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Our Mother Mary

“Do whatever He tells you”



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“God knows we’re trying”





**Letter from the Editor:**

**Barack Obama at Notre Dame**

**By Eugene A. Santoro  
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Watch or don't watch? We decided to watch our president receive an award and make a speech at Notre Dame. We have been listening to priests and bishops give their disapproval of what they referred to as a travesty, misrepresentation, a slap in the face of life respecting Catholics and a watering down of the value of this award.

This is the way we were affected by his speech: We both gave him an "A" for his presentation, an "A" for his content, an "A" for his humor, an "A" for his rhetoric and an "A" for his eloquence. The President should be lauded for his crowd control as well.

Notre Dame (Our Lady) was swooned today by the velvet

voice of our president. I think Henry Clay, Stephen Douglas and Abe Lincoln would have been drawn to the quality of his exercise in selling and nearly converting the opposition.

A few heckled him, and a few were arrested, but there was no throwing of shoes, no pie in the face, no turning off of the sound system and no physical attack. In general he was treated as a President should be, with respect by the majority of students and staff of Notre Dame.

Personally, I felt that there may be some hope yet. I guess he did impress me. I'm not sure that all that is happening and has happened is his fault. Is he in over his head? Is he seeing that Washington is not an easy egg to crack? Has he been duped into the role of president because of his charisma?

I want to give him a chance, he was duly elected (as far as we know) and he is making changes. The hair is still sticking up on the back of my

neck because of his spending, stealthy past and his questionable selection of people to his administration. I think he has been allowed to make a significant schism in the potential future participants of the pro-life movement. He was great, but just how damaging was he to the future of the preservation and sanctity of life? God only knows.

### **The Shoe Box**

They had shared everything. They had talked about everything.

They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.



For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the

doctor said She would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000. He asked her about the contents. 'When we were to be married,' she said, 'my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.'



The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She

had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the doll, but what about all of this money?

Where did it come from?'

'Oh,' she said, 'that's the money I made from selling the dolls.'

**Our Lady of the Pillar -**  
Saragossa, Spain (ca. 40 AD)

After the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, his Apostles began to spread the message he left throughout Israel and shortly thereafter, through the Roman empire. One of these Apostles, James (the Greater), reportedly travelled as far west as Spain to the village of Saragossa in north east Spain. While James was there, he became disheartened because of the failure of his mission. Tradition holds that while he was deep in prayer Jesus' Blessed Mother appeared

to him and gave him a small wooden statue of herself and a column of jasper wood and instructed him to build a church in her honor:

**"This place is to be my house, and this image and column shall be the title and altar of the temple that you shall build."**



The jasper column and the wooden statue can still be seen on special occasions at a church that houses them. About a year after the apparition James arranged to build a small chapel in Mary's honor, the first Church ever dedicated to the honor of the Virgin Mary. After James returned to Jerusalem, he was executed by Herod Agrippa in about 44 AD, the first apostle to be martyred for his faith. Several of his disciples took his body and returned it for final burial in Spain. The local queen, observing several of the miracles performed by James' disciples, converted to Christianity and permitted James' body to be buried in a local field. Eight centuries later, a cathedral in honor of St. James was erected after his gravesite was redis-

covered by a local hermit. The hermit found the burial site after noticing an unusual star formation. The site for the cathedral was called Compostella (starry field) and it is a major pilgrimage site to this day.

### **On The First Day...**

**Sent in by Rita Clasby**

On the first day, God created the dog and said: 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'

The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking... How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?' So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:

'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give

you a twenty-year life span.'

The monkey said:

'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'

The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'

But man said: 'Only

twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'

'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as

a public service



**Pro-Life Group Details  
Pro-Abortion Views of  
Likely Obama Supreme  
Court Picks**

**Washington, DC**

**(LifeNews.com)** -- A leading pro-life legal group has compiled a detailed analysis of the pro-abortion views of the several leading contenders from which President Barack Obama is expected to pick the next Supreme Court justice. Americans United for Life indicates pro-life advocates should expect a fierce battle over abortion with virtually any of the leading candidates.

Elena Kagan, the Solicitor General of the United States and the former dean of Harvard Law School, has made the high-end of the list of potential nominees from most political observers.

AUL indicates Kagan is at odds with a Supreme Court decision that upholds the right of government to stop taxpayer-funded abortions. Justice Leah Ward Sears, the chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, is another potential pick. Justice Sears has not issued any known decision on life-

related issues, but AUL indicates "Sears has evidenced a broad conception of substantive constitutional privacy -- the very basis upon which Roe v. Wade is predicated." Another potential Obama pick, Kathleen Sullivan of the Stanford Law School, is pro-abortion as well. "Sullivan, who has no judicial experience, published an article in the August 1992 New Jersey Law Journal, commenting on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Planned Parenthood v. Casey and arguing that legal status of abortion should be decided by the courts, particularly the U.S. Supreme Court, and not the American people through the democratic process," AUL indicates.

