

## **PROTECT CONSCIENCE RIGHTS**

### ***YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

Background: In 2006, the WA State Board of Pharmacy proposed rules that would protect the right of conscience. However, in 2007, due to pressure by the Governor, Planned Parenthood and other abortion interest groups, the Board passed regulations that require pharmacies to dispense drugs like Plan B regardless of a pharmacist's religious objections to dispensing drugs that could cause abortions. Almost immediately a lawsuit was filed to restore pharmacists' conscience rights. The lawsuit is now on hold while the Board of Pharmacy considers re-writing their rules to potentially accommodate for the protection of conscience.

*In our Catholic faith tradition, we hold that each person has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. No one must be forced to act contrary to his or her conscience.*

***All Conscience Supporters ~ Act Today!***

#### **How you can help:**

##### **A. Send your comments to the Board of Pharmacy:**

1. Thanking and supporting the Board of Pharmacy for re-visiting the rules
2. Urging the Board to re-write the rules to fully protect pharmacists and pharmacy owners' rights of conscience

##### **Comments can be submitted via:**

1. **On-line** <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/AddComment.aspx?ID=647>  
Your comments can be as simple as: "Please protect the rights of conscience." In the box indicated, please indicate that you **concur**.
2. **U.S. Mail** to WA State Board of Pharmacy | PO Box 47863| Olympia, WA 98504
3. **Fax** (360) 236-2901

##### **B. Attend the Board of Pharmacy rule writing workshop**

1. Your presence is essential
2. You may present oral testimony, if you wish

#### *Board of Pharmacy Rule Writing Workshop:*

Wednesday, September 29, 2010  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
CenterPoint Commons Conference Ctr.  
20809 72nd Avenue South  
Kent, Washington 98032