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## **News Release**

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KCFL Strongly Objects to Governor's planned visit to a  
Catholic University Campus - available at <http://67.67.35.17/KCFL/NR-3>)*

## **A Church Scandal Far Greater than the Sex Scandals of Years Past, is about to Take Place in Leavenworth, Kansas Tomorrow!**

by Mark S. Gietzen

In years past, a few individual Priests gave in to temptations of the flesh. They committed sins behind closed doors without the knowledge of others around them. Years later, we learned that a few individual Bishops did not take the necessary actions to prevent reoccurrences of these sins when they knew that they were happening. Less than 1% of all Catholic Priests and Bishops were guilty of wrong-doing. Nevertheless, these were the ingredients of the biggest scandal in US Catholic Church history up until now. Tomorrow in Kansas, we are about to witness a Church scandal of far greater proportion, and one that will certainly have a much longer-lasting historical significance.

In an act that is 100% against the "official teachings" of the Catholic Church, and completely contrary to the dictates of Pope John Paul II, an unrepentant ProAbortion-Choice governor, who has gotten into office in part by the financial donations of a late term abortionist, is the invited guest speaker on a Catholic university campus!

Not only is the ProAbortion-Choice governor allowed on a Catholic campus, but she is to be given the high honor and esteem of being chosen as someone whom the students of this University should emulate and admire.

This utterly confusing event is not happening in secret. Rather, in-the-light-of-day, it is happening with the full knowledge and consent of the Kansas Bishops and of the Catholic leaders of The University of Saint Mary!

It is as though the Catholic Church leaders in Kansas are ignoring the most basic aspects of Catholic Church teachings, such as the commandment: THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Respect for human life in all stages of development has, up until now, been a hallmark of the Catholic Church world-wide. However, if this confusing event, which is scheduled to take place on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:pm, is allowed to happen, the Catholic Church in Kansas will have broken ranks with the official Church position to become a Church that officially endorses the concept of killing the innocent unborn, and those in the process of being born, for personal gain and convenience.

Unfortunately, this scandal goes far beyond the students at the University of Saint Mary where the event is scheduled to take place. Rather, Kansas Catholics statewide are watching events unfold in jaw-drop amazement and confusion. Thousands of phone calls, and innumerable e-mails, are an indication of a flock confused by the current direction of Catholic Church leaders in Kansas.

In the previous News Release, it was noted that The University of Saint Mary is not under the direct control of His Excellency The Most Reverend James P. Keleher, Archbishop of Kansas City. However, in more recent communications with the office of The Vatican's representative in Washington, DC, The Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, (*phone: 202-333-7121*), it was confirmed that this is a matter completely under the jurisdiction of the Bishops of Kansas.

These events in Kansas create a bewildering picture of confusion, when compared to events in the neighboring state of Missouri, where on February 3<sup>rd</sup> His Excellency The Most Rev. Archbishop Raymond Burke, said that he would refuse communion to John Kerry, a presidential candidate, because of his long record of supporting abortion.

As it stands today, ProAbortion-Choice politicians in Missouri are still condemned by Church leaders as they always have been. But, across the river in Kansas, a ProAbortion-Choice politician is about to be given high honors and admiration by Church leaders. The scandal and confusion among the faithful in Kansas could not be greater!

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, but, she has not returned calls to the Kansas Coalition for Life since the February 5<sup>th</sup> News Release was published.

In anticipation of the worst, The Kansas Coalition for Life and various other ProLife groups in Kansas, along with a few people from other states, are planning a prayerful protest at The University of Saint Mary to mark the anticipated sad turn of events.

In a last-ditch effort, The Kansas Coalition for Life is attempting to reach The Vatican Perfect, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, who is head of the Congregation For The Sacred Doctrine of The Faith. However, the wheels at the Vatican turn very slowly, and it is doubtful that his help could possibly be secured in time to avoid the scandal.

**If the ProAbortion-Choice governor is honored as planned, by the Catholic Church, the Catholic Church in Kansas will no longer be able to claim to be a ProLife institution.** This will be one of the saddest mile-stone events in the lifetime of many Kansas Catholics, and a scandal that will not be erased by hundreds of years of history. ###