**Democrats for Life of America will hold their annual conference and Hall of Fame dinner on June 17 at the Phoenix Hotel in Washington. Meet pro-life Democrats! See <http://www.DemocratsForLife.org> for more information on the conference and dinner.**

## **Pro-Life Groups May Have to Lead Battle Against Pro-Abortion Supreme Court Pick**

**Washington, DC**



**(LifeNews.com)** -- There is a growing feeling in the nation's capital and within the pro-life community that pro-life groups may have to lead the fight against a pro-abortion Supreme Court pick. With their numbers sagging and even the ability to mount a filibuster appearing to be beyond their grasp, Senate Republicans are already sounding defeatist tones. They appear to be ready to truckle to pro-life and other outside groups, which are geared up to take on Obama and his expected pro-abortion Supreme Court nominee. Sen. Jeff Sessions, the pro-life lawmaker who is the new top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and top Republican aides appeared dispirited in recent comments to the New York Times. "Well, the De-

mocrats have a strong majority on the committee," he said, referring to the fact that Senate Democrats now hold a 12-7 majority on the panel, shifting from their 11 to 8 majority before Senator Arlen Specter changed parties. "Assuming no serious problems, we should have a good discussion about the role of a judge," he added. Sessions didn't appear to believe that Obama's nominee would be defeated unless the nominee wanted "to promote a political agenda" or had problems such as tax payment or personal issues.

## **President Obama's Abortion Record Doesn't Match His Notre Dame Rhetoric** **by Bradley Mattes**

The controversy surrounding President Obama and Notre Dame University culminated with his speech Sunday in Indiana. I had returned from Washington, DC just in time to drop my bag and tune in to watch the address. His most pronounced message -- certainly





the one emphasized by the media -- was that we shouldn't demonize those who disagree with us on abortion. I couldn't agree more, but wonder why the President doesn't follow his own advice.

Certainly his memory isn't that short. Only a few weeks ago his administration released a memo cautioning against "rightwing extremists". In the crosshairs of its inflammatory remarks were pro-lifers. How can the President claim verbal high ground in the abortion debate when his administration is demonizing individuals as "domestic rightwing terrorists" when they—in the words of the memo—are "dedicated to [an] opposition to abortion?"

**New Pro-Life Video Features Latest 4-D Ultrasound "Window to the Womb"**

**Washington, DC**



**(LifeNews.com)** -- With new national polls showing a shift in the public opinion on abortion towards the pro-life perspective, ultrasound technology is getting some of the credit for the new attitude. Shari Richard, whose cutting edge Window to the Womb video has been seen by millions, has released a new version. Almost twenty years after the debut of the videos Window to the Womb and Eyewitness to the Earliest Days of Life, which brought ultrasound images to the masses for the benefit of unborn children, the sonographer has unveiled her followup. Eyewitness 2 and Window to the Womb 2 "The Next Generation" both employ the latest revolutionary digital ultrasound technology of 3D & 4D imaging. "The powerful imagery from the latest ultrasound technology, combined with the history of the movement and the moving testimony of those who have suffered from abortion personally makes Window to the Womb 2 a comprehensive tool," Richard tells LifeNews.com.

### Dear Lord,

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

### Kids Say The Darndest Things

**Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)**

A: Keep it in the cow.

**Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?**

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

**Q: What are steroids?**

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

**Q: What happens to your body as you age?**

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

**Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?**

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

**Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.**

A: Premature death.

**Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)**

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

**Q: What is the fibula?**

A: A small lie. Q: What does "varicose" mean? (I do love this one...)

A: Nearby.

**Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarian Section."**

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**Q: Name the four seasons.**

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

**Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.**

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

**Q: How is dew formed?**

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

**Tennessee Pro-Life Advocates Get Big Victory, House OKs Abortion Amendment**

**Nashville, TN**

**(LifeNews.com)** -- The Tennessee state House has approved an amendment that pro-life advocates have fought for to limit the reach of a pro-abortion state Supreme Court ruling. The amendment, pro-life advocates say, is critically needed to be able to pass laws to limit and reduce abortions. The amendment is necessary because the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled 4-1 in 2000 that the state constitution allows unlimited abortions. The ruling claimed the Tennessee Constitution contains a fundamental abortion right even broader than Roe v. Wade or the federal constitution and it resulted in the striking down of numerous

pro-life Tennessee laws that were helping women and limiting abortions. The Senate-approved amendment, SJR 127, received a strongly bipartisan 76-22, to the delight of Ed Albin of Tennessee Right to Life, which has spearheaded the lobbying for it. "After a nine-year struggle by Tennessee's pro-life grassroots movement to force a House floor vote on the proposed constitutional amendment, the House has finally joined the state Senate which has already passed SJR 127 five times since 2000," he told LifeNews.com. Although the legislature finally approved the amendment, Albin explains that the battle continues and pro-life advocates need to prepare for continuing the battle next year.



**Fr. Frank Pavone &  
Friends**

