



## ROMAN CATHOLICS ARE HUMAN BEINGS

Two thousand and eighteen years after King Herod "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years and under" (Saint Matthew II:16), the intentional killing of innocent human life continues at a Planned Parenthood extermination and extraction facility near you. If no one in their right mind could ever "give a big round of applause" for King Herod's order to kill, how could anyone in their right mind ask us to "give a big round of applause" for Planned Parenthood: an organization that is responsible for the intentional killing of 300,000 boys and girls a year? Yet that is exactly what New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has asked us to do. (<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-york-gov-cuomo-signs-reproductive-rights-executive-order-ahead-of-trumps-supreme-court-pick>).

Now, six months later, the Governor is again asking for applause. "This time" (view an eye-opening video by former lead singer for the band *Kansas* John Elefante [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdYPjpl5pl0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdYPjpl5pl0)) the Governor is leading the applause for the so-called *Reproductive Health Act (RHA)* which removes ALL legal protection for the unborn child. After thirty-eight members of the New York State Senate passed that legislation, the Governor – on 22 January 2019: the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe V Wade* – the Governor joyfully signed it into law.

Sunday Mass-goers at Our Holy Redeemer know well the position of their Pastor regarding the sanctity of human life and the responsibility we share with our brothers and sisters - in the pew and out of the pew – to protect that life. It is the position taught by the Natural Law and articulated by the Catholic Church (our Church): not so much with the Divinely inscribed words of Sacred Scripture or the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, but by the way Roman Catholics live their lives.

Roman Catholics *faithful* to the Natural Law (in the pews at Sunday Mass in church, and out of the pews in the world) – like Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) in Healthcare, like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) in Education, like Saint Thomas More (1478-1535) in Government, and like Saint Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) in the missions – help to promote the common good: the good of all (born and unborn) regardless of race, language, colour, sex, creed, or stage of development. Roman Catholics *unfaithful* to the Natural Law – like Rev. Father Martin Luther (1483-1546), King Henry VIII (1491-1547), and Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) have contributed greatly to the demise of that common good.

If a person "happens to be a Roman Catholic" (as Governor Andrew Cuomo claimed to be in his *2019 State of the State Address*), he is a Roman Catholic always: in the pew and out of the pew, and he is expected to act like a Roman Catholic always! If a person happens to be a human being (and without question the Governor of New York is a human being), then he is a human being always: in the office and out of the office, and he is expected to act like a human being always! Permitting human beings to kill innocent human beings is not what Roman Catholics do; it is not what human beings do; it is not what we do!

