

BUSH PROCLAIMS PRO-LIFE DAY: WILL OBAMA HONOR IT?

Yesterday, President George W. Bush proclaimed January 18 to be "National Sanctity of Human Life Day." He said that "All life is a gift from our Creator that is sacred, unique, and worthy of protection." The president emphasized that "we aspire to build a society in which every child is welcome in life and protected in law."

The president received the praise of Catholic League president Bill Donohue:

"George W. Bush will be remembered as doing more to build a culture of life than any president. Not that his father and Ronald Reagan weren't champions of life, too. The difference is that this president was faced with more challenges, and he made good on every one of them. From embryonic stem cell research and cloning to the Born Alive Infants Protection Act and partial-birth abortion, George W. Bush has been the pro-life community's best friend.

"Barack Obama will soon be president. He is an avowed champion of abortion rights. When asked during the campaign when life begins, he balked, giving a lame answer. Bright as he is, Obama is not well informed about the most fundamental question of them all: What is the origin of human life? But even those who posit that no one can be sure must be inclined to offer protection to that which might be life. To assume otherwise is a game of chance no morally responsible society should tolerate.

"On January 22, the Right to Life March will take place in Washington, D.C. We know of President Bush's honorable record. We now await to see what President Obama will say on the 36th anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision."