

Bp. Tobin discusses politics on 'Hardball'

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Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, R.I., faced off with Chris Matthews on "Hardball" on MSNBC last night.

Tobin's bottom line: "For any Catholic in public office, his first commitment must be to his faith. ... No commitment is more important than your commitment to your faith because it involves your relationship with God. If your job gets in the way of your faith, as I have said on other occasions, you need to quit your job and save your soul."

Matthews pushed Tobin on what sanctions should be brought against someone performing an abortion or procuring an abortion if abortions were outlawed. Matthews didn't really give Tobin much of a chance to answer, unfortunately.

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