

What Did the Vatican Say?

The entire document can be viewed on our website but in essence, there were 3 major components of their statement:

- 1) **Direct cooperation** in the evil of abortion by both the researchers who procured the fetal tissues to produce the cell lines - and the pharmaceutical industry utilizing them. (serious sin)
- 2) **Remote cooperation** in the abortion by medical professionals and parents who use them. (not a serious sin)
- 3) **The right of parents** to refuse or use the vaccines. Quoting:

*"As regards the diseases against which there are no alternative vaccines which are available and ethically acceptable, it is right to abstain from using these vaccines if it can be done without causing children, and indirectly the population as a whole, to undergo **significant risks** to their health. However, if the latter are exposed to **considerable dangers** to their health, vaccines with moral problems pertaining to them may also be used on a temporary basis. The moral reason is that the duty to avoid passive material cooperation is not obligatory if there is **grave inconvenience**."*

They further noted the duty of parents and physicians when choosing which vaccines to use that:

"There is a grave responsibility to use alternative vaccines and to make a conscientious objection with regard to those which have moral problems."

Conclusion

Since February 2000 when this problem first arose, Children of God for Life has fought to end the gross exploitation of our unborn for profit by the pharmaceutical industry. We will not stop this effort until there are safe, effective, morally produced alternatives! No one should be forced to violate their deeply held religious, pro-life convictions.

The Catholic Church has affirmed for centuries that moral conscience is both sacred and irrevocable and we firmly support the Church to defend this right against government imposed healthcare mandates. We simply ask that our bishops uphold this same right of conscience for the laity who wish to abstain from aborted fetal vaccines in public and Catholic schools.

As our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI stated in his address to the Catholic University of America, April 2008:

"Indeed, everything must be done, in cooperation with the wider community, to assure that they (Catholic Schools) are accessible to people of all social and economic strata. No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation."



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Aborted Fetal Vaccines And The Catholic Church



Setting the Record Straight

Background

When state and school officials began to deny Catholic parents their lawful right to religious vaccine exemptions based on an article printed in several publications citing the personal opinion of a few bioethicists, Children of God for Life stepped in to help. The article stated that using vaccines produced with aborted fetal cell lines was morally acceptable. Therefore, officials concluded that Catholics did not qualify for the exemption.

Not only was this an error by state officials who were unlawfully discriminating against Catholics, but even some of the Catholic schools were denying parental rights as well, based on these bioethicists' opinions.

In 2002 Children of God for Life sent a 3-ring binder to the Vatican, detailing the history of the abortions involved in vaccine production and the problems facing Catholic parents. In June 2005, we received an eight page response which should have ended this injustice. However, confusion continued to abound among Catholic leaders and the laity! Our intention is to provide much needed clarification on this important issue.

We were told there were only 2 abortions involved in the vaccines - is that true?

No! The history of both forced sterilizations and forced abortions dates back to the early 1900's with the US Eugenics Sterilization Act. Hundreds of aborted babies were dissected live and used in polio and other vaccine research which is documented by the researchers themselves in several science publications. In one paper, they graphically stated that, *"In many cases, the hearts were still beating at the time of receipt in the polio research labs."* Further, it should be noted that this information was not known at the time the Vatican was contacted, therefore it was not considered when they first wrote their 2005 response.

Can Catholics file a religious exemption?

Yes - under Catholic doctrine on the duties of moral conscience which is both a tenet of the faith and a sacred right. The Church teaching on this is well documented in both Papal encyclicals and the Catechism. For example:

CCC 1776 "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey.... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.... His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths."

CCC 1777 "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil... When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking."

CCC 1778 "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform. Conscience is a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us. Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ."

Dignitatis Humanae, Pope Paul VI

*"On his part, man perceives and acknowledges the imperatives of the divine law through the mediation of conscience... He is bound to follow this conscience faithfully in all his activity so that he may come to God, who is his last end. **Therefore he must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters.** The reason is that the exercise of religion, consists before all else in those internal, voluntary and free acts whereby man sets the course of his life directly toward God. Acts of this kind cannot be commanded or forbidden by any merely human authority"*

Vatican: May 2009 Circular Letter Congregation for Catholic Education

"A form of education that ignores or marginalises the moral and religious dimension of the person is a hindrance to full education, because children and young people have a right to be motivated to appraise moral values with a right conscience, to embrace them with a personal adherence, together with a deeper knowledge and love of God... All those who hold a position of public authority or who are in charge of education to see to it that youth is never deprived of this sacred right.."

The right of parents to choose an education in conformity with their religious faith must be absolutely guaranteed. The Second Vatican Council reminds parents of the duty that is theirs to arrange and even demand for their children to be able to receive a moral and religious education. The whole Christian community and particularly the diocesan Ordinary, bear the responsibility of arranging everything so that all the faithful have a Catholic education"

St Thomas Aquinas' "Moral Wisdom": *"It is better to perish in excommunication than to violate one's conscience."*

What are Catholics supposed to do?

Support our efforts with Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute as we seek to help end this injustice, according to the Vatican's clear exhortation in their 2005 response:

"Therefore, doctors and fathers of families have a duty to take recourse to alternative vaccines (if they exist), putting pressure on the political authorities and health systems so that other vaccines without moral problems become available. They should take recourse, if necessary, to the use of conscientious objection with regard to the use of vaccines produced by means of cell lines of aborted human foetal origin. Equally, they should oppose by all means through the various associations, mass media, etc., the vaccines which do not yet have morally acceptable alternatives, creating pressure so that alternative vaccines are prepared, which are not connected with the abortion of a human foetus, and requesting rigorous legal control of the pharmaceutical industry producers."