

*“Things that are considered progress can be wicked and murderous. Catholics need to wake up and realize that what we are experiencing now is a new kind of paganism with air conditioning and digital television.”<sup>1</sup>*

—Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, warning attendees at the Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life to evaluate societal changes that may be “alien and hostile” to America’s founding ideals.

*“You don’t want the gay liberation movement to morph into something like the Ku Klux Klan, demonstrating in the streets against Catholicism.”<sup>2</sup>*

—The *Chicago Tribune* quoting a statement made by Cardinal Francis George in an interview with Fox News Chicago, which he later defended with another statement: “The rhetoric of the Ku Klux Klan, the rhetoric of the gay liberation people—who is the enemy? The Catholic Church.”

*“If I quit this job and opened a Taco Bell, I’d be covered by the mandate.”<sup>3</sup>*

—Anthony Picarello, general counsel for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, expressing dismay that employers other than religious institutions—“good Catholic business people who can’t in good conscience cooperate with this”—would be required to cover contraception in employee health plans.

*“To me the issue is that we have young people who think they are doing good for others by handing out condoms. There are many instances of date rape in which the assailant uses a condom. I would hate to think that the condom they receive from this group somehow entitles them to ... [do this].”<sup>4</sup>*

—Father Jude DeAngelo, head of Campus Ministry, disputing Catholic University Students for Choice’s practice of distributing free condoms on campus, as quoted in an article written by student Olivia Griggs and cited by Callie Otto, co-founder of cusc.

*“‘[You must resist] the fascination of the technology of artificial fertility’ and the ‘easy income, or even worse, the arrogance of taking the place of the Creator.’”<sup>5</sup>*

—Pope Benedict xvi, speaking to an audience of Catholic scientists and doctors at a conference on infertility held in Rome this February.

*“Attention to the sensus fidelium is a criterion for Catholic theology. Theology should strive to discover and articulate accurately what the Catholic faithful actually believe.”<sup>6</sup>*

—A new document from the International Theological Commission, headed by Cardinal William Levada, former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

*“The White House seems to think we bishops are hopelessly out of touch with our people....”<sup>7</sup>*

—New York’s Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, about a meeting in which the Obama administration advised the bishops to listen to the “enlightened” voices of accommodation on contraceptive access.

*“I did say if we did anything wrong, I’m sorry, but I don’t think I did anything wrong.”<sup>8</sup>*

—Former Cardinal Edward Egan in *Connecticut Magazine*, retracting his apology for the clergy sex abuse scandal in the diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

*“Kathleen Sebelius and through her, the Obama administration, have said ‘To Hell with You’ to the Catholic faithful of the United States.”<sup>9</sup>*

—Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh, claiming that the new contraceptive coverage policy from the Department of Health and Human Services, which is headed by Sebelius, is equivalent to saying “to hell with your freedom of conscience.”

<sup>1</sup> Christopher White, “Cardinal O’Connor Still Inspires Pro-Life Movement,” *National Catholic Register*, January 23, 2012. <sup>2</sup> *Chicago Tribune*, “The Cardinal’s Bizarre Analogy,” December 30, 2011. <sup>3</sup> Richard Wolf and Cathy Lynn Grossman, “Obama Mandate on Birth Control Coverage Stirs Controversy,” *USA Today*, February 8, 2012. <sup>4</sup> Callie Otto, “The Head of Campus Ministry suggests that giving out condoms encourages date rape,” *AmplifyYourVoice.org*, March 18, 2012. <sup>5</sup> Emma Reynolds, “Pope tells infertile couple to shun ‘arrogant’ IVF treatment as sex between husband and wife is the ‘only acceptable’ way to conceive,” *Daily Mail* (UK), February 25, 2012. <sup>6</sup> International Theological Commission, “Theology Today: Perspectives, Principles and Criteria,” Vatican.va, March 8, 2012. <sup>7</sup> Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, “I Owe You an Update.” *The Gospel in the Digital Age*, 2012. <sup>8</sup> Antoinette Kelly, “Former NY Cardinal Denies Knowledge of Sexual Abuse and Regrets Apologizing,” *IrishCentral.com*, February 9, 2012. <sup>9</sup> Bishop David Zubik, “To Hell With You,” *Pittsburgh Catholic*, January 30, 2012.

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