



Catholics, Conscience and Abortion

Catholics in Britain have their say¹

A précis by Women's Health Victoria

- **Catholics for Choice urges respect for women's rights and scientific data**
- **Catholic MPs directed to follow their conscience on abortion even if it conflicts with the church's teaching**
- **Catholics advised that to reduce the time limit on abortion puts women's health at risk**
- **Catholics informed that no scientific data exists to support a time limit on abortion**
- **The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the British Medical Association state that no case can be made to reduce the time limit for abortion**
- **Polls show Catholics in the US, Mexico, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and Bolivia support a woman's right to access an abortion**
- **Catholics for Choice say they expect governments to act in accordance with objective, fact-based findings**

¹ Catholics For a Free Choice Press Release 2008, 'Catholic MPs May, in Good Conscience, Vote to Retain Current Time Limit on Abortion', viewed 14 May 2008, <http://www.catholicsforchoice.org/news/pr/2008/CatholicMPsMayinGoodConscienceVotetoRetainCurrentTimeLimitonAbortion.asp>