Good afternoon to you and to each of my esteemed listeners! Welcome to EWTN's Open Line Tuesday edition. I'm Barbara McGuigan, alive and grateful in spite of the "March madness" we just witnessed over the weekend, and I'm not talking about basketball. God's airwaves are open and here are the numbers to call:

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It all seemed to begin last Friday with Nancy Pelosi ardently praying to "St. Joseph the Worker" that "...a day where we remember and pray to St. Joseph to benefit the workers of America, and that's exactly what our health care bill will do." I found this particularly sad and once again revealing her serious lack of Catholic formation and understanding. May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

I was particularly saddened that Nancy Pelosi probably didn't have the time to pray possibly one of the most beautiful novena's to St. Joseph I've ever prayed in preparation for this very critically important feast day. On the Fifth Day of the novena we pray in part:

> Joseph among all men of earth was to be the guardian of the Mother of the Savior. Upon him would rest the responsibility to protect the Christ Child, to provide His home, to watch over His childhood, to lead Him into the safe maturity that would be a prelude to His public life. The home? Joseph had only the house of the carpenter to offer. The food of the Son of God would be plain. The clothes He wore would be those of a laborer's child. But Joseph silently vowed that the Christ should never want for a heart to love Him, for hands to serve Him, for feet to run His errands, for a back to shoulder whatever weight God would let him bear. Joseph and Mary smiled upon each other and together waited for the coming of the Son of God, the Savior of the World.

So now, those of us who witnessed Nancy Pelosi's invocation to St. Joseph to pass the government takeover of health care in which she was fully aware included the largest expansion of abortion in U.S. history; fully aware, too, that the American bishops were vehemently opposed to her health care bill chiefly for that reason, truly shook any God-fearing, truly Catholic Christian like a 8 point earthquake. St. Joseph was appointed by God to safeguard Mary, the Mother of the unborn Christ Child! This unborn baby Who Is from all eternity and through all eternity the Baby Who Is God! Did she honestly believe that St. Joseph above all would intercede in her behalf to pass the resulting escalation of abortion?

Thomas Peters