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## Religious Exemption Request

To whom it may concern:

First, I will establish the moral merits as to why people of the Christian faith are reluctant and have a resistance to the vaccines currently being used. Next, I'll discuss the ethical reasons. The truth of our convictions and the depth of these issues lead us to request an exemption from being forced to take the vaccine for Covid-19.

Christians believe morals are derived from our Father God -- that we show respect toward others, that we love our neighbors as ourselves, that we esteem others above ourselves, that we humbly serve one another. In God's economy there are only two types of people -- believers and non-believers. **"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28.**

Ethics<sup>1</sup> are or should come out of our moral beliefs and practices. However, as we look at the current situation regarding mandates, the government's way of thinking that one shoe fits all, showing no concern for those who for numerous reasons, including health, cannot or should not take the vaccine, in itself is unethical. Even if the doctor injecting the vaccine believes it to be the only or best way to prevent the virus, and acts upon sound morals, ethically they could be very wrong.

We have dedicated personnel who have worked the frontline of this pandemic for over the past year. Amongst those, many have survived, others have died. Some have been sick and recovered and have risked not only a loss of time with family, but also risked taking the virus home to the family. After surviving through all of this and coming to a better understanding of it than any politician, they are now being let go for not taking a vaccine. The questions here should be, 1) Why would anyone on the frontline not want to take the vaccine -- they must have strong reasons -- and 2), why are we not seeing other therapies that are being shown to have better results for far less money?

While I would not challenge the morality of the Catholic Bishops, I do challenge their ethics for the reason they downplay the moral issue of aborted fetus cells used in these vaccines. As you will read you will find they first claim there is no fetal tissue used and then turn right around in the next few sentences and address the use of fetal tissue being used and that they cannot guarantee that any of the vaccines are free from fetal tissue. Attachment included.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://edify.us/video/are-vaccine-mandates-ethical/>

The Bishops of North Dakota are in agreement with United States Conference of Bishops:

“Some people may have concerns about whether the COVID 19 vaccines are ethically acceptable. Some vaccines are developed, produced, or tested using cell lines that were originally obtained from aborted fetal tissue. The original act of obtaining tissue from an aborted child for research was morally wrong. Nevertheless, we agree with ethicists and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are ethically acceptable because any connection with the use of abortion-derived cells is sufficiently remote.”<sup>2</sup>

We have been told the vaccines themselves contain no aborted fetal cells. Yet it is clear that the Bishops of North Dakota believe that though there did exist fetal cells use, it is still ethically and morally fine to take the vaccine. The Pope, the Archbishops, Cardinals, and the Catholic church as a whole do not represent the Christian Church, nor do they have the ability or authority to override an individual’s convictions which are based on sound biblical doctrine and medical truths.

There seems to be one pandemic, but it’s forcing two issues our nation was not prepared for. Morally and ethically this pandemic has brought both problems to the surface and they are now intertwined as for the reasons given above.

There is a problem with the reasoning of the bishops -- in one sentence they claim there is no fetal tissue used, but then write that “one should choose the vaccine with the least connection to aborted tissues.” Either there exist fetal cells or there does not. However, there is a review conducted by Charlotte Lozier Institute, June 2, 2021, of those who either use or do not use fetal tissue. Pfizer and Moderna both are listed as using fetal tissue -- HEK293 is the kidney tissue used in the vaccines.<sup>3</sup>

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were found to be ethically uncontroversial by the pro-life policy organization, the Charlotte Lozier Institute. Further, the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, a committee within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has stated:

“Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion....one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.”<sup>4</sup>

Time does not remove the violation, nor does the reduction of the sin reduced in mind and word of man or counsel resolve how others understand God’s word constitute an approval of the sin.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://ndcatholic.org/resources/Statement-on-Vaccines-final.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CHART-Analysis-of-COVID-19-Vaccines-02June21.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.usccb.org/resources/Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Answers%20to%20Key%20Ethical%20Questions%20About%20COVID-19%20Vaccines.pdf)

Morally, Christians believe and hold to the understanding that life begins at conception. With the pro-life agenda that has swept our nation there is an eagerness to abort even more embryos. In 2017 the governor of New York sought to throw the gates wide open and welcomed all abortions, even those of live birth, failed abortions. In 2019 New York's Reproductive Health Act was actually passed, discussed in the article below. This past summer we watched demonstrators continue to championing abortion in many states.

