

Support Letter from the President, Caritas of Birmingham

On behalf of the Board and organization of Caritas of Birmingham, I wish to endorse the Manhattan Declaration as an important step, not only in uniting the Christian Voice across this country, but in encouraging Christians to take a stand whatever the cost may be in the face of increasing pressures to accept abominations though it is against all that we are commanded to believe from our Heavenly Father. Caritas has for 25 years strongly, and without compromise, admonished Christians for not being the light we are called to be. For the past 17 years the following prayer composed and promoted through Caritas has been and continues to be prayed by tens of thousands of Americans calling upon God to purify His Church:

"Lord, who are we as a people, having been given blessings in portions as no other nation before us? What has become of us, Father? We have spoiled your spacious skies with buildings and cities breathing with sin. The amber waves of grain are no longer viewed as our blessing but as our due. The awe and reverence due You when we gaze upon the purple mountains and their majesty is no longer held; rather, how much pleasure they can give us. Father, we have spurned You. We've blamed our problems on those who promote darkness, but...now our eyes have been opened...Our lack of holiness, our not being light has allowed darkness to prevail. Indeed, our sins which we wrongly view as small have allowed those in darkness to commit great sins without shame. We now realize it's because of our failings as Christians. Father, Samuel told your people, 'It's true you have committed all this evil, still you must not turn from the Lord, but worship Him with your whole heart. For the sake of His own name, the Lord will not abandon his own people..."

"Father, we know you are justly irritated with us but we beg and plead for forgiveness through our repentance from our hearts. We realize our nation is headed toward disaster by so many signs You have given us. Holy, Holy, Holy God, grant our requests that we may again be your people, not a nation above God but one nation humbled and under God. Amen."

Out of the entire Declaration, one line in particular struck our hearts like thunder: "We will give unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but we will not give unto Caesar what is God's." Caritas of Birmingham is an international organization reaching several hundred thousand households around the world. We will educate our readership to the Manhattan Declaration and encourage their support of it. On behalf of the entire organization, I sign my name, as President, to the Declaration and pray that God will use the Declaration as a spark to ignite a genuine Christian revival throughout our land.

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