

The Honorable Katie Hobbs (D)  
Governor of Arizona

Dear Governor Hobbs,

You just moved forward with allowing hormonal contraceptives to be used without being seen by a physician, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner. Your justification was that you are "standing up to the extremists who threaten access to basic healthcare our families rely on."

This is not only immoral but, it means that you are placing your eternal soul in danger of damnation by your public, proud, and scandalous actions in supporting the murder of children in the womb. You should immediately repent and go to confession for advocating for abortion in the public square. Not only was any medical professional removed from the consultation process, the lives of women who may have pre-existing conditions that could be exacerbated by hormonal treatment are dismissed in the name of promoting abortion. Abortion, as an intrinsic evil, and most likely a mortal sin, endangers the souls of those involved.

I am certain that Seton High School did not teach you to promote the evil of abortion. An apology to them seems appropriate. An apology to Catholics who defend the right to life also should receive an apology, along with corrective action.

I will not ask you for an apology for you calling me an extremist that defends the Catholic faith as a Catholic priest in good standing in the Diocese of Phoenix. I believe in the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death and I believe that all humans should receive the health care they need.

The murder of a child in the womb is not health care. Stop spreading this lie and causing a scandal in the Catholic Church. If you are still attending any Catholic mass, you should refrain from presenting yourself for communion until you repent of spreading lies and advocating for the murder of children in the womb.

Here is the justification you will need for verification that you should not be admitted to holy communion, "Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty and **others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin** are not to be admitted to holy communion." (**can. 915†**, *Code of Canon Law: New English Translation*. Canon Law Society of America, 1998, p. 298.)

Finally, I encourage you to, for once in your life, defend the unborn. Pray for the courage and strength to stand up for your Catholic faith instead of cowering in fear as to what might happen to your political career if you defend the right to life from conception to natural death.

The SCOTUS reaffirmed the right to life in our US Constitution and corrected an evil that was growing in our country for 50 years (Roe v Wade). All Catholics should strive to get back to what the Catholic Church has taught for 2000 years. That is called a precedent that was set by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will pray for your eternal soul. You are welcome to contact me at my parish.

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