**“Legislators may enact new abortion-expansion law championed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in time for Jan. 22, the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.**

By Peter Jesserer Smith, National Catholic Register, 1/9/19

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — For 12 years, New York state's pro-life activists successfully kept the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) at bay — a bill that would not simply make New York have one of the most abortion-permissive legal regimes in the world, but also go beyond the Roe vs. Wade decision to strip away existing protections for pregnant women and unborn victims of violence.

It allows non-doctors to perform a third-trimester abortion, Sterlace-Accorsi said, noting that late-term abortion poses far greater risks to the mother's life than early-term abortion. She pointed to a study in Obstetrics and Gynecology, 'Risk Factors for Legal Induced Abortion-Related Mortality in the United States,' that showed the risk of maternal death from legal abortion increases by 38% each additional week of the child's gestation.

The law also repeals regulations that prevent the advertisement of contraceptives to minors under 16 years old or prohibit the sale or distribution of contraceptives to minors by anyone other than a licensed pharmacist.”<sup>5</sup>

It is difficult to understand why we allow our children, and that is what 14- and 16-year-olds are -- still children -- to make up their own minds to receive abortions without parental consent. They can be sold contraceptives at early ages and even have billboards near schools advertising for such, but you cannot have a cigarette billboard within 1,000 feet from a school yard or park -- why, because children will possibly start smoking.

**The bible says in Psalm 139:13-14: For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.**

**Psalm 127:3: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.**

**Leviticus 18:21: And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.**

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ncregister.com/news/will-new-york-have-the-most-liberal-abortion-laws-in-the-world>

We see the rewards of having children and that they are of God; we also find it is God who formed us in the womb which is a part of the gift. Then we find the issue addressing Molech, who was pagan god. A hollow bronze god heated until his arms became red hot; drums would pound out noise to cover the screams of the infant child who was placed in the heated arms until dead. It was a method of birth control and often selected illegitimate children were offered, seen as a manner of ridding the reminder of evil. It was what today we call infanticide. The screams of the baby today would cry out if it could from the mother's womb. Abortion seems to have become common and clean to many these days, because, after all, it is usually performed in a clinic somewhere, but it has become a religion to them, sadly an occurrence detested by not enough.

We have alarmists running around touting that population reduction is necessary. If that is what they truly believe, why then do they not set the example and sacrifice themselves to their god? Karl Marx never lived a day under the form of government he professed. It seems those who shout the loudest are those who remain in safe places, amongst only those who agree with them. Today refusing and rejecting open debate, they run in packs as mad dogs, looking to devour the good others do.

Each child is a life that God has created. They have a face and a spirit; they feel pain and, greater yet, they should feel love. For the Christian, the thought of abortion is detestable. Do not misunderstand us though, we still believe that in emergency cases there is often a need, but there is no way that in 2018 619,591 legal induced abortions reported to CDC were all emergencies. We hold the life of every unborn child sacred and not as something to be thrown away or sold for profit to be used for medical studies. You may think that it is better for the entire civilization that an unborn or even a failed aborted child dies to save the masses, but given the chance I would rather society look to God for the answers and not murder the unborn and justify it as safety for the masses. Read on about Planned Parenthood, found guilty of trafficking in fetal tissues for profit in violation of federal law.

### **“Justice for Fetal Trafficking Crimes**

In 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice announced an investigation of Planned Parenthood and other entities involved in the trafficking and sale of aborted fetal tissue. Two southern California companies have already admitted guilt for selling body parts from Planned Parenthood, Orange & San Bernardino Counties, and were shut down as a result. The federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed state findings of illegal trafficking of fetal body parts at Planned Parenthood in Texas, and Planned Parenthood surrendered to defunding based on these findings. The other entities involved are known but continue to operate—now is the time for justice against anyone involved in trafficking baby body parts.”<sup>6</sup>

Issues as in this report show the most grievous and greedy mindset of mankind absent of morals. These are the moral and medical reasons, as I have discussed here, that make current vaccines containing or developed with the use of fetal tissue, medicines which we as Christians cannot receive in good conscience.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/fetal-trafficking-under-oath/justice/>

Now for the ethical reasons.

