Religious Liberty Advocate Archbishop Lori Appointed to Lead Baltimore Archdiocese

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Archbishop William Edward Lori, 62, of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, has been named by Pope Benedict XVI as the 16th archbishop of Baltimore.

Archbishop Lori serves as the chairman of the newly formed Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, which was established last September by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ President Timothy Cardinal Dolan, to fight political threats to individual consciences and religious liberty. Archbishop Lori’s statements and testimony before Congress have been strong, direct, and eloquent. Archbishop Lori’s testimony delivered to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has gone viral on social networks all across America: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/lori-testimony-for-oversight-on-religious-freedom-2012-02-16.pdf.

The appointment to the Baltimore Archdiocese comes at a crucial time as a result of attacks by the Obama Administration through mandates issued by the secretary of Health and Human Services. Archbishop Lori’s appointment to Baltimore is viewed by many as a sign of the importance of the religious liberty issue and would seem to indicate appreciation for Archbishop Lori’s leadership, talents, and courage.

Prior to being appointed bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Archbishop Lori served as auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, he received a bachelor’s degree from St. Pius X Seminary in Kentucky and later earned a master’s degree from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which is in the diocese of Baltimore. He also received his doctorate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Archbishop Lori was elected the 10th supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic lay fraternal organization with which he has had a longtime affiliation.

“The Knights of Columbus is an amazing lay organization, predominantly, that already supports family life in very magnificent ways, supports the dignity of human life, and also the vocations of priestly and religious life, as well as a solid healthy patriotism,” then-Bishop Lori told CNS upon his 2005 election.

Florida Abortion Clinic Offers Sale on RU486 Abortions

By Dave Andrusko

This was passed along to me by a colleague at National Right to Life. I don’t know why a sale at a Florida abortion clinic should strike me the way it did, but ... it did.

The “limited time offering” is for what the abortion clinic calls the “Abortion Pill Procedure,” otherwise known as RU486 abortions or “chemical abortions.” What’s the come-on? “Limited Time Offering $125.00 Off Procedure Price.”

Aside from making the slaughter of unborn children seem like discounted tires, what else is there?

For starters, the “procedure” takes place for babies from “3 to 14 weeks.”

That is pushing the outer envelope of when this is safe (for the mother) big time.

Also, there is a different kind of time limit—none—on when women can have RU486 abortions. Because the abortionists are local (“and do not have to travel from out of town”), patients can be seen “24 hours a day, seven days a week.” Abortion mill, anyone?

What else? Speed! “Patients are able to be in and out of our office on Abortion Pill Clinic days within 2 to 3 hours. Most other facilities require patients to stay for as much as 4 to 8 hours.” Why? Presumably because “our physicians have been performing the Abortion Pill Procedure for over 20 years.” That would make them among the very, very earliest practitioners of RU486 abortions.

And business is booming! “In response to numerous requests, we are now providing Abortion Pill Services (RU 486, Mifeprax, Mifepristone) for medical, chemical and non-surgical abortion at several of our Florida locations.” It’s like striking oil.

There is a throwaway line about the pain and discomfort and just a hint that there may be a series of follow-up visits, not just one. But, not to worry, the clinic’s abortionists have “unparalleled experience.”

And, on by the way, for those with second thoughts, “Patients may also elect to have a surgical procedure performed if they choose.” Plus, on the off-chance there are problems, “Patients must agree to have the surgical procedure performed in the event of retained pregnancy tissue, heavy vaginal bleeding, or signs of infection; all of which can occur with a surgical procedure.” Maybe not quite as “safe and simple” as women have been led to believe.

At the very end, the reader learns the “limited time” discount is limited to abortions performed on babies 3-9 weeks old. But, not to worry. We’re reassured that there’s a $50 off coupon if you have your abortion on Sunday! Deceptive and morally tone-deaf to the very end.