

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE POPE AGAINST FLUORIDATION OF PUBLIC DRINKING WATER

After reading and studying the entire case for fluoridation of public drinking water, the late Pope Pius XII did issue this official statement:

QUOTE: -- "How can anyone fail to see that in these statements [to fluoridate public drinking water] truth and falsehood are intermingled?"

"There are well defined limits which even medical science cannot transgress without violating higher moral values."

"In the first place, it must be assumed that the doctor can take no measure or try no course of action without the full consent of the patient."

"The doctor has no right or power over the patient other than those which the latter gives him."

"Can public authority, on which rests responsibility for the common good, give the doctor or themselves the power, in the interests of science and the community, to try out new methods and procedures?"

"In the interests of the community can public authority really limit or even suppress the right of the individual over his body?"

"In regard to these questions many people have been of the opinion and are still of the opinion today that the answer must be in the affirmative."

"To give weight to their contentions they cite the fact that 'the individual is subordinated to the community,' that 'the good of the individual must give way to the common good and be sacrificed to it.' "

"The great postwar trials brought to light a terrifying number of documents testifying to the sacrifice of the individual in the 'medical interests of the community'. Those responsible for these atrocious deeds did no more than rely in the affirmative to this question and accept the practical consequences of their affirmation."

"By God's law we must maintain the principles laid down by the Nuremburg trials that the full consent of the subject is essential and that he must at all times be able to withdraw from it."

"This is not so with public authorities who claim that 'the individual must be subordinated to the community.' "

"As I have stated, the Community must exist for Mankind. That is a right that we all have BY THE DIVINE LAWS OF OUR MAKER."

END QUOTE.

POPE PIUS XII
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