bishops' conference, decided that it could no longer be certain of ACORN's integrity or accountability. The bishops had been giving \$1.1 million a year to 41 ACORN affiliates. "We simply had too many continuing questions and concerns about these serious matters to permit any further funding of ACORN groups," Morin said.

This past Tuesday, the citizens of our nation elected as our next President Senator Barack Obama of Illinois after a hard fought campaign. Many of you who are reading this are unhappy with the result, and many are happy. But no matter for whom you voted, we as good Catholics, good Christians, good Americans must support our new leaders as best we can, for no matter who would have won, the job is overwhelming and virtually impossible, especially in these difficult economic times.

By electing an African American as President, our nation has made an historic breakthrough, one which illustrates the old saying that 'any boy or girl could grow up to become president.' Hopefully Mr. Obama's election indicates a major step toward the healing of the sin of racism which has plagued our country in the past.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches at ##2239-2240 "It is the duty of citizens to con-

tribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good requires citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community. . . Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country."

However, ##2238 and 2242 state the following: "...Their [citizens'] loyal collaboration includes the right, and at times the duty, to voice their just criticisms of that which seems harmful to the dignity of persons and to the good of the community. . . The citizen is obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. Refusing obedience to civil authorities. . . finds its justification in the distinction between serving God and serving the political community. 'Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'"

Concretely, this means for Catholics an unwavering, perma-

ment opposition to the evil of abortion, which can never be legitimized by any law or court decision.

And while we're at it, we should thank President Bush, who certainly was not perfect, but protected our nation from terrorism these past seven years.

**By Fr. Joe Hennessey,
Parochial Vicar**



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for **'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'**



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

restrictions on abortions) are the best way to reduce them while only 8 percent of Obama evangelicals agreed. The BeliefNet survey found 86 percent of Obama's supporters said the best way to reduce abortions is "by preventing unintended pregnancy (through education and birth control), or providing financial assistance to pregnant mothers."

March of Dimes Gives US a "D" on Premature Birth, But Ignores Abortion Link

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)



-- The March of Dimes released a report on Wednesday chiding the

U.S. for failing to improve premature birth numbers and giving the country a "D" for its performance. However the charity's report includes no mention of the link between premature birth and an easily avoidable risk factor: abortion. The March of Dimes released its first-ever Premature Birth Report Card tallying the progress states have made in reducing premature birth figures. Eighteen states along with Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia all received failing grades and no state earned a top score in the report. Unfortunately, the March of Dimes, in its full length report, never mentions abortion despite the fact that it increases the risk of premature births in subsequent pregnancies and is an easily avoidable factor. In July

2006, [a report](#) from the Institute of Medicine, a National Academies of Science organization, found that first-trimester abortion, the most common type of abortion, is linked to an increasing risk of premature birth. The IOM report, "Preterm Birth: Causes, Consequences, and Prevention," is a list of "immutable medical risk factors associated with preterm birth" and "prior first-trimester abortion" is listed third among other risk factors that increase the risk of having a subsequent premature birth.

Catholic Bishops to Obama: We Will Work With You, But Don't Promote Abortion

Baltimore, MD (LifeNews.com) -

- The nation's Catholic bishops released their official statement in response to Barack Obama's presidential election victory last week. The statement says the Catholic Church leaders are happy to work with the Obama administration on common issues but warn him against promoting abortion. The remarks come from Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has hope for the Obama Administration but pointed to possible obstacles to a desire for unity. "The bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States welcome this moment of historic transition and look forward to working with President-elect





**Two peanuts walk into a bar.
One was a salted.**

**A jumper cable walks into a bar.
The barman says, "I'll serve you,
but don't start anything."**

**A sandwich walks into a bar. The
barman says, "Sorry we don't
serve food in here."**

**Missouri Judge Dismisses Law-
suit Against Embryonic Stem
Cell Research Funds
Jefferson City, MO**



(LifeNews.com) -- A judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a pro-life group against making taxpayers fund embryonic stem cell research. The judge ruled on a suit related to blocking \$21 million in public funds from going to the Life Sciences Research Board for the controversial science. Cole County Judge Richard Callahan issued his ruling on Wednesday and said the court can't block the funding because there is no legal dispute. He

also ruled that the lawsuit is merely requesting an advisory opinion. Fred N. Sauer, a founder of the Missouri Roundtable for Life and a plaintiff in the case, told AP that his organization plans to appeal the decision. "We will not let tax dollars go unrestricted to these groups that are privately controlled and may be used to make profits off abortions and research the Legislature banned," he said.

