

Christians for Life and Liberty

P.O. Box 12222, Columbia, S.C. 29211 * www.ChristianLifeandLiberty.net

“... I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

Oct 18, 2018 / Revised Oct 21, 2018

Dr. Derek Thomas, sr minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P., [RTS Atlanta Professor](#)
Mr. David Lauten, sr assoc minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P. (Ezra 7:10)
Mr. Bryan Bult, assoc minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P.
Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer, assoc minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P., [RTS Global and Houston Faculty](#)
Mr. Josh Squires, assoc minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P.
Dr. Dan Cole, music minister, First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P. (Romans 12:1)
Mr. Lanneau Lambert, Jr., Esq., Clerk of the Session
Selected First Presbyterian Church Elders and Deacons (active and inactive)
Dr. Mark Ross, professor, Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia, SC

Subj: **FALSE SHEPHERDING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Ezekiel, chapter 34, [KJV](#))**

Re: **‘Why is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church serving locally as a leader of a prayer campaign which is led nationally and internationally by Roman Catholics, and endorsed by the JESUIT Pope ? – moreover, what does this say about the First Presbyterian Church Pastoral and Session oversight ?’**
[Note: This letter posted online at www.ChristianLifeandLiberty.net, “Events” page]

Shepherds [?] at First Presbyterian Church:

Once again I write the pastors and elders of First Presbyterian Church, asking you to uphold the **Doctrine of [Biblical Separation from Unbelievers](#)** (e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, [KJV](#)); and practice consistent with the position of The Westminster Confession of Faith regarding the un-Biblical, [false religion](#) of **Roman Catholicism**.

Specifically, concerning the repeated role of Mark Baumgartner, a church officer (previously a Deacon; then after one term of service, now an Elder) of First Presbyterian Church, A.R.P., as the Columbia campaign leader of the Roman Catholic-led, national and international (so-called) “40 Days for Life” ecumenical prayer campaign, which Mark Baumgartner conducts outside the Planned Parenthood child-killing center in Middleburg Park. I ask you to judge whether this conduct is consistent with God’s Second Commandment of the Ten, as expressed in detail in [The Westminster Larger Catechism \(Questions #107, #108, #109, #110 \)](#), especially for a church officer.

I wrote about this matter previously in 2017. Now, at least the top six Headquarters Team members of “40 Days for Life” are Roman Catholic. The President / CEO is a Knight of Columbus (the Knights of Columbus, loyal to Rome’s Papacy, seek to make America more Roman Catholic for the Vatican). The General Counsel / Chairman of the Board is Jesuit-educated (Jesuits are the leaders of the ongoing Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation to destroy the effects of the Reformation, a major stratagem and tool of which today is Ecumenism, inviting Protestants and Baptists and Evangelicals to “yoke up” with Roman Catholics in various culture war causes [e.g., [The Manhattan Declaration ecumenical abomination](#)]). Many of the Roman Catholics who come to “pray” outside the Planned Parenthood “abortion” center in Middleburg Park, “pray” the blasphemous, idolatrous “Rosary”, often with other Roman Catholics, giving worship and “prayer” to the Roman false mediatrix known as “Mary” (a.k.a. the queen of heaven – Jeremiah 7:18, Jeremiah 44:15-25, [KJV](#)), in direct disobedience to the revelation of Scripture, e.g.:

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:5, [KJV](#)

On Saturday, September 29 at the opening “rally” for the Columbia, SC “40 Days for Life” campaign, ecumenical group prayer, Roman Catholics and Protestants together, was led by Mark Baumgartner, and also by an Elder from another church outside the Planned Parenthood “abortion” center; however the false “Jesus” of Rome is not the true Jesus.

Furthermore, instead of moving in the direction of reform and obedience to God’s Word, Mark Baumgartner has moved in the opposite direction, toward further entrenchment and involvement with this Romish / ecumenical campaign. Just this past July, about three months ago, Mark Baumgartner went to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the “40 Days for Life Leader Symposium”. The keynote speaker was Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas Olmstead, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Olmstead lived 16 years in Rome, Italy, obtained a master’s degree and doctorate, and worked more than nine years in the Vatican Secretariat of State. How likely indeed is it this Pope-appointed Roman Catholic bishop understands the Vatican plan to Romanize the United States? Enclosed with this letter are screen shots of various “40 Days for Life” websites and facebook pages, as well as an article from “The Catholic Sun” (serving the [Roman Catholic] Diocese of Phoenix), and selected pages from the Phoenix, Arizona “40 Days for Life Leader Symposium” event program.

However, I return to the subject line of this letter: **FALSE SHEPHERDING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Ezekiel, chapter 34, [KJV](#))**, and this specific question: **“Why is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church serving locally as a leader of a prayer campaign which is led nationally and internationally by Roman Catholics, and endorsed by the JESUIT Pope ? – moreover, what does this say about the First Presbyterian Church Pastoral and Session oversight ?”** The issue is not only that Mark Baumgartner is repeatedly leading a local ecumenical prayer campaign led nationally and internationally by Roman Catholics, but the larger issue is, why are the pastors and Session allowing him to do so ? **Where are the shepherds ?**

Jesus Christ is King of kings, and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15, [KJV](#))

Steve Lefemine, Christian pro-life missionary
dir., Christians for Life and Liberty

