

properly belongs to a bishop in his own diocese. There is no specific conference policy on the matter of sanctions for those Catholics who disagree publicly with the church's pro-life position.' In the Archdiocese of Denver, for instance, where Mayor Federico Pena is a visible, openly pro-choice Catholic, neither Archbishop J. Francis Stafford nor Pena's parish priest, the Reverend Marshall Gourley, G-o-u-r-l-e-y, plan any punitive actions, a spokesman said Tuesday." I must digress. Here we have a popular, powerful male Catholic politician, mayor of a large densely populated city in America, who has taken publicly his pro-life position and no bishop, nobody else is thinking about running the risk of raising that man's ire. A woman is expected to take low. A man might ball up his fist and deliver a knuckle sandwich. I am going back to the article. "O'Connor's auxiliary bishop, Austin Vaughan, V-a-u-g-h-a-n, said he hopes the nation's 300 bishops take 'some kind of collective action on this.' He said has publically warned Catholic politicians 'who push pro-choice views they are running a serious risk of going to hell.'" I have to repeat that. "He said," and this is exactly the way it reads, it looks like something is missing, "He said has publically warned Catholic politicians 'who push pro-choice views they are running a serious risk of going to hell.'" And if this was the old days, they would get a taste of that hell by being burned at the stake, but thanks to the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment, and the First Amendment, which puts a wall of separation between church and state, the religious authorities cannot overrule the civil authorities and say we commend your soul to God as we commend your body to the flames in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen. That is the way it used to be but it is not like that anymore. They try to scare these savvy worldwide politicians with the threat of them going to hell. Now he might be chasing somebody's wife, somebody's brother, somebody's son, somebody's daughter,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...taking all kind of corrupt payoffs, and then worried about going to hell, so you are going to scare him by telling him he is going to hell because he is in favor of a pro-choice position when he may have had to take advantage of the existence of the right of a woman to have an abortion to pull his chestnuts out of the fire because some other seeds were planted by him in a garden where he had no business of being a