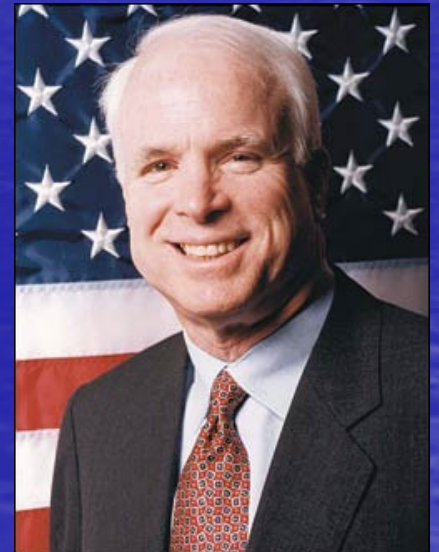


The 2008 Presidential Election

A Pro-Life Perspective





"God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try."

Blessed Mother Teresa

- ***"If we believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, we need to prove that by our actions, including our political choices. Anything less leads to the corruption of our integrity. The 'choice' in abortion always involves the choice to end the life of an unborn human being. For anyone who sees this fact clearly, neutrality, silence or private disapproval are not options. They are evils almost as grave as abortion itself."***

- ***Archbishop Charles Chaput***

- *"When you talk about protecting innocent human life, this is something that we need to do as human beings. And the fact that the Church has a voice on this issue and a position on this issue, doesn't mean it's an imposing of our beliefs or values, any more than the effort to break down segregation by the Church was an effort to impose some kind of religious doctrine on the culture or society, but it was us standing up for a fundamental human right."*

- *Archbishop Joseph Naumann*

- *"By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will.... It pertains to them in a special way so to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are closely associated that these may always be effected and grow according to Christ and maybe to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer."*

- *CCC, # 898*

- *The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life.*

- *CCC, #899*

- ***"If we do not hear the cry of those whom Mother Teresa rightly called 'the poorest of the poor', those in the womb who have no voice but ours, then our claims of concern for the poor and our claim of compassion for them are selective. We will care about only those poor whom we find to be convenient. We will select who is our neighbor."***

- ***Deacon Keith Fournier***

The Hyde Amendment

Senator McCain: voted in favor.

Senator Obama: does not support.

– Voted against comparable state legislation.

Partial Birth Abortion

Gonzalez v. Carhart



Roe v. Wade

Senator McCain: opposes.

Senator Obama: supports.

- "I...will make preserving women's rights under Roe v. Wade a priority as President."***

Supreme Court Justices

Senator McCain: judges will strictly interpret the constitution.

Senator Obama: judges with a strong pro-abortion view.

Restrictions on Abortion

Senator McCain: has consistently voted for such restrictions.

Senator Obama: will work to enact the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), eliminating ALL state and federal restrictions.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Senator McCain: "I believe that skin stem cell research has every potential very soon of making the discussion (of embryonic stem cell research) academic."

Senator Obama: "We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos."

Born Alive Infant Protection Act

Senator McCain: voted for the federal act.

Senator Obama: prevented passage of the Illinois state equivalent for three consecutive years.

– Voted for infanticide.

"At what point does a baby get human rights...?"

Senator McCain: "At the moment of conception."

Senator Obama: "Answering that question with specificity, you know, is above my pay grade."

The Vice-Presidents

Senator Obama chose Joe Biden

- Pro-choice Catholic*
- 0% pro-life voting record 2007-2008*

Senator McCain chose Sarah Palin

- Refused to abort her Down syndrome baby*
- "...we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our lives."*

The Value of Children

Senator McCain: Adopted Bridget knowing medical expenses would run into the millions of dollars.

Senator Obama: "Look, I got two daughters-9 years old and six years old. I am going to teach them first about values and morals, but if they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby."

- *There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia.*

- *Faithful Citizenship*

- ***"If a politician cannot respect the life of a little baby, how is he supposed to respect yours and mine?"***
 - ***Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life***

- *"Anyone who dares to defend that they may be legitimately killed because another human being 'chooses' to do so or for any other equally ridiculous reason should not be providing leadership in a civilized democracy worthy of the name."*

- *Cardinal Edward Egan*