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Catholic Dem Chair Welcomes Obama

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Patrick Whelan, chair of Boston-based Catholic Democrats, has **an op-ed piece in today's Chicago Tribune**.

"Obama has rejected some Republican ideas on abortion. But articulating a different vision doesn't mean he's 'in defiance of our fundamental moral principles,'" writes Whelan. More: "Conservatives can't produce any actual evidence that their minor changes to abortion law or any Bush rulemaking has stopped any abortions. Also neglected is the link between economics and abortion. The deep recession hatched during the Bush years is likely to be bad for the unborn, and the prideful critics are reluctant to accept that Obama's urgent economic recovery efforts may be among the most effective ways to decrease abortion."

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