

*Fr. Perozich comments —*

*This Fourth of July celebrates our independence from one form of tyranny of government centuries ago.*

*New tyrannies will always threaten.*

*The tone deaf tyranny expressed by “Brian Deese, White House Director of the National Economic Council, said during a CNN interview Thursday afternoon that American families who were suffering from historic gas prices needed to understand that it was for ‘the future of the liberal world order,’ even if they can’t afford it.”*

*The tyranny of court abortion is over.*

*The tyrannies of sexual license, individualism, climate theory, race theory, abolition of nation states and their sovereignty, control of economic benefits by the rich and powerful now are being revealed.*

*Church tyrannies are serving these agenda rather than **internal laws** mentioned below where God speaks to the conscience. Prelates want to regulate every aspect of church life according to their ideologies with noble goals of unity and fidelity to councils, rather than to the transformation of the human being into the image of Jesus, allowing people to be free to worship according to the time honored rites of the church and to reject sinful ways rather than to celebrate them.*

*Mark Shepard has some good analysis and advice for Americans, and for the churches as well toward a mission of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness according to the natural law with the grace and power of God.*

## **Reaching again toward America’s mission**

**By Mark Shepard July 1, 2022**

Following the overturn of Roe, a young woman protesting in Lynchburg held a sign saying, “I’d have more Rights if my Vagina shot Bullets” (exact quote). How sad that any woman would try to portray her reproductive

organs, which are to bring new life into the world, as a weapon to end life.

Ironically, her sign aligns best with the pro-life goal of applying the same high value of human life, which necessitates the right to bear arms, to the child in the womb. **Like with guns, innocent human life should be worth defending and illegal to take.**

Thankfully, 50 years of shutting down this important and consequential conversation has ended. We as neighbors can finally work together to address the tragedy of unwanted pregnancies in a humane, and more effective, way. **Clearly, laws that eliminate personal responsibility failed. Character has weakened and unwanted pregnancies have become a crisis with people rising to the streets begging for the right to kill the unwanted.**

Rebuilding a society that affirms human dignity and the human **capacity to self-govern, by exercising and strengthening internal laws, is what empowers and liberates people.** When human weakness or evil prevails, surely no child should be forced to pay the ultimate price for these failures or crimes of adults.

What an incredible opportunity we have to move our nation toward its **1776 mission statement: that all people are created equal, with eternal value.** We must undo the caste-type mindset that embraces inequality and instead love our neighbor as we love ourselves, in all areas of life. Societies fail when people have low concern for the welfare of others. That is why our

free-market capitalist system requires a culture where people seek good for others for it to reach its great potential to empower and enrich the common person.

18th century Americans defeated the tyranny of a king. 19th century Americans defeated the tyranny of slavery. 20th century Americans shamefully and cowardly allowed a nine-member court to unconstitutionally enact tyranny over the weakest. Let us, 21st century Americans, commit to defeating tyranny against the child in the womb.

**Success requires we reject that which dragged Americans backward into a caste mindset of inequality.** Just as the First Amendment prohibits government control of religion, we should not give education control to the government. **A government of the people is impossible when government shapes the thinking of the people.**

**People who reject human equality and live in fear are easily ruled over.** For decades government education has pushed, as fact, theories of imminent calamity along with evolution, which, by definition, is anti-equality and strips humanity of value. Meanwhile, the great ideas that form the basis for human equality, value and hope have been suppressed. Lost is the wonder of being made in the image of God, male and female, with attributes of creativity, conscience, intellect, emotion and the ability to self-govern and forgive, which are uniquely human and do indeed portray an image of the Creator.

Can we, especially churches, embrace God's call to Israel in 2 Chronicles 7:14 and humble ourselves, turn

from wicked ways, including giving discipleship of children to the secular state. God promised forgiveness and healing of the land.

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