



**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

25th September 2008

To all parish priests in England and Wales

Dear Father,

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill

I am enclosing with this letter a parish leaflet on two sides of A4 about the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill. After Parliament resumes on 6th October 2008, the House of Commons will be debating the final stages of this Bill. Some MPs have tabled amendments to this Bill to liberalise the abortion law, and there is a real risk that some of these amendments might be passed by the House. It is therefore important to alert people to this risk and encourage them to contact their MP to register their opposition.

It would be very helpful and if you could in a suitable way draw the attention of the parish community to this matter, and if copies of this leaflet could be made available for parishioners. Time is of the essence, as approaches to MPs would need to be made over the next few weeks. More detailed briefing is available on the Catholic Bishops Conference website at www.catholicchurch.org.uk

Thank you for your help in this matter

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop of Cardiff

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