

**6 Sept 96**

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Dear Mrs Alvare:

Perhaps some of encl'd info will be of use to you in your pro-life work.

I would much appreciate a response re: the liturgy errors, to know how the bishops have dealt or will deal with this very basic pro-life problem.

May God bless and guide you in your important and difficult work. May He also abundantly bless your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Paul Ellwanger

**Note** (this Note was not part of this letter)

Mrs Alvare turned over this letter, with its 2 enclosures, to Rev Moroney. As of Nov 2000, there has been no response from Rome nor any further response from Moroney. He did not provide me with the address for Cardinal Javierre -- whose encl'd 2pp letter contains the additional pro-abortion liturgy error in *The Credo*. There are 7 letters here, including the Alvare letter.

**Enclosure #1 to Alvare**

The current (since April 1969) Mass of the Catholic Church falsifies pro-life basics & aids pro-death advocates. This is a plea to the Holy Father & the bishops to stop it.

Abortionists deny life begins at conception. Certain liturgies of the New Mass agree with them by telling us Our Lord's life as man began at His birth – the crux of the Pro-Life battle.

Traditional teaching of Catholicism is that *The Incarnation* of Jesus Christ, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took place at *The Annunciation*, by the Will of the Father and through the power of the Holy Spirit. As *The Angelus* so beautifully states:

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*

. . . at the moment of Mary's assent when the Conception of Christ occurred.

Modern science has wonderfully vindicated this traditional doctrine, for its findings leave no doubt that all human life begins at conception. By taking on Himself the intra-uterine life of an unborn child, God Himself, in the Person of His Son, has hallowed for all time this first stage of human life.

Indeed, the very doctrine of *The Incarnation*, central to our Faith, forms the foundation and heart of the Church's opposition to abortion.

*The Nativity* of Jesus at Christmas is physiologically the same as the birth of every other child – the joyous showing forth of the already living little one to the waiting family. It is not the feast of *The Incarnation*.

May God forgive those responsible for such falsifications in the modern Christmas and Advent liturgies – not errors of Sacred Scripture, but of the modernized prayers that aid & abet Abortionism. Following include some examples:

The Vigil Mass of the Nativity

In the prayer over the gifts:

***Lord, as we keep tonight the vigil of Christmas, may we celebrate this Eucharist with greater joy than ever since it marks the beginning of our redemption.***

But we know it does not do that. In terms of human time, our redemption began at *The Incarnation*, not *The Nativity*. To persist in calling Christmas *the beginning of our redemption* is to perpetrate doctrinal error, playing directly into the hands of abortionists.

Same Mass  
(prayer after Communion)

*Father, we ask you to give us a new birth, as we celebrate the beginning of your son's life on earth.*

But we know Christmas does not celebrate the beginning of the Life of Christ, simply because His life began nine months earlier. To persist in calling Christmas the beginning of His life is to perpetrate doctrinal error, verging on heresy, and playing directly into the hands of abortionists.

Mass for December 31 : 7<sup>th</sup> day in Octave of Christmas  
(opening prayer)

*. . . in the birth of your Son our religion has its origin and its perfect fulfillment.*

But we know our religion did not begin at Christmas with Jesus' birth. It began with *The Incarnation*, at the moment of *The Annunciation*.

Summary

Purposes of this paper: (1) to point out facts (2) to express hope something will be done about it. Surely it is a moral imperative to correct the errors & to make public apology.

We are not dealing here with a matter wherein there may be different viewpoints or an area for dialogue or legitimate theological speculation.

This is a specific matter wherein Church liturgy is denying Church doctrine, while actually aiding Abortionism.

May the Holy Spirit guide & strengthen those whose solemn duty it is to safeguard the Faith.

May Almighty God forgive those responsible for these terrible errors. May He minimize the damage already done in the midst of the worst holocaust in the recorded history of mankind.

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**Enclosure #2 to Alvare**  
**Unmistakable Pro-Life Message From Sacred Scripture**

Ponder for a moment *The Visitation* -- the visit of the two pregnant women – Mary, with her cousin, Elizabeth.

Both of these women of God provide pro-life guidance for today's women, and for all the world's people, men included.

Elizabeth not only recognizes that Mary has conceived; she *feels* her own baby, John the Baptist, *leap for joy* in her womb at Mary's visitation greeting.

This testimony for Pro-Life, directly from the Word of God, is little short of overwhelming. We must shout it from the housetops.

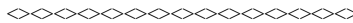
Here we have the last of the prophets, John, being the first to recognize and proclaim the newly conceived fetus as a living person. St. Luke, himself a physician, took the trouble to stress the age, in months, of both John and Jesus when these two historic persons first met during that Mary / Elizabeth visitation.

John was in his 6<sup>th</sup> month and Jesus was in His 1<sup>st</sup> month.

