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Greetings Father Lucas and Reverend Martel and Pastoral Council:

Respectfully, I please request that you remove anti-ICE literature from narthex of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Stacks of anti-ICE literature have been in the narthex for on the order of one year.

The morality of a human act is assessed through the lens of object, intention, and circumstances. "The object chosen is a good toward which the will deliberately directs itself." (CCC 1751) The intention "indicates the purpose pursued in the action." (1752) Circumstances are such as of place and time.

What is often left out of ethical evaluation is the very object of the action, that is, the very thing being done. The object and intention of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement actions, when evaluated morally, are seen to be very good. The object of ICE actions is to help safeguard the American public from dangerous people and materials. Same-sex activity, for example, is intrinsece malum, intrinsically evil, malum in se, evil in itself, a mortal sin, and may never be done. The act of enforcing border security in America, however, is no more intrinsece malum than it is in the wall surrounding the Vatican itself.

Sometimes good actions have both good and evil consequences. In some cases, it is morally permissible to do something good even with foreseeable evil consequences. This is called the principle of double effect. The clearest examples of the principle of double effect can be taken from the prosecution of a just war. Consider that in a just war there will be collateral damage. We should avoid foreseeable evil consequences, but sometimes the good in question is so great that a good action with evil consequences may be permitted. The object of ICE actions is not to torment families and children, but to prevent the end of America, which is a great moral good.

St. Thomas teaches that justice is rendering to each man that which is due to him according to equality of proportion. That is, justice is not giving to each man according to equality, but according to equality of proportion.

I answer that, As stated above, the matter of justice is an external operation in so far as either it or the thing we use by it is made proportionate to some other person to whom we are related by justice. Now each man's own is that which is due to him according to equality of proportion. Therefore the proper act of justice is nothing else than to render to each one his own.

Respondeo dicendum quod, sicut dictum est, materia iustitiae est operatio exterior secundum quod ipsa, vel res qua per eam utimur, proportionatur alteri personae, ad quam per iustitiam ordinamur. Hoc autem dicitur esse suum uniuscuiusque personae quod ei secundum proportionis aequalitatem debetur. Et ideo proprius actus iustitiae nihil est aliud quam reddere unicuique quod suum est.

- Summa Theologica, Second Part of the Second Part, Question: 58, Article: 11

To well delineate the distinction between “equality” and “equality of proportion” please consider the case of children and parents. Parents and children are both human beings, but children are not equal to parents. What is owed to children, by parents, is food and a home. What is owed to parents, by children, is obedience. Justice is not giving according to equality, but according to equality of proportion.

In a similar manner, what America owes to citizens of the United States is not equal to what America owes to the whole world. The population of the world is nine billion. America does not have enough money to help all humans.

Millions if not billions of decent, ordinary people are in need of food, clean water, shelter and medical care. There is no way that prosperous countries, like the U.S. and European nations, can let all the poor and miserable in. It is not heartless, not unvirtuous, not unChristian, to prevent the end of America and dire harm to all future generations in this land. Allowing this mass migration is not a matter of limited “self-sacrifice”, it is a matter of survival.

As example, Africa’s population will have quadrupled by 2100, to over 4 billion. It is entirely reasonable that one billion people would immigrate to America over next 50 years. Unless we confront the immigration issue now as a question of survival rather than sympathy, it will be the end of America. No one is morally obligated to kill oneself in order to help another.

Western Civilization, because it is established on the twin pillars of classical Greco-Roman and Judeo-Christian heritage, is superior to all other foreign or historic cultures. Traditional Western Civilization has valued belief in God, justice, freedom, equality, self-government, tolerance, patriotism, duty, cooperation, and progress and change. It is morally obligatory to prevent the

extinction of the light of Western Civilization to the world through the facilitating of mass migration.

Again, respectfully, I please request that you remove anti-ICE literature from narthex of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

In Christ,

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October 2, 2019
Memorial of the Holy Guardian
Angels

The Most Reverend Daniel Garcia, D.D.
Bishop of Diocese of Monterey
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Dear Bishop Garcia:

Respectfully, I request that you remove anti-ICE literature from the narthex of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, King City. Stacks of anti-ICE literature have been in the narthex for on the order of one year. There is a distinction between legal immigration and illegal immigration. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol perform the vital task of securing our border, without which there is no nation.

Please find enclosed my letter of July 24, 2019 to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

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Enclosure

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November 12, 2019
Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop
and Martyr

The Most Reverend Daniel Garcia, D.D.
Bishop of Diocese of Monterey
425 Church Street
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Dear Bishop Garcia:

Thank you for informing me that your parish narthexes are venues for addressing Constitutional issues for parishioners. Respectfully, I therefore trust that you will similarly advise parishioners, in your narthexes, that illegal immigration to the United States is in direct contradiction of the Constitution of the United States. Immigration law is not only just, it is also a Constitutionally enumerated authority granted to Congress.

Therefore, in keeping with your mission to address Constitutional issues for parishioners, in your narthexes, I respectfully request that you also distribute the Constitutional flyer shown here.

It is good that parishioners know that we live in a Constitutional Republic and this literature merely informs them of that. It is important that parishioners understand that we live in a Constitutional Republic because our Constitutional Republic is the source of many of the benefits we enjoy. There is nothing in this flyer which suggests that parishioners disobey lawful processes. I hope you therefore understand why I am asking that this flyer here be permitted and displayed at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Furthermore, the purpose of ICE-reporting hotlines ("¡REPORTA ACTIVIDAD DE ICE!" in your literature) is to generate real time alerts which track and inform of the location of law enforcement, in order to evade apprehension.

Please also be reminded that we are enjoined, except within strict limits, to be obedient to political authority, which includes the authority of immigration law. St. Paul writes:

Omnis anima potestatibus sublimioribus subdita sit : non est enim potestas nisi a Deo : quae autem sunt, a Deo ordinatae sunt.

Let every soul be subject to higher powers: for there is no power but from God: and those that are, are ordained of God.

- Romans 13:1

I therefore thank you in advance for your love for America over tribalism, for your custody of the authentic faith, and for your mere concern of advising parishioners on Constitutional issues, inasmuch as you will now please distribute the Constitutional flyer shown here, in your narthexes, for parishioners.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

John P. Conricode

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