

Letter to the Editor from Karen Kin, Republic, Ohio

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A contradiction of faith

Joe Biden had a busy inauguration day. Our new Catholic president began his day by attending church, participating in Mass and, I'm assuming, receiving Holy Communion. He was then sworn in as president, hand on the Bible, with a promise of unity and calm.

I can't imagine the whirlwind his day became after the inauguration was complete, but his day was partially comprised of signing a number of executive orders and announcing memorandums and directives. Interestingly, our Catholic president jumped quickly on the abortion issue, reversing a policy that has blocked US funding for overseas abortions. Maybe his hand wasn't on the Bible at that point, or he forgot the ultimate message of Life and Salvation from his years as a Catholic, but it seems that such a decision would be contradictory to his faith.

A child becomes a child the moment he or she is conceived, already gifted by God with the unique genetic code that makes that child special and wonderfully made. Abortion takes that life. I am sickened that this Catholic president, after making a show of Mass attendance and faith in the word of God, can then turn abruptly and advance the abortion movement. Mr. President, your words and actions are hypocritical, empty and not remotely Catholic.

As one of his last acts as president,

Donald Trump proclaimed January 22, 2021, "National Sanctity of Human Life Day." That date corresponds to the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, which has allowed more than 60 million babies to be killed in legalized abortion in the United States since it was signed into law in 1973. Donald Trump never claimed to be Catholic, although he did speak strongly in support of the Christian faith. And he always, unapologetically and bravely, spoke up for the protection of the unborn.

Trump said, "The sanctity of life is fundamental to solving our country's most pressing problems. When each person is treated as a beloved child of God, individuals can reach their full potential, communities will flourish, and America will be a place of even greater hope and freedom."

When Donald Trump boarded Air Force One on Wednesday, Jan. 20 to fly to Florida, that pro-life vision ceased to live in Washington, D.C. How sad and ironic that the new president, a man who claims to be guided by his faith, can take the issue of life so casually. How sad as well that the millions of Catholics and Christians who voted for Biden also place so little value on the lives of the unborn.

America has now sworn in the most pro-abortion administration in history. That stance is applauded by many, and grieved by many more. As a Catholic with a biblical view of abortion, I have to wonder, is anything sacred anymore? When tiny lives in appalling numbers

are ended in violence, and we face four years of radical pro-abortion forces, I'm not sure I recognize America as it now stands. If we can't acknowledge and protect the unborn, why should there be value in life at all? Are we to believe that those now in power, who openly embrace abortion, truly value the lives of immigrants, the poor, the jobless, the hungry? Without life first, one cannot become an immigrant seeking a better life, be poor and striving for more, jobless but searching for work, or hungry and seeking sustenance. Respect for life, then, becomes a paradox.

I'm sure President Biden and VP Harris will continue to have busy days settling into office. Borders will be thrown open, pipelines will be shut down, taxes will rise and many more babies will die at the hands of abortion doctors in the wombs of their mothers. Biden and Harris will applaud these things, and America will continue down the slippery slope of a brutal disrespect for life. Welcome to 2021, America.

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