SPARKS FLY OVER TEXAS ABORTION RULE

The following article written by Bill Donohue was recently published by CNSNews.com.

U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks has put a pro-life provision on hold in Texas. At issue is a new rule requiring that the remains of children killed in utero by an abortionist must be buried or cremated.

The new rules were written by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission "to protect the dignity of the unborn." Governor Greg Abbott agreed, saying that fetal remains should not be "treated like medical waste and disposed of in landfills."

The new regulations, which have the backing of Texas bishops, do not apply to women who have abortions or miscarriages at home, nor do they require birth and death certificates, or a funeral; the latter were considered an invasion of the woman's privacy.

No matter, the rule makes a clear political and cultural statement: abortion kills. There is no legitimate argument to the contrary. After all, burial and cremation are predicated on, and indeed are expressive of, life. We don't bury and cremate inanimate objects.

As expected, the new provisions were condemned by Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and the entire abortion industry. An official at the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute expressed grave concerns about how "the products of conception," as she called them, will be treated. Her sanitized language masks the reality of what is, in actual fact, the tissue and organs of a human being.

Some of the opponents of the new rules are Satanic. I choose my words carefully. To be exact, the Satanic Temple is a big advocate of abortion and a vocal adversary of the new regulations. Its members say the new Texas requirement "goes against their religious belief" in the "inviolability of one's body."

The Satanic Temple claims to be a "non-theistic religious organization dedicated to Satanic practice and the promotion of Satanic rights." So what are these rights? The Satanic Temple's top issues are abortion and gay marriage (it has no position on climate change).

What do the adherents of the Satanic Temple do when they meet? They dance, visit porn rooms, celebrate phallic imagery, and engage in sadomasochistic acts. They also like nudity. This is obviously a very unconventional religion. Apparently, it has no choir.

The most radical chapter of this organization is the Satanic Temple of Detroit. It is livid over the new Texas rules.

Last spring, when pro-life Americans protested Planned Parenthood, the Detroit chapter responded by crashing these events dressed "in bondage fetish wear, baby masks and diapers and engaged in group flagellation." They called this their "Satanic BDSM Babies" stunt (bondage, discipline, domination, submission, sadism and masochism). "The action was intended to expose fetal idolatry and the perpetuation of fictional, coercive propaganda" against Planned Parenthood.

The Satanic Temple of Detroit is run by someone who goes by the pseudonym, Jex Blackmore. The Texas regulations are driving her crazy. She is urging her fellow Satanists to "mail their sperm-soaked rags, socks and condoms to Governor Abbott's office."

Blackmore is obsessed with abortion, so much so that she induced an abortion on Thanks-giving, 2015, and then blogged

about it. What was it like? I'll let her speak for herself.

"Well, you basically go into labor. You have contractions. The experience is a little different for everyone, but I know several women who have told me stories that were similar to my experience. The pain starts off like normal menstrual cramps but then it becomes intense, deeper. It's certainly manageable, but about an hour or so before I passed pregnancy tissue I experienced blinding pain. It was really intense, but as soon as it was over, it was over. There wasn't a gradual decrease in pain; it was really painful and then it was done."

Blackmore may be extreme, but what she champions—homicide in the womb—is embraced by many. Thank God Texans are showing their grit. Hopefully, Judge Sparks will not permanently block its implementation.