

# **Magliano confuses defense with those who start wars**

Tony Magliano (CR, March 4) should offer his State of the Union to nations that start wars, not those willing to defend themselves against aggression and oppression. Christians have a right and duty to oppose force with force under certain conditions. His pacifist message to a peace-loving nation only serves to encourage nations that believe force is a legitimate means of imposing their religion, culture and dominion on others.

Magliano is right about abortion, but he fails to teach Catholic social doctrine when he fails to affirm legitimate defense under certain conditions and that according to the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church “The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibilities for the common good.”