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A SENSE OF PROPORTION – PLEASE!

First, let's examine some statistics.

- According to this Washington Post webpage <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/metro/interactives/deathpenalty/timeline/> , 5 criminals were executed in Maryland since 1970. That's approximately 1 execution every 8 years.
- According to this Guttmacher Institute website <http://www.guttmacher.com/pubs/sfaa/print/maryland.html>, 34,500 abortions occurred in Maryland during the year 2000. Bear in mind that in Maryland, abortion reporting is voluntary, so this number may be greater. That means that at least 276,000 abortions occur every 8 years.
- Thus, in Maryland, for every criminal executed, we have 276,000 babies aborted.

Now let's examine Church teaching regarding these two issues. On the one hand, we know that abortion can never be justified. It is always a mortal sin, as an innocent human being is unjustly deprived of his/her life. That is the definition of murder. On the other hand, the Church has never held that capital punishment is intrinsically wrong. Current Catholic thought holds that capital punishment should not be necessary, due to state capacities to hold dangerous criminals in custody. However, the merits of capital punishment can be weighed on a case-by-case basis. That simply is Church teaching.

The differences between abortion and capital punishment, both in numbers and in Church teaching, are clear regardless of one's own proclivities regarding capital punishment. Clearly abortion is a much greater evil than capital punishment (if indeed capital punishment can be called "evil").

Governor Martin O'Malley has made no secret of his pro-abortion proclivities. He openly supports the "right to choose" – that is, the right to choose to murder thousands of innocent Maryland babies every year. He went so far as to be the keynote speaker at Maryland NARAL's most recent fundraiser. While he waxes indignant and cries crocodile tears over the execution of 1 criminal every 8 years, he fosters the murders of over 276,000 babies during that same time span!

Why, then, is the Maryland Catholic Church holding up Governor Martin O'Malley for adulation?

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The bishops of Maryland should openly chastise him and all other pro-abortion politicians in Maryland who call themselves Catholic. *The bishops are obliged to enforce Canon 915* against these politicians, to call them to repentance. Instead, our bishops see fit to coddle them in their mortal sins. They forget their sacerdotal responsibilities and seek to curry favor with those who wield secular power and influence. They have forgotten their calling and their courage – and perhaps their very souls.

We also ask why the Maryland Catholic Bishops are focusing so much attention on the 1 criminal executed and not focusing commensurate attention on the 276,000 babies aborted. The raw numbers make clear how unreasonable are their priorities. We point out that many of these abortions are Medicaid-funded; in effect, they are being executed by the state of Maryland. Why are the bishops neglecting those innocent victims of public execution?

Until our bishops remember that they are Catholic bishops first, until they remember the priorities that the Church places on the life issues, our society will continue its downward spiral to depravity and ultimate destruction – and countless souls will be damned.

That is why this so-called “interfaith prayer services” is really a diabolical charade. Let us pray for true conversion, as urged by Our Lady of Fatima.