

Catholic Lay People to Bishops: Use Your Authority in Trump-Clinton Race

John M. Snyder, called the “Dean of Washington gun lobbyists” by *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, implored Catholic bishops to use their authority to encourage fellow Catholics to vote in the 2016 presidential election.

“They should oppose Clinton and support Trump,” he said. “Catholic Church officials truthfully proclaim the sinfulness of abortion and of voting for political candidates who promote abortion. Hillary is such a candidate. Last Friday, Clinton in a Planned Parenthood speech even saluted the abortionist Dr. Amna Dermish who once laughed about harvesting babies’ brains.”

Snyder, who calls himself a “Catholic layman,” said the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and individual bishops have an obligation publicly to oppose Clinton. The “only practical way” to do so, he added, is to elect Donald Trump president.

“Some church officials may find this difficult,” he said. “For decades many Catholics, including Catholic clergy, have felt an affinity for the Democratic Party. However, with its leaders’ endorsement of abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage and other reprehensible acts, that party has become a satanic entity.

“A President Hillary Clinton would try to force the Catholic Church to accept and endorse morally unacceptable behavior. Catholics voting for Donald Trump could oppose effectively the election of Clinton to the presidency, and the dire consequences to faith, morality and conscience such an election would portend.

“A President Clinton would persecute Catholics for their faith. Catholic Church officials and others must support Trump to preserve freedom of religion.”

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