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## **I Miss the Old Church**

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**I am sure some people feel the way I do; this is**

**my opinion.**

**I miss the old church traditions. I remember when we used to walk into a church and the men would remove their hats and the women would cover their heads. The lighting was subdued and the noise was on the level of silent. The statues were illuminated; people were kneeling and praying at a railing between them and the altar. One could feel the mystery of our religion and the reverence toward a divine being. We could sense this was God's house; we came to ask Him for a favor, to help fulfill our needs through prayer.**

**Before each Mass and before the priest entered the sanctuary a bell was rung and everyone stood-up. The Mass was said in Latin and there was an aura of mystery about it. The Host was taken on the tongue and we knew it was the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus. I remember going to con-**

**fession; I would enter what was called a confessional. It was similar to a phone booth with poor lighting. One priest would sit between two of these booths and he would hear one confession from his left side and then switch to the booth on his right side. Each confessor was separated by the priest who would slide a panel uncovering a mesh material that would give some privacy and enable the priest and confessor to hear each other but not see each other clearly. After confession, and doing my penance, I would get this immaculate feeling, I was almost floating, if I was struck by lightning I knew I would go straight to Heaven.**

**Today when you go to confession, it is a small reasonably lit room; you have the option to sit before the priest, eye to eye or kneel on the other side of a small partition (in the same room).**

**Today it is a different ambiance as you enter the church. The church is fully lit, people are standing around talking and laughing, women do not**

cover their heads, no bell is rung, Mass is in English, the Host is taken by hand, and the procession of toilet goers begins and continues through the Mass. In the old days, I never knew they had toilets in churches.

Today, when the Mass begins, we are serenaded by a five or six piece band. Possibly including: a couple of guitars, piano, drums (with cymbals), and a fife. The people sing and clap their hands to the music. When the priest begins the transubstantiation and the symbols demonstrate the "Doppler Effect" just before it happens, I feel like I am at a Broadway play. Mass has become more like entertainment than glorifying God.

I guess I am being judgmental; that is one of my most sinful faults. As I was kneeling, during Communion, I was impressed by the number of people lined-up to receive the Body and Blood of Christ; I guess the people are coming because they like things the way they are. I just miss the old days.

**Kagan Memo on Partial-Birth Abortion Shows She'd be Hostile to Pro-Life Laws**  
Washington, DC  
(LifeNews.com) --



Further analysis of the controversial memo Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan wrote for ex-President Bill Clinton on the subject of partial-birth abortion provides new concerns for pro-life advocates. It shows she regarded the ban on the abortion procedure as unconstitutional.

The new analysis from Americans United for Life also indicates Kagan would likely be hostile to any pro-life laws that may come before the Supreme Court.

President Barack Obama appointed his pro-abortion Solicitor General for the open seat vacated by retiring pro-abortion Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

In 1997, while serving as an associate White House Counsel to President Bill Clinton, Elena Kagan advised Clinton on HR 1122, a bill to ban partial-birth abortions.

Americans United for Life attorneys say the media is misrepresenting the contents of the memo.

"Kagan's memo to the President containing her advice was selectively leaked to the press and has been spun to present Kagan as a moderate who would possibly be friendly to pro-life legislation. The memo, however, does not support that conclusion. Rather, Kagan's advice to President Clinton indicates that she could be hostile to pro-life legislation. Moreover, it raises questions

### **Americans Still Divided on Pro-Abortion Supreme Court Pick Elena Kagan Washington, DC**

**(LifeNews.com)** -- New polling from Rasmussen finds Americans are still split on the nomination of pro-abortion Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court. The same percentage oppose President Barack Obama's selection as support it -- which is consistent with the first poll Rasmussen took after the nomination.

The new survey finds 39% of voters believe Kagan should be confirmed by the Senate, while another 39% say she should not be confirmed. Another 22 percent are still undecided.

A week ago, immediately following Obama's announcement, [a Rasmussen Reports poll](#) found 33% said she should be confirmed, 33% disagreed, and 34% were undecided.

Support for Kagan's confirmation among Democrats has jumped dramati-

cally over the past week from 47% to 68%. Opposition among Republicans has risen from 54% in the previous survey to 61%. Among voters not affiliated with either party, 32% favor confirmation, while 42% are opposed, up eight points from a week ago. "By way of comparison, support for Kagan's confirmation is a bit lower than support for Judge Sonia Sotomayor a week after her nomination. In both cases, support declined slightly in the week following the nomination," Rasmussen noted. Virtually unchanged from last week is the finding that 83% of all voters think it is at least somewhat likely that Kagan will be confirmed, including 55% who say confirmation is very likely. regarding her respect for the Constitution," the group informed LifeNews.com in a new paper on the memo.



