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Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.) Bishop Pledges To Defy
Freedom Of Choice Act

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A Roman Catholic Bishop has said that he would defy the most pro-abortion
legislation in history if it ever came to be an issue in his diocese.

Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, Va., spoke this week at a diocesan event
for young adults, outlining his hypothetical reaction to the Freedom of Choice
Act (FOCA), a bill that would establish abortion as a universal right if passed.
Despite the fact that the Arlington Diocese does not have any Catholic
hospitals, Bishop Loverde said he knows exactly what he would say if FOCA
were enforced against hospitals in his care.

"I would say, 'Yeah, I'm not going to close the hospital, you're going to arrest
me, go right ahead," he said. "You'll have to drag me out, go right ahead. I'm
not closing this hospital, we will not perform abortions, and you can go take a
flying leap."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued strong
warnings to President-elect Barack Obama about FOCA. Mr. Obama
promised in 2007 that his first act as president would be to sign FOCA into
law. Among the bill's Senate cosponsors are Mr. Obama, U.S. Sens. Hillary
Clinton, D-N.Y., John Kerry, D-Mass., and Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn.
Bishop Loverde criticized the title of the bill.

"It's quite a title, let me tell you," he said. "It's a misnomer, it's neither free nor
choice, so I don't know where they got the name of the act, because it's just
crazy, because it has no freedom, and it has no choice."

The USCCB met in November, and issued statements reiterating the Catholic
Church's stance against abortion.

"The fundamental good is life itself, a gift from God and our parents," said a
statement by USCCB President, Cardinal Francis George. "A good state
protects the lives of all. Legal protection for those members of the human
family waiting to be born in this country was removed when the Supreme
Court decided Roe vs. Wade in 1973. This was bad law. The danger the
Bishops see at this moment is that a bad court decision will be enshrined in
bad legislation that is more radical than the 1973 Supreme Court decision
itself."

Pressure has already been brought to bear on Catholic hospitals in an attempt

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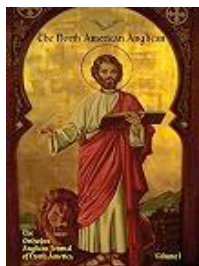
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to force them to perform abortions. In January, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed legislation forcing all hospitals, including those run by religious institutions, to offer "emergency contraception," even if such contraceptives would result in an abortion.

"FOCA establishes abortion as a 'fundamental right' throughout the nine months of pregnancy, and forbids any law or policy that could 'interfere' with that right or 'discriminate' against it in public funding and programs," wrote Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia in October.

"If FOCA became law, hundreds of reasonable, widely supported and constitutionally sound abortion regulations now in place would be invalidated. Gone would be laws providing for informed consent, and parental consent or notification in the case of minors. Laws protecting women from unsafe abortion clinics and from abortion practitioners who are not physicians would be overridden."

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Re: Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.)
 FOCA hovers like the sword of Damocles over the necks of the innocent with Bishop Loverde ready to throw himself in between. Not a bad way to go for a Christian of conscience.

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 Hooray for this upstanding Christian bishop!

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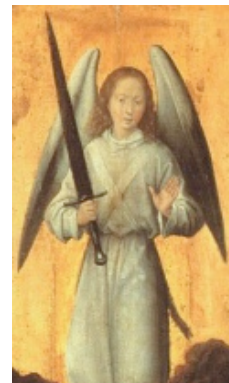
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Why is it that only the Catholic Church seems clear on right or wrong, and is willing to say no regardless of the consequences? I would love to see this type of clarity from the rest of the christian and jewish faithful. Perhaps our newest North American province will find its voice on this and make the announcement as loud.

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Re: Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.)
We have more in common with our Roman Catholic siblings than we remember. And I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiment of hope that our new Province will have a LOUD voice on this issue. Not only will we be serving the Lord by doing what we can to protect His children, will shall also be showing North America that we are about something real. Loving the Lord our God, with all our heart, all our strength, and all our mind. Even when it means going against the politically correct. We are about something far greater than homosexuals. We are about God!

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Re: Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.)
This bishop is truly a man of God. Courage by the bucketfull

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Re: Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.)
I doubt if obama cares what Catholic Bishops or any conservatives think. He'll sign FOCA, and he'll probably get rid of "dont ask, dont tell" also.

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Re: Bishop:'Go Ahead, Arrest Me' - Arlington(Va.)
I think Obama will have quite a fight on his hands...he might not care but the Roman Church and others will fight tooth and nail against these sinful initiatives.



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