

Voting Catholic!

Into Song: Celli Rain - 666 Degrees

Prayer:

For Life – born & unborn

For a well informed conscience

For God's guidance & protection in the upcoming elections

40 Days For Life!

- Praying outside the PP clinic a few weeks ago
 - Kid in silver car pulls up
 - hanging outside
 - talking on cell
 - laughing
 - Girl is wheeled out
 - kid goes and gets car
 - They pull out
 - we try and offer them resources & prayer
 - Kid flips us the bird!
 - reminds me of me in 1994!
- Abortion... the great get-out-of-jail-free card for boys who lack manhood
 - *“Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection.”* Humanae Vitae Paragraph 17
 - Pope Paul VI knew what he was talking about....
 - If I couldn't prevent her pregnancy through contraception... then I will certainly ensure **MY** freedom through abortion!
 - **Dr. Charles E. Rice's** keynote address to the national meeting of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, held Oct. 22 at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Ind.

- *"The stakes are high. Man today has made of himself a god, asserting control over whether and when life shall begin and when it shall end. We are even tampering with genetics to make "designer" human beings according to our own specifications. In 2002, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, addressed this problem in the context of Genesis 3 and the posting of angels east of Eden with flaming swords to keep man, after the Fall, from eating of the Tree of Life. After the Fall, man was forbidden to eat of that tree which gave immortality, "since to be immortal in this [fallen] condition would... be perdition." People are now, Ratzinger said, "starting to pick from the tree of life and make themselves lords of life and death, to reassemble life....[P]recisely what man was supposed to be protected from is now... happening; he is crossing the final boundary... [M]an makes other men his own artifacts."*
 - *[The link to the FULL text is available on the show notes of this episode at CatholicHack.com](#)*
- The girl I brought to kill her baby felt like she had NO choice... because I was NOT man enough to stand up and provide an alternative!
- This encounter with a stranger at the "clinic" reminded me of myself... who I was... and now, thanks be to God... who I am today,,, and who I long to be... a Saint!
- Just yesterday my son & I participated in a pro-life rally in Houston.
 - The science march of thousands to pray in front of the abortion mill was broken by the yelling of and screaming of about 10 people who were calling us terrorists!
 - **Isaih 5:20**
 - *[20] Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*

- Watching the scene made me want to be apart of the solution... take a stand, to be counted.
- There are many issues at stake in today's society!
 - How can we know where to begin?
 - How much should we get involved with?
 - What can we do to make a difference?
 - Much of what Im sharing is from "Voters Guide for Serious Catholics" published by Catholic Answers! find more info at Catholic.com
- **CCC 2239** *It is the duty of citizens to contribute 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 require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community.*
- in the USA its voting time again
 - Catholic's MUST cast a vote that will not contradict the churches teaching on moral principles!
 - There are 5 NON-Negotiable issues that every Catholic Christian must consider when deciding who to vote for:
 - This does NOT mean there are NOT other VERY important issues
 - immigration & the economy to save just two are HUGE issues to Americans right now & rightly fully so. However, we must take the combat medic analogy to understand how best to approach this issue!
 - The non-negotiable are:
 - **Abortion**
 - Over 4000 abortions every days in the USA alone – that we know about!
 - 98% of those are "elective" abortions – meaning because the mother doesn't want the child!
 - Life begins at conception!
 - **Euthanasia**
 - "Mercy Killing"
 - Suffering must be understood in light of the cross!
 - Life is precious from conception to a natural death!
 - **Embryonic Stem Cell research**
 - harvesting human embryos , aborting/killing them, and using them for scientific experimentation.
 - we were all once embryos

- No medial or scientific advancements have come from such a barbaric experiment however, adult stem cells, which DO NOT include killing humans have had tremendous advancements!
- **Human Cloning**
 - the creation of a human person outside of the context of the sexual act between a man and woman.
 - Dr. Rice again " *Man no longer originates in the mystery of love, by... conception and birth... but is produced industrially, like any other product....[W]e can ... be certain of this: God will take action to counter an ultimate crime, an ultimate act of self-destruction, on the part of man. He will take action against the attempt to demean mankind by the production of slave-beings. There are indeed final boundaries we cannot cross.*" [13]"
 - Read underlined! page 7
- **Homosexual "Marriage"**
 - From the dawn of time the foundation of society... the bedrock, has been one man & one woman!
 - Satan's first attack on mankind was at that most sensitive moment... Genesis 2:25–Genesis3:7 – the One Flesh union...
 - The health, happiness, and growth of a society... a culture of peoples, is linked intrinsically to the safeguarding of traditional marriage!
 - To seek a perversion of the Creators intent is to circumvent the creator Himself... to say
 - **Genesis 11:4** "*Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves,*
 - Seeking self instead of God... this is an attack on God himself as marriage is made in HIS image & Likeness & NOT our's!
 - **Genesis 1:26–27** [26]*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,*

and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- So now you know the 5 non–neogtiables
 - How NOT to vote:
 - Don't vote strictly on party lines
 - Don't just vote a certain way because that's what your family has done for decades!
 - Don't vote for someone JUST because they say they are Catholic!
 - Don't vote for someone because they are agreeable to you on lesser issues
 - Read underlined on page 11
 - How TO Vote:
 - Research the positions of the candidates on these 5 non–neogtiables
 - Review their websites
 - articles
 - interviews
 - Review issues surveys such as the one from
 - <http://www.texasallianceforlife.org/>
 - Maybe there is something similar where you live?
 - Call their campaign offices and ask them directly where they stand!
 - What if:
 - What if all the choices are bad ones?
 - Read bottom of page 11
 - Its possible to even NOT cast a vote in

order to maintain a good conscience!

- Read bottom of page 13
- www.Catholic.com for more voters guides!