## White House Pushing Pro-Abortion Health Care Law After Polls Show No Support

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- New polls show Americans have not come around to



support the pro-abortion health care law President Barack Obama signed. With the mid-term Congressional elections looming on the horizon, White House officials are putting together a concerted effort to boost support for it before voters head to the polls.

Yesterday, the latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey showed 56% favor repeal of the law, while 39% are opposed.

Support for repeal is unchanged from a week ago and from other polls since Congress passed and Obama signed into law the

bill that forces taxpayers to fund abortions.

"That support is also proving to be just as consistent as opposition to the health care plan before it was passed into law," pollster Scott Rasmussen noted. "In polls conducted every week since the law was passed in March, support for repeal has stayed in a very narrow range from a low of 54% to a high of 58%."

The current results include 45% who strongly favor repeal and, among senior citizens, the generation most likely to use the health care system and the most likely to turn out in November, 63% favor repeal.

Overall, 39% of voters believe the law will be good for the country, and 50% say it will be bad.

**Gallup Poll: Pro-Life Conservatives More Enthusiastic About 2010 Elections**  
Washington, DC  
(LifeNews.com) -- With a pro-abortion health care

bill President Barack Obama and his allies pushed through Congress and now a second pro-abortion Supreme Court nomination, pro-life advocates are worked up about the 2010 elections. A Gallup poll shows that to be the case as it has conservatives the most excited.

Upset by the pro-abortion agenda Obama and his Democratic lieutenants in Congress have put in place, pro-life advocates appear ready to go to the polls in droves this November to vote them out.

That's because a Gallup poll released today shows registered voters who identify themselves as conservatives are significantly more enthusiastic about voting than moderates or liberals, who are mostly for abortion.

Those who say they are "very" conservative are the most enthusiastic of all, with substantially higher enthusiasm than those who say they are "very" liberal.

The poll shows 62 percent of those who call themselves very conservative are very enthusiastic while another 17 percent are somewhat enthusiastic, or 79 percent overall enthusiastic.

Another 40 percent of conservatives are very enthusiastic and 24 are somewhat enthusiastic, for 64 percent total.

Those numbers compared with just 46 percent of moderates who say they are enthusiastic (22 percent very and 24 percent somewhat), 53 percent of liberals saying they are enthusiastic (21/32 percent) respectively) and 63 percent of very liberal voters (44/19 percent).

**Catholic Bishops Must Leave Coalition Group Backing Pro-Abortion Elena Kagan**  
by Deal Hudson

An organization called The Coalition for Constitutional Values has put on its web site a 30 second ad supporting Elena Kagan, Obama's nominee to fill the Supreme Court seat

being vacated by Justice John Paul Stevens.

The Coalition for Constitutional Values is a project of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR), a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations, to promote and protect the rights of all persons in the United States.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is a member of the LCCHR, and as a member pays an annual membership fee. The Leadership Conference claims to work toward creating an America as good as its ideals.

Do those ideals for the bishops include putting pro-abortion justices on the Supreme Court, thus thwarting any efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*? This endorsement of the Kagan nomination is typical of public positions taken by the LCCHR for many years.

In February, I published an

[article](#), "Why Did the USCCB Join This Civil Rights Organization?" That article catalogued the various positions taken by the LCCHR that directly conflict with Church teaching. Support for abortion, same-sex marriage, and contraception were among them.

It's no surprise that the web site of the Coalition of Constitutional Values also features the endorsement of Elena Kagan by the Human Rights Campaign, the powerful gay rights lobbying group. Make no mistake about it, the Coalition for Constitutional Values speaks for all the members of the coalition, including the USCCB!

### **Pro-Life College Group Loves New Poll Showing Young Adults Oppose Abortion Washington, DC**



**(LifeNews.com)** -- One of the pieces of good news for the pro-life movement found in last week's new Gallup poll showing more Americans saying they are pro-life than "pro-choice" is another confirmation of where the next generation of Americans stand. The survey found young adults continue displaying pro-life values.

As LifeNews.com reported, [the May 3-6 Gallup poll](#) revealed 47 percent of Americans say they are pro-life on abortion versus 45 percent who say they are "pro-choice," supporting legal abortions.

