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KCFL Strongly Objects to Governor's planned visit to a Catholic University Campus

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The Kansas Coalition for Life strongly opposes the planned visit of Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the campus of The University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas, due to the ProAbortion-Choice position of the Governor.

The University of Saint Mary has publicly announced that Governor Kathleen Sebelius is scheduled to be their keynote speaker at its sixth annual Lincoln Lecture, set for 7: pm on Thursday, February 12th at the Saint Joseph Dining Hall on campus.

In a letter to the president of The University of Saint Mary, Sister Diane Steele, Ph.D., and to Kansas City Archbishop, His Excellency The Most Rev. James P. Keleher, KCFL listed five reasons for objecting to the planned visit as follows:

1. Governor Sebelius holds a ProAbortion-Choice position, a position that is directly and completely opposed to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Her appearance, as an invited speaker, on a Catholic university campus will cause confusion among the students and the public, who would assume that an invited guest speaker is someone whom they should emulate and hold in high esteem. Anyone who does not respect and value human life, in all stages of life, is not worthy of being emulated nor of being held in high esteem.
2. Governor Sebelius' appearance at a "Lincoln Lecture" would be a great dishonor to everything that the great President Abraham Lincoln stood for. It would be an insult to all moral Americans, even if the lecture were not held on a Catholic campus. Abraham Lincoln gave his life and his death in pursuit of the protection of a class of people, the Black American, who prior to his life, were treated as property. Since Governor Sebelius treats another class of Americans, the unborn, ...and those in the process of being born, as mere property, her association with the great Abraham Lincoln would be an affront to the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.
3. Adding insult to injury, Governor Sebelius is scheduled to speak in a hall on campus that is dedicated to the wonderful Saint Joseph. Scheduling her to speak in that specific location is deeply offensive to Christians, Catholic and Protestant alike, who honor Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph has been remembered for over 2000 years as a man who cared for and protected Mary and her unborn child. He did this even

though he knew that the unborn child which she was carrying was not his own. At great inconvenience to himself, after the birth of the Baby Jesus, he fled to Egypt, traveling by night to save the life of this Child. The incredible fact is; Governor Sebelius has much in common with King Herod, the governor of Judea at the time of Christ's birth, who like Sebelius had no respect for young human life. Herod killed an estimated 14'000 babies in his attempt to kill the Baby Jesus. Coincidentally, based on existing reported abortion rates in Kansas, (*just over 1000 per month*) approximately 14'000 unborn babies have been killed in Kansas, during Governor Sebelius' term in office thus far, many of them late term babies who died a painful and inhumane death.

4. A large portion of Governor Sebelius' campaign for governor was financed by Wichita's late-term abortionist, George Tiller. However, this fact was concealed from Kansas voters until after the election in a scheme that made a mockery of campaign finance laws which are intended to let Kansas voters know who is financing campaigns for public office in Kansas. Donations from Tiller were laundered through a Political Action Committee called "ProKan Do PAC" which received Contributions both from: "George Tiller, MD, 5107 E. Kellogg, Wichita" himself, and from his Abortion Clinic: "Women's Health Care Services, 5107 E. Kellogg, Wichita", totaling over 1/4 of a million dollars, (\$255,666.65). Having gotten into office on the blood-money of innocent unborn children further makes Governor Sebelius' appearance at a Catholic institution improper and deeply insulting to most Christians in Kansas.
5. In recent years, the Catholic Church has been wrongly accused of being an accomplice to Hitler during the time that he murdered over six million Jews. A book called "Hitler's Pope" wrongly accuses Pope Pius XII and others in the Catholic hierarchy of callous indifference to the plight of millions of Europe's Jewish people. Although that book is pure fiction, it is presented as historical fact and as such, has caused undue scandal. In much the same way, the leaders of the University of Saint Mary, and others in the Kansas Catholic hierarchy, are inviting future scandal, which would not be entirely unwarranted, if they knowingly give patronage, approval and support to a person who supports the unjustified killing of millions of innocent children by honoring her as an invited guest speaker on a Catholic campus.

The KCFL letter, which was received by the University and the Archbishop on Tuesday, resulted in a telephone response from the Executive Secretary of The President of The University of Saint Mary, saying that they had no intentions of changing their plans.

A person who works for the Catholic Archdiocese said that His Excellency The Most Rev. James P. Keleher agrees with the concerns of KCFL, but that The University of Saint Mary is not directly under the control of the Archdiocese.

These events coincide with the February 3rd announcement from the opposite side of the river, wherein a bishop in Missouri says that leading Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry would be refused communion in Missouri because of his views in support of abortion. His Excellency The Most Rev. Archbishop Raymond Burke said that he would offer Kerry a blessing rather than giving him full communion. Kerry, who like Sebelius is Catholic, also has a long record of supporting abortion.

The President of The University of Saint Mary, Sister Diane Steele, Ph.D., can be reached for comment at 913-682-5151 or at 800-752-7043.

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