

Pastors Empowered to Speak Boldly About Abortion

Silence is not an option. That's the message Liberty Counsel is sending to pastors and churches this election season.

Liberty Counsel is distributing more than 100,000 copies of "Silence is Not an Option," a DVD and printed material outlining what is permissible in the realm of political and advocacy activity.

"The church must be empowered to confront the assaults on our culture, our **faith** and our freedom," says Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. "I don't want any pastor, church leader or lay person to say, 'What more could I have done to protect life and liberty?'"

Staver argues that silencing people of faith in the public square has always been the goal of those who realize the influence that pastors, churches, and people of faith have on elections. He wants pastors to remove the muzzle and replace it with a megaphone.

"Pastors and churches have a lot of freedom to address biblical and moral issues, to educate people about the candidates, and to encourage people to vote," he says. "Not one church has ever lost its tax-exemption for endorsing or opposing candidates or for supporting or opposing local, state or federal laws."

Churches can educate about political, moral and biblical issues. These kinds of issues—whether **abortion**, marriage, feeding the poor or any policy issue in the community—are never off limits for a pastor to address from his pulpit, even if politicians are also talking about those issues.

"Silence is Not an Option" systematically addresses the

misrepresentations used to muzzle America's pastors and Christian leaders.