

reason that I feel that the debate ought to continue and that's because I didn't even have the opportunity to finish the article that I was reading that I wanted into the record and I'll resume it now, and it won't take that long and you'll see that there are matters that have not been broached on this floor in the previous discussions we've had of this issue, because as everybody who has spoken thus far has acknowledged, we've talked about procedures and processes rather than the issue itself at great length although there have been discussions of aspects of the issue. I want to finish this article about this courageous lady named Killea in California. "A lifelong Catholic, Killea, 67, attended parochial schools and a Catholic college. She was married in the church and raised her two sons as Catholic. But she has supported abortion rights since the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling and voted for abortion rights during four terms in the Assembly. When Maher faxed his orders to her November 14, she was shocked at the timing, saddened, but not surprised. 'The church has always been a male-dominated organization and still is,' she says. 'I think that accounts for part of the slowness in coming around in considering changes.' Maher, who denied Communion to another woman in 1975 because of her abortion stand and criticized Ferraro in 1984, says he was stirred by a Killea TV ad supporting legal abortion. Her use of the media is egregious, he says, not only because she defies the church teachings, but because she misleads the public. Maher, 74, who plans to retire next year after 20 years as bishop, says his objection 'has nothing to do with Mrs. Killea as a politician.' In fact, 'it doesn't bother me in the least if she wins,' he insists. 'I did this in a pastoral way, as a teacher for her and other people in the public arena.'" But as Ms. Killea pointed out, the church is male-dominated as are most institutions in this society and the policies they implement are antifemale. You'll notice from the article that the ones criticized for having a proabortion stance and the ones sanctioned for denial of Communion were women. I'm sure there are male Catholics in the Assembly out there who have voted in favor of a woman's right to make a decision as to whether or not to have an abortion, but the coward did not attack them. He did not seek to impose sanctions. He picked the women because women, based on the tradition of practically every form of Christian church, is supposed to be subordinated to the man and only in those churches where the women themselves have taken a strong vociferous position against this degradation have changes occurred. In some places they have to keep their head covered. In others they cannot cover their heads. In some they cannot