**Evangelicals Who Backed
Obama Say Pro-Life Laws Can't
Reduce Abortions
Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)**

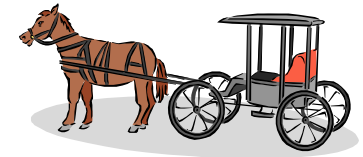
-- A new survey that details the beliefs of evangelical voters and why they supported Barack Obama or John McCain finds those voters who supported Obama don't believe government can reduce abortions. Their views appear to be at odds with [studies](#) showing pro-life legislation save lives. The web site BeliefNet conducted the survey and found that 25 percent of evangelical voters supported Obama. The so-called "Obamagalicals" who gave their vote to a pro-abortion candidate appear to have a different view of abortion than the evangelicals who backed McCain. Although both Obama and McCain backers agreed that reducing abortions is important, they strongly disagree on how to do that. Some 61 percent of McCain evangelicals say pro-life legislation (legal re-



**Congress Will Fund UNFPA,
Forced Abortions for Obama,
Representative Says
Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)**

-- One of the leading pro-abortion members of the House of Representatives says Congress will do the dirty work for incoming president Barack Obama when it comes to funding the UNFPA and forced abortions. Rep. Carolyn Maloney held a press conference Wednesday discussing the taxpayer funding. Maloney told reporters that the Democratic-controlled Congress, run by abortion advocates, will restore the \$40 million annual funding to the UNFPA with Obama's support. "You know the president will have to do nothing," Maloney said, according to CNS News. "He will just have to let the will of Congress go through. One of the changes is that UNFPA will be funded." If Congress or the Obama administration restore the UNFPA funding, Douglas Johnson, the legislative director for National Right to Life, tells LifeNews.com it would be looking the other way at a federal law prohibiting the funding of groups that are involved in forced abortion programs. "Since 1985, U.S. law has prohibited funding any organization that supports a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization," Johnson explained. "The UNFPA has been a cheerleader for, and participant in, China's coercive population control program. In order to restore funding to the UNFPA, Obama will have to turn a blind eye to the law," Johnson

added. UNFPA = United Nations Funds for Population Activities.



While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

**Catholic Priest Tells Obama
Backers Not to Receive Com-
munion Over Abortion
Greenville, SC (LifeNews.com) --**



A Catholic priest in South Carolina has told members of his church

who supported Barack Obama that they should voluntarily refrain from receiving communion. The Rev. Jay Scott Newman says they should not take part in the sacrament because they backed a strong abortion advocate for president. Newman said Thursday that Catholic Church policies don't allow him to refuse to administer communion so he hopes the parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville will decline on their own. He said his members should

refrain from participating until they do penance for backing "the most radical pro-abortion politician ever to serve in the United States Senate or to run for president." Newman told the Greenville News on Wednesday that he will continue preaching on the "intrinsic and grave evil of abortion" and called Obama and Joe Biden's abortion support a "divisive issue" with a "moral dimension." The priest posted a letter on the church web site saying that "voting for a pro-abortion politician when a plausible pro-life alternative exists constitutes material cooperation with intrinsic evil." ACTION: Thank Reverend Newman by going to <http://www.stmarysgvl.org/contact#sendEmail>

Terri Schiavo's Family Condemns Ruling Allowing Killing of Eluana Englaro

Rome, Italy (LifeNews.com) -- The brother of Terri Schiavo is condemning the decision handed down today by an Italian court allowing Eluana Englaro's father to starve her to death. Englaro went into a coma after an accident and her father wants to remove her feeding tube and starve and dehydrate her to death. The painful death will be similar to the 13 days without food and water that Schiavo endured before her death. Terri's brother, Bobby Schindler, told LifeNews.com that he thinks the court should not have allowed the Englaro's father to remove her basic care. "Today's ruling will clear the way for Eluana to experience a bar-

baric and inhumane death by starvation and dehydration," he said. Schindler is worried that the kind of horrible bioethics that prompted courts in the United States to allow his sister's former husband to kill her is making its way across the globe. "This court's ruling seems to indicate that American 'medical ethics' are spreading like a virus among the international community, threatening countless numbers of elderly, ailing and disabled persons in an increasing and alarming way," Schindler noted.



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Ireland May Need Amendment to Protect Pro-Life Laws From International Attack

Dublin, Ireland (LifeNews.com) -



- A legal expert told a Dáil committee yesterday that Ireland officials may

need to adopt a strong constitutional amendment to protect its laws against abortion from being toppled by international attacks. Trinity law professor William Binchy described how Europe and the United Nations could apply pressure. Binchy told the panel that the "open door policy" towards European law is becoming dangerous in part because of the Lisbon Treaty but because of the "dynamic progression of jurisprudence" in the European Court of Justice. "There are serious concerns within the EU venture with respect to abortion," he added, according to a Irish Times report. Professor Binchy told the panel that European courts and more frequently looking at abortion as a "service" for women that can't be denied and he said the Ireland Constitution could address the issue in an amendment that prevent abortion from being seen as an international or domestic right.



Kansas Abortion Business Poisons Pro-Life Advocates With Unknown Substance

Wichita, KS (LifeNews.com) -- A



late-term abortion business in Kansas has been accused of putting an unknown substance on the driveway leading into the facility and sickening two pro-life advocates. The abortion center in question is the Women's Health Care Services, run by embattled late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller. The two women, Jennifer McCoy and Brandi Lozier, were praying outside the abortion business on November 2 as part of the 40 Days For Life event. McCoy was treated for four hours at a local hospital emergency room suffering from vomiting, diarrhea, and swelling of the face and eyes. Lozier suffered similar symptoms, but was not hospitalized. The pro-life group Operation Rescue told LifeNews.com that, after numerous tests, doctors told McCoy that her symptoms were the result of exposure to a foreign substance, and were not related to any viral or bacterial infection. After being released from the hospital, McCoy filed a complaint with the Wichita Police Department, but almost two weeks later, it appears local officials aren't taking any action.