

Killing Children At Home and Purchasing Pet Food are Permitted Receiving Holy Communion is Forbidden

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Let us pause for a moment to offer up one Hail Mary for our Irish bishops. Great is their need for our prayers in these times when the sacraments are being denied to faithful Catholics. Our bishops, and may I say not without reason, are failing to feed the flocks that have been entrusted to them by Jesus.

In the parable of the unjust steward, told to us in St Luke's Gospel, our Lord tells us,

“the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.” (Luke 16:8)

So how have the children of this world behaved during the Coronavirus crisis and were they, like the unjust steward, successful in their endeavours?

On Thursday 26th March, 2020, deputy Roisin Shorthall, during the debate on the “Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020” said the following.

**Heavenly Mother,
Please bless with Healing
the Nations of the
Middle East**

**O Mary
conceived without sin,
pray for us who have
recourse to thee. EC**



“Another issue that has been brought to our attention by several groups, including the Irish Family Planning Association, is the position of the current rules around abortions. The current rules are effectively unworkable in the present circumstances with regard to the three-day wait periods and the need for repeat visits. This should be dispensed with for the duration of the emergency. I hope this will receive early attention because it is a real and present issue.”

RTE reported that “Meanwhile, Minister for Health Simon Harris told the Dáil he is revising abortion guidelines so that women seeking early abortion can consult with doctors remotely - this will only apply during Covid-19 emergency.”

Reacting to this, Orla O'Connor, Director of the National Women's Council of Ireland said,

“Minister Harris' comments are very welcome for women across Ireland who will need abortions during this time. Abortion care is time sensitive and we welcome the fact that access will be maintained throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.”

“Current practice requiring women to leave their homes for two face-to-face appointments contradicts advice to stay at home during the pandemic and scheduling these consultations may become increasingly difficult given demand for COVID-19 related care, especially for women who already face barriers in accessing

healthcare, such as Traveller women, migrant women, and other marginalised groups.”

There were reports on Tuesday 6th April that Simon Harris has indeed revised the guidelines so that children may be killed in their own homes without their mothers having to visit a doctor.

Whilst I could not find a copy of these new guidelines on either the HSE or Department of Health websites, a quick visit to the Irish Family Planning Association's website revealed that they intend to operate according to the alleged terms of the new guidelines. They say,

Early Abortion Care

“You will have two telephone consultations with a doctor, three days apart. A member of our specialist pregnancy counselling team will work with the doctors to ensure you have all the information you need and receive the best care possible.

After your second phone consultation with a doctor, we will provide you with a home management pack. This must be collected from the clinic.”

Here is an example of how the children of this world operate. They take the necessary steps to make sure that the public has access to their child killing services, even though there is a global pandemic sweeping the world.

Another example I would like to give, without trivialising the killing of children, concerns the care of pets. A few years ago,

I bought a guinea pig for my youngest daughter. The guinea pig, affectionately named 'stvoggles' has since died. On purchasing the guinea pig we signed up for text alerts from the pet shop. I received one such text on Wednesday 8th April informing me that the pet shop would be open on Monday 13th April for my pets "essential needs".

These two examples show us in a very stark way, the reality of Catholic life in Ireland just now. I predict that the decline of the Catholic Faith in Ireland will accelerate once the Coronavirus passes, because our bishops have willingly complied with government directives which state that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, the Sacrament of Extreme Unction, indeed that the Catholic Church itself, is not necessary.

The pro-abortionists lobbied the government in order to make sure that they would be permitted to continue their services, which includes the killing of children, during the coronavirus. Our bishops did not lobby the government to make sure that the life giving sacraments would be made available to Catholics during the Coronavirus.

My confirmation name is Damien. I have to confess that the only reason I chose the name was because a friend's brother in primary school was called Damien and I liked the sound of the name. There

was nothing remotely Catholic in my choice, such was my poor formation at school.

Subsequently, on the 11th October 2009, Fr Damien De Veuster was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI. He is known as St Damien of Molokai, the Saint of the Lepers, and I became interested in him on account of my confirmation name.

The Wikipedia article on St Damien, shows some interesting comparisons with the Coronavirus. It is believed that leprosy came to the Hawaiian islands from migrant Chinese workers.

In 1865, the Hawaiian King Kamehameha V and the Hawaiian Legislature passed the "Act to Prevent the Spread of Leprosy" which quarantined the lepers of Hawaii. Sounds familiar to our current situation with a virus that originated in China and strict quarantine measures being imposed on entire populations.

What was the response of the Catholic bishop of the area?

He sought priest volunteers to go and help the lepers. They were to teach them the Catholic Faith and administer the sacraments of the Catholic Church to them.

Here are some quotes from Fr Damien which are relevant to our current situation and which show us the saintly Catholic response to contagious diseases.



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"I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ."

"The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful."

"Without the Blessed Sacrament a position like mine would be intolerable."

Let us unite our current sufferings and deprivations to Jesus and let us ask God, as we approach Mercy Sunday, to send us courageous shepherds who will not shirk from their duty to feed their flocks with the flesh of Jesus Christ.



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