
COVID VACCINE

Ethical vaccine



Vaccines for COVID-19 have begun to roll out here in the United States. There is a question on how some of these vaccines are made. Some of them are made with the cells from aborted fetuses. So the question arises, how does this respect the dignity of the human person? Can Catholics take such vaccines that are made from babies? The USCCB has a response to this reality. You can find the document at this address: <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

The most practical parts of the document are the following:

In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

In addition, receiving the COVID-19 vaccine ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of

love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is more morally compromised. The HEK293 cell line was used in the design, development, and production stages of that vaccine, as well as for confirmatory testing. The current vaccine for rubella, though developed earlier, relies on morally compromised cell lines in much the same way as the newly developed AstraZeneca vaccine. The AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if there are alternatives available.

So it is permissible to take the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines according to the bishops. Will there be vaccines made that are ethical and not made with aborted children's cells? Yes there will be. It may take some more time to have them approved, but they will be made.

May the dignity of all human persons truly be respected. Abortion violates the inherent dignity of the child and his/her life. And very sadly some of those poor children's remains are then treated like lab rats in scientists' laboratories.

This is not an argument against vaccines. They can be very helpful and life-saving. It is a desire to respect the unborn child's life and put an end to abortion. They are people too and the ends never justify the means. There will be vaccines made that will not use an aborted child's body.

Here is a link to Children of God for Life which has a list of which vaccines are made ethically and which are not. There is information there about other vaccines as well. <https://cogforlife.org>.

Following is a link of an interview of Bishop Strickland by Fr. Mark Goring, CC:

<https://youtu.be/rnBtpNTfph4?t=2796>

Here is also an article on how aborted children are used in medical tests:

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/how-aborted-children-are-used>

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