

# Republicans promote single issue politics

In your Sept. 11 issue, you published three articles on abortion: criticism of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her statements about when life begins; the Republican Party platform which “decried the practice of abortion and repeated its call for a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution”; and George Weigel’s column posing abortion questions to Senators Obama and McCain.

I believe the Bush administration is responsible for the last eight years of economic havoc: the widening gap between rich and poor, rising unemployment, increasing food and fuel prices, home foreclosures, a roller-coaster stock market which is eroding the life savings of millions and a national debt that is beyond anyone’s imagination.

I understand you desire to uphold and advance the church’s moral teachings, but I submit that we should not lose sight, in this political season, of its teachings on economic and social justice. The Republicans should be held accountable for their record on those issues. The Republicans promote single issue politics; this tactic has succeeded for them in the past. Let’s not give them their way again.