

# What the Catechism Really Says

Catholics for Choice is a pro-abortion group that has been twice condemned by the U.S. bishops for being a fraud. They continue to mislead about the Church's teachings on abortion. In a recent letter to the editor of the *New York Times*, president Jon O'Brien wrote:

"Catholic tradition requires Catholics to follow their own well-formed consciences even if it conflicts with church teaching. As the *Catechism* notes, 'a human being must always obey the certain judgment of his conscience.'

Mr. O'Brien, in selectively quoting from the *Catholic Catechism*, ignores the statement that followed the section he quoted which undermines his assertion:

"Ignorance of Christ and his Gospel, bad example given by others, enslavement to one's passions, assertion of a mistaken notion of autonomy of conscience, rejection of the Church's authority and her teaching, lack of conversion and of charity: these can be at the source of errors in judgment in moral conduct."