That included 47 percent of 18-29 year-olds who say they are pro-life, an increase of five percent from the 2008 Gallup figures.

And 45 percent of Americans aged 30-49 said they are pro-life, an increase of three percent from 2008 and an increase of five percent from 2006.

Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director of Students



for Life of America, told LifeNews.com she's elated by those numbers.

After four years of working with young pro-lifers on the nation's college campuses, she says the Gallup poll shows that the hard work of Students for Life of America is paying off.

"This poll is the second in three months showing that this generation of young people are pro-life and do not tolerate abortion. America is now a pro-life nation, and its young people are the reason for that," she said.

**Phoenix, AZ**  
**(LifeNews.com)** -- St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona, which is affiliated with the Catholic Church, is facing questions over a 2009 abortion. A hospital ethics committee deemed the abortion necessary to save the life of the mother, but the top Catholic official is questioning that.

Sister Margaret Mary

McBride, the hospital's vice president of mission



integration, was a member of the committee, including patients and doctors, that made the decision.

Coming under fire for okaying the abortion, she has been reassigned to new duties.

The hospital has defended its decision saying such decisions are "guided by our values of dignity, justice and respect, and the belief that all life is sacred."

"We have always adhered to the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services as we carry out our healing ministry and we continue to abide by them," it added in a statement. "In those instances where the Directives do not explicitly address a clinical situation

- such as when a pregnancy threatens a woman's life - an Ethics Committee is convened to help our caregivers and their patients make the most life-affirming decision."

The hospital continued, "In this tragic case, the treatment necessary to save the mother's life required the termination of an 11-week pregnancy."

"This decision was made after consultation with the patient, her family, her physicians, and in consultation with the Ethics Committee, of which Sr. Margaret McBride is a member," it said.

But, Bishop Thomas Olmsted warned that Catholics who participate in an abortion face consequences.

"I am gravely concerned by the fact that an abortion was performed several months ago in a Catholic hospital in this Diocese. I am further concerned by the hospital's statement that the termi-

nation of a human life was necessary to treat the mother's underlying medical condition," he said.

"An unborn child is not a disease. While medical professionals should certainly try to save a pregnant mother's life, the means by which they do it can never be by directly killing her unborn child. The end does not justify the means," he added.

The bishop said faithful Catholics are obliged to defend human life from conception to natural death and reminded that a Catholic who "formally cooperates in the procurement of an abortion" is "automatically excommunicated by that action."

Bishop Olmsted added, "We always must remember that when a difficult medical situation involves a pregnant woman, there are two patients in need of treatment and care; not merely one. The unborn child's life is just as sacred as the mother's life, and neither life can be preferred over the other. A

woman is rightly called 'mother' upon the moment of conception and throughout her entire pregnancy is considered to be 'with child.'"

"The direct killing of an unborn child is always immoral, no matter the circumstances, and it cannot be permitted in any institution that claims to be authentically Catholic," he concluded.

According to the Arizona Republic, neither the hospital nor the Archdiocese would address whether Bishop Olmsted was involved in the decision to reassign McBride.

**If you are 30 , or older, you might think this is hilarious!**

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning....Uphill... Barefoot... BOTH ways... yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of

bull like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it! But now that I'm over the ripe old age of thirty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a Utopia!

And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it! I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!! There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our butt! Nowhere was safe! There were no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the record store and shoplift it yourself!

Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#\*%&

it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car.. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and then the tape would come undone rendering it useless. Cause, hey, that's how we rolled, Baby! Dig?

We didn't have fancy stuff like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

There weren't any cell phones either. If you left the house, you just didn't make a call or receive one. You actually had to be out of touch with your "friends". OH MY GOD !!! Think of the horror... not being in touch with someone 24/7!!!! And then there's TEXTING. Yeah, right. Please! You kids have no idea how annoying you are.

And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your parents, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, the collection agent... you just didn't know!!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying? We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rat-finks!

And we didn't have micro-waves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

And our parents told us to stay outside and play... all day long. Oh, no, no electronics to soothe and comfort. And if you came back inside... you were doing chores!

And car seats - oh, please! Mom threw you in the back seat and you hung on. If you were lucky, you got the "safety arm" across the chest at the last moment if she had to stop suddenly, and if your head hit the dashboard, well that was your fault for calling "shot gun" in the first place!

See! That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled rotten! You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980 or any time before!

**Regards,  
The Over 40 Crowd**

*I was always told  
to respect my  
elders, now I have  
no one to respect!*

*Yours Truly*