

Following are Some of the Reasons People of Christian or Catholic Faith Have Sincerely Held Religious Objections to the COVID-19 Vaccines

Important note: YOU SHOULD NOT SIMPLY COPY AND USE THIS INFORMATION AS YOUR LETTER SEEKING A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION – THIS IS SAMPLE INFORMATION – YOU NEED TO CUSTOM DRAFT YOUR REQUEST FOR A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION IN YOUR OWN WORDS. You should not include non-religious objections in this letter or your employer may conclude you do not have sincerely held religious beliefs but that you have other objections disguised as religious exemptions.

1. I am a believer in Jesus. John 3:16, Romans 3:23, 6:38, 5:8, and 10:9-10, and Ephesians 2:8-9.
2. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 6:9
3. The COVID-19 vaccines were developed or tested using cell lines that were generated or derived from tissues of aborted fetuses. Johnson & Johnson used an aborted fetal cell line in manufacturing its COVID-19 vaccine, while Moderna and Pfizer used aborted fetal cell lines in testing the efficacy of their vaccines. See James Lawler, MD, "You asked, we answered: Do the COVID-19 vaccines contain aborted fetal cells?" Nebraska Medicine, August 4, 2021, <https://www.nebraskamed.com/COVID/you-asked-we-answered-do-the-covid-19-vaccines-contain-aborted-fetal-cells>
4. The Scriptures teach us that God made us and knew us before we were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5. Psalm 139:13-16.
5. The Lord commands us to not murder and abortion is murder. Exodus 20:13
6. Abortion of infants in the womb has been condemned by the Christian church nearly 2000 years ago. The Didache, a conduct code of the early Christian community, dated by some as

being as early as 70 AD, is in accord with Scripture, stating: “[D]o not abort a foetus or kill a child that is born.” Loeb Edition of the Apostolic Fathers (also translated as “Thou shalt not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is begotten.”). A Plea for Christians, written around AD 177 by Athenagoras, stated, “[W]e say that those women who use drugs to bring on abortion commit murder, and will have to give an account to God for the abortion.” Tertullian, in his Apologeticum, written in 197 AD, wrote: “Murder being once for all forbidden, we [Christians] may not destroy even the fetus in the womb, . . .”

7. Murder is prohibited in the scriptures. Exodus 20:13.
8. Injecting something into my body which contains murdered baby DNA or which was created by using murdered baby DNA is a sin which I cannot and will not commit.
9. My church:
 - a. Publishes its [statement of faith] that says _____
 - b. Follows the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops] or _____ or

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10. My Pastor [Priest] wrote a letter confirming my beliefs and my church’s teachings, which is attached. *(Note: this letter is NOT a requirement for your request for a religious exemption. But it is okay to include such a letter if it is consistent with your beliefs.)*
11. For the above reasons, it will violate my sincerely held religious beliefs to cooperate with or be complicit in abortion in any way.
12. So, it is my [*or, if the student is a minor, our*] sincerely held religious belief that, in being vaccinated with any of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines, I [*or, if the student is a minor, we*] would be cooperating with and complicit in abortion – the ending of an innocent human life – and that such would constitute a sin against God and a violation of His Commandments, for which I [*or, if the student is a minor, we*] would be held morally accountable by God.

13. For that reason, I am requesting a religious exemption that will exempt me [*or, if the student is a minor, my child*] from having to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and further request that no adverse action be taken against me [*or, if the student is a minor, my child*] on account of my [*or, if the student is a minor, our*] religious beliefs.

Sign and date your letter and keep a copy.

Submit your request for an exemption letter even if you are doing so past some deadline you were given by your employer.

Keep a record of when and to whom you gave the letter.