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PRAYING AND SACRIFICING FOR A CHANGE OF HEART

New website encouraging people to “offer up” their Lenten sacrifices in hopes of converting President Obama.

The 2008 election of a pro-abortion President left pro-life Americans wondering how they could continue to defend the unborn against a tidal wave of anti-life policies being put forth by the new administration.

In response to this crisis, Travis Boudreaux and Joe McClane are proposing a different and powerful approach that will go beyond simple political activism. Their recently-launched website, ConvertObama.com, is signing up volunteers to offer their sacrifices and prayers for the specific purpose of converting President Obama. It is hoped that these fervent offerings will bring about a change of heart in President Obama and will help him to see the inherent value of all human life.

Speaking about the project on the catholicunderground.com network (The Catholic Hack! podcast episode 75), co-founder Boudreaux said that *“we seek comfort in everything... the moment we have any trouble we seek to relieve that... we often forget that we have to pick up our cross and we have to carry it... offer up our sufferings and use those suffering for the good... use those sufferings for the glory of the Church.”*

According to co-founder McClane, the theme *“fits perfectly with the season of Lent...as a time that the Church asks us to spend 40 days preparing our hearts, through self sacrifice and discipline, for the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ who offered the ultimate sacrifice for the conversion of all”*. Americans have a particular duty to pray for the spiritual welfare of their President, says McClane, who pointed out that St. Paul exhorted the first century Church to offer supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings for Kings and all in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Anticipating a hostile response from those with opposing views on life issues, McClane stressed that *“this is a project of love and not hate.”* He went on to say that *“Christ said the greatest thing we can do is to lay down our lives for another and that is exactly what we are trying to do, out of Love, for President Obama and all who will be effected by his policies”*.

So far, nearly 200 men and women have signed up to participate in the project. Their pledges range from austere acts, such as sleeping on the floor, to more traditional practices, such as fasting and giving up sweets. ConvertObama.com is making its way around the Internet through emails, blogs, podcasts, websites and, is quickly becoming the “talk” of the Catholic talk radio community around the country.

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