INCLOSURES

Re: **'Why is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church serving locally as a leader of a prayer campaign which is led nationally and internationally by Roman Catholics, and endorsed by the JESUIT Pope ? – moreover, what does this say about the First Presbyterian Church Pastoral and Session oversight ?'**

1) [The Westminster Larger Catechism \(Questions #107, #108, #109, #110 \)](#)

Source: "The Westminster Standards", The Westminster Confession of Faith, The Larger Catechism, The Shorter Catechism; The doctrinal standards of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church and The Presbyterian Church in America, 2013, pp. 52, 53

2) Inclosure #2 – Photos (4) from Saturday, September 29 at the Columbia, SC "40 Days for Life" campaign opening "rally" outside the Planned Parenthood "abortion" center. The event included ecumenical group prayer, Roman Catholics and Protestants together, led by Mark Baumgartner, and also by an Elder from another church. A conservative estimate of one-third of the attendees were Roman Catholic; however the false "Jesus" of Rome is not the true Jesus (2 Cor. 11:4, [KJV](#)). [Note: One of the two Roman Catholic men setting up the "Pray The Rosary" banner is a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. The other man has a son who is a Roman Catholic priest, and a daughter who is a Roman Catholic nun.] The "40 Days for Life" Romish / ecumenical prayer campaign runs nationally and internationally from September 26 - November 4, 2018.

3) Inclosure #3 – screenshot of "40 Days for Life" website promoting "40 Days for Life Summer Gala with [Pope-appointed, Roman Catholic] Bishop Thomas Olmstead", pictured with "40 Days for Life" President / CEO, Roman Catholic, Knight of Columbus, Shawn Carney

4) Inclosure #4 – Article: "40 Days for Life activists challenged to heal, rather than fight culture at national symposium", The Catholic Sun [serving the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona], Aug. 8, 2018 (three pages)

5) Inclosure #5 – screenshot of "40 Days for Life" facebook page reporting July 20 kickoff of "40 Days for Life leader's Symposium in Phoenix with [Roman Catholic, Pope-appointed] Bishop Thomas Olmstead ! ..."
[Note: To the right is a picture of Roman Catholic Abby Johnson, who was the featured speaker at the first annual banquet held by Mark Baumgartner's ecumenical organization, A Moment of Hope.]

6) Inclosure #6 – screenshot of Mark Baumgartner's Columbia, SC "40 Days for Life" facebook page (July 22) expressing, "Thanks to 40 Days for inviting us to the Phoenix symposium."
[Note: To the right is the logo for Mark Baumgartner's ecumenical organization, A Moment of Hope; and right below is the logo for St. Peter's [Roman] Catholic school.]

7) Inclosure #7 – screenshot of Mark Baumgartner's Columbia, SC "40 Days for Life" facebook page (July 23) expressing, "It was great for picking up tips from other campaign leaders, hearing encouraging stories, and networking."
[Note: The Bible says, "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump ?" 1 Corinthians 5:6, [KJV](#)]

8) Inclosure #8 – screenshot of "40 Days for Life" facebook page (July 31) reporting, "This year's leader symposium featured training and speakers, including [Roman Catholic, Pope-appointed] Bishop Thomas Olmstead of the Diocese of Phoenix; representatives from Alliance Defending Freedom, Live Action and Pro-Life Action Ministries; and ..."
[Notes: Live Action is led by Roman Catholic pro-life activist Lila Rose; Pro-Life Action Ministries is an ecumenical organization whose activities include organizing Roman Catholic and Protestant churches.]

9) Inclosure #9 – screenshot of Phoenix local "40 Days for Life" campaign website page publicizing Sep 25 "Joint Opening [Roman Catholic] Mass with [Roman Catholic, Pope-appointed] Bishop Thomas Olmstead" as "a joint opening [Roman Catholic] Mass for Phoenix, Tempe and Glendale, Arizona ["40 Days for Life"] campaigns." (The Fall "40 Days for Life" campaign runs September 26 – November 4, 2018.)

Note: See The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXIX, *Of the Lord's Supper*, for a repudiation of the blasphemous, idolatrous Roman Catholic Mass, including this at para. VI., "That doctrine which maintains a change of the substance of bread and wine, into the substance of Christ's body and blood (commonly called *transubstantiation*) by consecration of a priest, or by any other way, is repugnant, not to Scripture alone, but even to common sense, and reason; overthroweth the nature of the sacrament, and hath been, and is, the cause of manifold superstitions; yea, of gross idolatries." The Roman Catholic Mass is idolatry. Practicing Roman Catholics are idolaters. God's Word forbids Christians from unequal yoking with idolaters [2 Corinthians 6:14-18, [KJV](#)].

8) Inclosure #10 – Selected pages from "40 days for Life Leader Symposium" program [cover and pp. 1-6, 9, 10, 15, 20]

Note: At least these top six members (possibly more) of "40 Days for Life" Headquarters Team are Roman Catholic:

- President / CEO Shawn Carney - Roman Catholic, Knight of Columbus.
- Director, North American Campaigns Steve Karlen - Roman Catholic.
- Director, International Campaigns Robert Colquhoun - Roman Catholic.
- General Counsel Matt Britton - Roman Catholic, Jesuit-educated [also Chairman of Board of Directors]
- Director, Hispanic and Youth Outreach Katherine O'Brien, nee Britton - daughter of Roman Catholic, Jesuit-educated, General Counsel Matt Britton.
- Latin American Affairs Coordinator Lourdes Varela - Roman Catholic.