

# PELOSI DENIES CATHOLICISM OPPOSES ABORTION

On yesterday's NBC-TV show, "Meet the Press," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was asked to comment on when life begins. Here is what she said: "I would say that as an ardent, practicing Catholic, this is an issue that I have studied for a long time. And what I know is, over the centuries, the doctors of the Church have not been able to make that definition."

When Tom Brokaw told her that the Catholic Church "feels very strongly" that life begins at conception, Pelosi said, "I understand. And this is like maybe 50 years or something like that. So again, over the history of the Church, this is an issue of controversy."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue responded as follows:

"Here is what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: 'Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.' It also says, 'Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.' Looks like Pelosi didn't study the subject long enough. But not to worry: We are sending her a copy of *Catholicism for Dummies* today (the *Catechism* is like maybe a bit advanced).

"Whether Joe Biden is as ignorant of what his religion teaches remains to be seen. What is not in doubt is the enthusiasm which NARAL showed when he was selected to join the ticket. The radical pro-abortion group was delighted, as were the radical pro-abortion delegates to the Democratic convention: as reported in today's *New York Times*, 64 percent of Americans reject abortion-on-demand, yet only 23 percent of the delegates do. It is only fitting, then, that NARAL's president

will speak today at the Convention and Planned Parenthood's president will speak tomorrow.

"So there we have it: the man running for president on the Democratic ticket supports selective infanticide, his running mate is a pro-abortion Catholic, the delegates are wildly out of step with Americans on abortion and the Speaker of the House hasn't a clue what her religion teaches on the subject."