

PLEASE HELP US!!

Eleven Delaware State Representatives and Senators are sponsoring HB74 which is supposed to help prevent sexual abuse in the state. But it would require Catholic and Orthodox priests to violate the “seal of confession”. While it would respect the confidentiality between an attorney and client, it would not respect the confidentiality between a priest confessor and a penitent.

Apparently, the legislators do not realize almost all confessions are anonymous. Every priest knows if he were to reveal anything from a confession he would excommunicated and unable to act as a priest.

The proposed legislation is a violation of the principal of the separation of Church and State. It is a serious attack on the inner life of the Catholic Church. It would put Catholic priests in a difficult position, having to say they cannot act in compliance with this proposed law.

The proposed law must be changed. PLEASE contact your state legislators to change or oppose HB74.

The following are the ‘sponsors of the law:

Sen. Kyra Hoffner, Sen. Sarah McBride, Sen. Nicole Poore, Sen. David Sokola, Sen. David Wilson, Rep. Paul Baumbach, Rep. Debra Heffernan, Rep. Kendra Johnson, Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown, Rep. Eric Morrison and Rep. Cyndie Romer.