**Luke 1:35-45** (Douay version)

Indeed, fetuses are people. The Bible tells us so. Abortions kill (murder) people.

Look no further for statements in Sacred Scripture on that evil called abortion and on the simple facts of life.





**23 Oct 96**

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Rev and dear Fr Moroney:

Thank you for yours of 17 Oct 96 in reply to mine of 6 Sept 96 (which I had addressed to Mrs Helen Alvare in the Pro-Life Secretariat).

It appears I made an incorrect assumption – that someone in the Pro-Life Secretariat of the Nat'l Conference of Bishops would be concerned about errors in the Catholic liturgy, errors which aid and abet Abortionism.

I was bewildered to learn that the Pro-Life Secretariat passed my documentation to your Liturgy Secretariat and further bewildered that you yourself seem unconcerned, as you suggest: “Your concerns are, therefore, more properly a matter for consideration by the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments...*”

I fail to understand why all Catholics are not concerned and outraged over such liturgically erroneous Catholic aid to Abortionism, unless of course, their pro-life stance is nothing more than hollow rhetoric.

As an uncredentialed layman, I turned to the only prestigious Catholic authority in America for which I had an address. It now appears that neither the Secretariat for Pro-Life nor the Secretariat for the Liturgy are concerned about liturgical errors aiding Abortionism. Else why would you pass the matter back to me?

Perhaps you would be so kind as to provide me with the address for the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*, the group to whom you deferred.

I pray someone of authority will be concerned and will take the steps we lay folks cannot to correct Catholic plainly erroneous liturgical support for the most basic premise of Abortionism.

Most sincerely in Christ,

Paul Ellwanger

cc. Mrs Helen Alvare

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The Reverend Cardinal Antonio Maria Javierre:

Please forgive my deficiencies in ecclesiastical protocol. Though I am a Catholic of 74 years, this is the first time I have found it urgently necessary to communicate with a member of the Magisterium.

I was advised by the Reverend Jame P. Moroney, Executive Director of the Secretariat for the Liturgy, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., USA, to initiate this communication with your Holy Office.

The matter at hand involves doctrinal errors in the American English translation of certain parts of the liturgy.

The parts of the liturgy to which I will refer in this communication are not only departures from Catholic doctrine, but they support the basic premise of Abortionism. That premise is . . .

that human life begins at birth

Following are liturgy passages to which I am referring:

A. In the *Credo* of the Mass the American translation reads:

*. . .was born of the Virgin Mary and became Man.*  
(supports the Abortionism thesis)

This makes the unmistakably erroneous statement that Jesus Christ became Man at or after birth.

But in the *Credo* of the Mass the British translation reads:

*. . .He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made Man.*  
(does not support Abortionism)

B. The Vigil Mass of the Nativity : in the prayer over the gifts the American translation reads:

*Lord, as we keep tonight the vigil of Christmas, may we celebrate this Eucharist with greater joy than ever since it marks the beginning of our redemption.*

The Catholic doctrine I have been taught is that, in terms of human time, our redemption began at *The Incarnation*.

C. The Vigil Mass of the Nativity : in the prayer after Communion the American translation reads:

*Father, we ask you to give us a new birth, as we celebrate the beginning of your son's life on earth.*

Surely it is Catholic doctrine and teaching that the Life of Christ began nine months earlier. This erroneous liturgy clearly perpetrates doctrinal error and supports the basic premise of Abortionism.

D. Mass for December 31 (7<sup>th</sup> day in Octave of Christmas). In the Opening Prayer the American translation reads:

*. . .in the birth of your Son our religion has its origin and its perfect fulfillment.*

This is a repeat of the same pro-Abortionism doctrinal error.

E. Mass for December 31 (7<sup>th</sup> day in Octave of Christmas). In the Prayer Over the Gifts the American translation reads:

*. . .celebrate at this season the beginning of our salvation.*

This is a repeat of the same pro-Abortionism doctrinal error.

My research reveals that the Polish translations for these liturgy passages do not contain the errors herein recorded. I was therefore bewildered when the Reverend Moroney referred me to your Holy Office. That these errors are not to be found in the Polish translations is indicative that they were committed under the auspices of the American bishops.

On behalf of pro-life Christians throughout the world, both Catholic and Protestant, I beseech you to take whatever steps necessary to rectify these errors.



Surely we are witnessing the worst human holocaust within the recorded history of mankind. That Holy Mother the Church is aiding and abetting that holocaust, whether advertently or inadvertently, is a shameful disgrace before all the world.

Respectfully in Christ,

Paul Ellwanger

cc. Pope John Paul II  
Josef Cardinal Ratzinger  
Rev James P Moroney  
Mrs Helen Alvare  
A number of other clergy and lay persons

