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Ecuador Government Approved Abortion for Rape

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Church and civil government leaders and the people in generations past consecrated Ecuador to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But all three branches of the current government, including President Guillermo Lasso who affirmed that consecration, acted contrary to that consecration in authorizing abortion up to 12 weeks pregnancy in cases where the girl or woman was raped. To accept abortion requires first accepting the presupposition that it is acceptable to take the innocent life of a human being. Once that is accepted, then the debate reduces to who, what circumstances, and what limits. A woman who has been raped greatly needs compassion, protection, and justice; but murdering her unborn child is not compassion for her or the child, and deepens the grave offense against her, instead of restoring her soul and body.

Last year, the Constitutional Court arbitrarily dictated to the National Assembly to formulate a law permitting abortion in cases of rape. In February this year, the majority of the Assembly approved a terrible bill that went far beyond the dictate, imposing abortion as a so-called “right.” President Guillermo Lasso tried to mitigate the damage by making numerous changes to the bill and doing a partial veto. The majority of the Assembly tried to undermine the Presidential authority through the Constitutional Court, but the Court rejected their scheme. Then on 14 April 2022, the Assembly voted on President Lasso’s version of the abortion bill: out of 137 legislators, only 17 supported the partial veto bill; 73 opposed; 40 abstained; and 7 were absent (see official vote graphic). Most of the 40 who abstained are pro-life legislators who opposed both abortion bills. Because there were not enough votes to override the partial veto and reinstate the original bill, the President’s version became the new law in Ecuador.

This action is contrary to human dignity, natural law, and the faith and culture of most Ecuadorians who believe in God and cherish life and family. From its beginning, Ecuadorians recognized that a foremost duty of their civil government was to protect human life. But the present majority on the Court, in the Assembly, and the current President and his administration, do not hold that conviction. By their actions, they have demonstrated that having political power or advancing wicked ideology is more important than the lives of innocent babies in their mothers’ wombs.

Please pray for the nation of Ecuador, especially for the church, pro-life leaders, legislators and judges – some or many in each sphere of authority who have stood steadfastly in defense of the sanctity of human life and against abortion. Pray for Ecuador and all the nations who are

under extreme pressures to permit abortion without restrictions, and that God would raise up His people in every sphere, in every nation, with courage to speak and defend truth, righteousness, and the sanctity of human life, and restore law protecting babies from the moment of conception or fertilization.

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For the sacred gift of every human life and remembrance of children unborn,

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