



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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I'm sure many of you saw clips from the two videos that were released this week by a pro-life advocacy group that secretly taped executives of Planned Parenthood callously speaking of how they receive payment for the transfer of aborted babies' organs to medical research companies. Over food and wine these high-ranking executives talked about preferred methods of abortion that keep organs intact for future use. They even seemed to barter over the pricing of said organs with the potential clients. Some say the videos were unfairly edited, but the organization also released the full, unedited videos and they were in no way justifiable. Needless to say, this is abhorrent behavior that even ardent pro-abortion politicians are beginning to condemn. I'm hoping that these videos serve to wake up the American public to the need to recover our national conscience. Last year Planned Parenthood received 528 million dollars of our tax monies. Is this the type of organization we want to be supporting as a country?

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Not I. As a parish we can't save the world, but we can be part of God's plan to save us and to save our families and neighborhood. That begins with living according to the revelation God has given to us--supported by human reason--that every human life has been made in His image and likeness and therefore deserves absolute respect. This doesn't just apply to the unborn. It means taking care of the poor among us, the elderly, the sick, the unemployed, the defenseless. I don't have all the answers of how best to do this, but together we can and must make a priority the protection and respect of life at all stages, especially those who can't protect themselves. Pope Francis has encouraged us along this path in the strongest of terms. Please pass along to me your ideas about how we can best serve our brothers and sisters who most need our aid. You know my email... iloveourparish@gmail.com. And you can always call and leave a message for me at the Parish Center. In the meantime, I will be praying and thinking about this as well.