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We will only be able to do more when Pryor is out of Committee.

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From: Your Catholic Voice [mailto:members@yourcatholicvoice.org]
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To: P6/b6
Subject: Can a Catholic be confirmed to US Appeals Court?

Dear fellow Catholics:

This is a call for solidarity among Catholics. President Bush nominated Alabama Attorney General William Pryor, a devout Catholic, for the US Court of Appeals. His confirmation in the Senate is being opposed mainly because he has answered the call of the Church to "faithful citizenship". We urgently need your help by calling your senators' offices right away. The timing is urgent. A vote is scheduled in the Judiciary committee on Thursday, July 10 and a full floor vote will follow closely behind on July 16.

Please forward this call for solidarity to your Catholic family, friends and neighbors.

During his confirmation hearing a couple weeks ago they asked Bill Pryor the expected stinging questions about his past criticism of Roe v Wade and his defense of the rights of the unborn. They really tried to make him squirm, but not Bill Pryor. "I stand by that comment," he told one senator. In case they didn't understand him, he clarified with another senator, "I believe that abortion is the taking of human life." The senators were stunned. Never had they heard such candor. They had run into Bill Pryor, a Catholic "faithful citizen".

The campaign to deny confirmation to this accomplished public servant with a stellar record of public service and competency in the law is now in full swing. After the hearing, opposing senators did something unheard of. They submitted to him over 250 complex legal questions requiring detailed, lengthy answers. That is harassment.

Personal phone calls to your two US Senators' offices are the only way to get Bill Pryor's nomination confirmed. Each call is critically important, because senators are not used to hearing from Catholic voters.

Please tell your senators' offices that you are a Catholic and you are asking for your senator to vote for his confirmation. Tell them Bill Pryor is an accomplished and honorable man that deserves to be seated on the Court of Appeals.

To find your senators and phone numbers for their Washington office, visit
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?OrderBy=state&Sort=ASC

If you wish to call your senators state offices, the number is listed in your local phone directory. Email members@yourcatholicvoice.org to let us know when you called your senators. Please list their names and any insights you may have gained from the call. We will not be able to acknowledge every email, but be assured your call will make a big difference in this process.

Bill Pryor is being opposed because his political life is led by a conscience informed by his Catholic faith. To deny him a seat on the appeals court would be a chilling precedent for this nation whose founding was informed by Judeo-Christian principles such as the understanding that rights, like the right to life, were an endowment from our Creator.

As Pope John Paul II has told us in an address to ambassadors from around the globe, “disqualifying the informed Christian conscience from political life would open the road to moral anarchy. ... The oppression of the weak by the strong would be the obvious consequence.” Oops—Isn’t that what abortion, euthanasia and embryonic research are all about?

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