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Thomas [Lansing City Pulse reporter],

A week or so ago, Kyle Melinn had an article in the Pulse about 68th district candidate Patrick Baker.

Two days ago, I received a letter from Rev. Fr. Charles E. Irwin pitching Baker as a "pro-life Democrat." Included was a 2-page statement written by Baker titled "Endowed Human Rights/Endowed Dignity: The American Mandate of Social Justice" explaining his stance on the rights of the unborn. It is rather strange. He speaks of the "tyrannical powers of majorities" and "the pernicious philosophy that what is 'right' is whatever 'democratic majorities' decide." Strange coming from a Democrat. And a lawyer.

He says that human rights do not exist because they are granted by government, but because they reside within us, endowed by our creator. These rights exist from the moment of conception.

He speaks of "humankind's inhumanity to humanity" in failing to "reverence the life of each and every human being."

Anyway, I thought you might be interested. If you'd like a copy of the documents, let me know.

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