

CAPITOL HILL PRESS CONFERENCE ON LT. BERRY

On Wednesday, August 4, the Catholic League will sponsor a press conference in Washington, D.C. regarding the case of Lt. Ryan Berry. Lt. Berry is requesting that the Air Force accommodate his religious liberty objections to being forced to work with women in an underground silo; the close quarters that this duty entails, Lt. Berry insists, would create an occasion of sin. The officer does not object to women in the military, and simply wants the Air Force to provide for an exemption from this specific duty, the way it did for a year-and-a-half before it reversed its position.

The press conference will take place at the House Office Triangle on Capitol Hill at 1:00 p.m. Attending will be Lt. Ryan Berry, his wife and daughter, Berry's attorney, Henry Hamilton, Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett of Maryland, and Catholic League president William Donohue. Lt. Berry is being supported in his effort by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, and others.