

Closing Argument – Defendant Jim Clune

I realize that we're all tired at this point, and I apologize for dragging this out a little longer, but I have come to the conclusion that I cannot not say this.

I grew up as a Catholic and I've come to realize that as a people and as a church we have many grave faults and failings. But one thing we as Catholics have to offer everybody, shorn of the theological statements, is that we have a keen appreciation of the value of sign and symbol and story and narrative. And I appreciate the fact that you, your honor, have let us talk about the signs and symbols and stories and narratives of why we came to be here in this courtroom today

My intent on April 22nd when I lay down in the road that day was to uphold the canon, the notion, of human solidarity that I believe is enshrined in the Nuremberg Conventions and thus the Constitution. Human solidarity is a standard that we must all hold ourselves accountable to: to care for those who are most vulnerable among us; the poor, the vulnerable, the children. And particularly those children who are, as we mentioned earlier, even as recently as five days ago, being killed, becoming victims of our Hellfire missiles.