

Postscript to Buffalo Pool Report: Sunday Oct. 31, 1976

Since the report was issued, I have learned that the Bishop's letter on abortion read in St. Stanislaus Church this morning was also read in every Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Buffalo, comprising eight Western New York counties and with a membership of about 1 million Catholics.

I have also learned that in some bulletins of the diocese's church bulletins, including St. Amelia's, in the Town of Tonawanda, a rating on the political candidates was printed from the Office of Pro-Life Activity of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Pertinent excerpts from these ratings:

Rating AA --support of the human life amendment to the constitution, prohibiting abortion except when a mother's life is in danger. Some local candidates listed, but no nationally known ones.

Rating B--those who favor some form of U. S. constitutional amendment on abortion, but in a weaker form than the "human life" amendment. Again/^{some}local candidates made it, but no national ones.

Rating BB--those who favor a states rights amendment permitting the states to outlaw or okay abortion as they see fit (my paraphrase): President Ford is on the BB list.

Rating ZZ--those who do not support the human life amendment: Carter, Mounihan and Eugene McCarthy