DEAR EDITOR:
Reading Mr. Donaldson's letter reminds me of the Jewish persecution during Nazi Germany. At first, Jewish businesses were boycotted. Then Jewish authors had their works turned down by publishers, Jewish teachers and professors were dismissed from schools and universities, as well as Jewish actors being dismissed from theatres. To isolate the Jews, they were isolated from one cultural thing after another. But some still had hope and considered themselves loyal Germans. So were the trade unionists and Catholics and Protestants who opposed the Nazi regime.
Then came the Nuremberg Laws, which stripped the Jews of their citizenship and forbade interreligious marriage. Later came the "final solution" and the Kristallnacht and the rest we know is history. People, including trade unionists, and people from other faiths and occupied countries other than Jews populated and died in those concentration camps.
My husband and I are ones with those "Protect Religious Freedom" signs in our yard. I attend these meetings shoulder-to-shoulder with Catholics and Protestants. They all know from history that persecution can start in little ways and spread quickly. Just as the Jews were slowly squeezed out, the Catholic Church and its social services are being squeezed out.
"It can't happen in America!" Blacks have had their churches bombed, as well as Catholics. Jews have had their synagogues destroyed and blood has flowed. Native Americans have been pushed around by treaties. America has its sins. It could certainly happen here. As it goes now, in some countries you can be put to death for having a Bible.
Since this is all related to the Affordable Care Act, I never considered being female a pre-existing condition, yet I have received the same quality health care as any man.
But, ah yes, the abortion issue…which is a sacrament in the Democratic Party, as proven by the speakers and the platform of the 2012 convention. Pregnancy is not a disease. Pregnancy is a privilege from God to help bring a precious life to the world. Instead of wiping it away, as your mother could have done to you, Mr. Donaldson, my husband and I are childless and so long for children. Give the child to a couple who so longs for one. That is a positive decision toward a woman's own health.
The butchery of a child being ripped out of the mother's womb…that's an antiquated attitude.
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