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FYI... I know Rick Warren has been screaming... But, I'm now beginning to see an escalation of Evangelical leaders joining the Catholic forces:
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FYI.

From: Sherrie Irvin [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 3:01 PM
Subject: Note from Chuck Colson

Dear Colleague,

We are facing the greatest threat to religious liberty in the history of this country; no overstatement. Evangelicals have always been on the front lines of the cultural battles. But where are their voices when we need them now, as the Obama administration seeks to dictate doctrine, to require us to pay for insurance for services which are biblically prohibited, like abortifacients and sterilization?

We evangelicals need to take a page from the Roman Catholics. They have been front and center in this debate over the last three weeks, led by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, a fiery and eloquent speaker. He's also chairman of the US Bishops' Conference, and announced the official stand of the Bishops' Conference in refusing to compromise or give in to this mandate. And the Catholics are organizing. Individual bishops are circulating pastoral letters through their dioceses and archdioceses. It would be difficult for a Catholic attending mass to avoid reading or hearing about this battle. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C. told *Newsmax* that this is the first time in our history that the government has intruded in this heavy-handed way, trying to tell the church what it can and can't do.

I don't want to impugn anyone's motives, but the *New York Times* reported last week that the Obama administration is preparing a major campaign. It has programmed one million letters to influential women across America, energizing them over this issue.

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We can win this battle. When the debate was about contraception, polls were against us 2-1. The latest round of polling shows that the public has caught on; when the question is framed around religious freedom, we win overwhelmingly (see attached). The other side is trying to make it a contraception issue. So we must clearly explain what the issue is.

Brothers and sisters, let me tell you bluntly that if we don't win this battle, we lose not only religious freedom, but every freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. When freedom of conscience is lost, history teaches that the rest follow quickly.

So let's all join together. Contact your constituents and supporters. If you need background material, visit the websites of the Alliance Defense Fund, the Becket Fund, as well as the US Council of Catholic Bishops.

Why shouldn't every evangelical leader do what the Catholics are doing—start circulating to our own mailing lists explaining why this issue is NOT about contraceptives; it is about religious freedom. It's unprecedented.

We must not stand idly by while our most precious freedom is imperiled.

Chuck Colson