We have been told over and over again to follow the science and I have done so. I have been following reports and numbers from around the world and have witnessed not only other nations, but even within our own nation doctors who have practiced medicine according to their oath and treated patients with drugs the CDC, WHO, FDA and NIH have since prohibited. WHY, this is the question, WHY? Big, big question, the drugs used such as Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin have both been used for decades, but now some claim they are risky and need further studies. Ivermectin is not just a horse dewormer, it has been used on human patients since 1996. Ivermectin received the Nobel prize 2015, “for treatments of infectious diseases since six decades prior, honoured the discovery of ivermectin (IVM), a multifaceted drug deployed against some of the world's most devastating tropical diseases.”<sup>7</sup>

Ivermectin proved to be even more of a ‘wonder drug’ in human health, improving the nutrition, general health, and wellbeing of billions of people worldwide ever since it was first used to treat Onchocerciasis in humans in 1988. It was approved for non-veterinary use by the FDA on February 2, 1996.<sup>8</sup> This is one of those places and articles where you stop and ask yourself WHY? Why have our agencies that are responsible for the health and safety of its citizens been so reluctant to allow hands-on doctors to prescribe for their patient standing right in front of them.

In December of last year six doctors from around the world were called to testify in front of Homeland Security about combating Covid-SARs 19. Senator Ron Johnson headed the meeting and there was some emotional upset at the attacks placed on them by a ranking democrat senator. The doctors held their own and testified to the fabulous results of patients placed on Ivermectin.

The mainstream media is lying on behalf of Big Pharma and the medical fascists by falsely claiming that Ivermectin is a dewormer for animals, when the reality is that the anti-parasite drug was first approved for human use back in 1996. The FDA first approved Ivermectin for HUMANS that year -- media outlets are deliberately lying to the public.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is really a private corporation posing as a public health agency, Ivermectin should not be used by humans because it is intended for animals. A quick and easy fact check reveals this claim to be patently false.

The fact of the matter is that while Ivermectin is, in fact, used in animals, it is also approved for use in humans. The only reason that many people are having to take the animal version these days is because the governing authorities have made it next to impossible to obtain a prescription for human Ivermectin, while animal Ivermectin is freely available in feed stores and online.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34466270/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://dreddymd.com/2021/09/03/fact-check-the-fda-first-approved-ivermectin-for-humans-back-in-1996/>

“The lie is being put forth by CDC because people have found out that Ivermectin kills COVID-19, and if a \$3 drug kills that disease, then there is no reason to take the dangerous and ineffective Genetic-Therapy masquerading as a COVID-19 ‘vaccine,’” explains radio host Hal Turner.

My son, who is forty-seven, recently came down with covid. His medical coverage is with Kaiser in Roseville. He went in first feeling bad. They told him he was positive for covid and sent him home with instructions to remain isolated and rest and if it gets worse to come back. He came back with a lung full of fluid and near death. He remained in the hospital for a week as they placed him on Remdesivir, which is now being reported as causing kidney problems.

Later, he returned to see the doctor and had a different doctor who asked how he responded to the antibody medicines they gave him. He told the doctor they did not give him anything. The doctor was alarmed and upset. WHY are we allowing these games to continue, as the doctors testified to Homeland Security last December, there is no reason for people dying from this, as it is treatable.

Every county healthcare official should be wise to the intentional mandates which jeopardize their counties from the misguidance of the CDC and the orders and restraints that have been governed not by science, but by Dr Fauci. This man is single handedly causing the deaths of thousands of innocent people.

If we cannot trust the Good Doctor to be honest then how can I tell my congregation to take the vaccine? I myself will not take it because I have been following the science. Everyone in America right now should remove their mask and insist that their doctors offer remedies other than these vaccines. The vaccines that are currently being administered have not been through the rigorous review and studies in comparison to those you will find in other studies.

Please do not ignore these studies attached as conspiracy theories as many have done. Peoples’ lives depend on our nation changing its current direction.

I know this is a lot, but far from everything I have been studying over the past year. If anyone would like more reports and facts, I will be glad to send them.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures