

# INCARNATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Oregon Supreme Court on Thursday reportedly accepted the case of an Oregon man who wishes to circumcise his 12-year-old son, despite the wishes of the boy's mother, who believes the procedure is harmful.

The man, James H. Boldt, 60, converted to Judaism and reportedly wants his son, who he has custody of, to undergo the procedure for religious reasons. But his ex-wife, Lisa Boldt, reportedly says the boy is scared of telling his father he does not want to be circumcised. James Boldt argues that a custodial parent has the right to raise a child in their religion.

Lower courts have sided with the father.  
What do you think?

With all due respect to Mr. Boldt and his decision to convert to Judaism, the issue of his son's "conversion" is another story. Because the boy himself as an adolescent is able to understand the requirements of conversion, I believe he should be an active participant in the process of his own "initiation" into the Jewish faith. If he is unwilling or reluctant at this point to be circumcised, common sense dictates that at the very least, circumcision should be postponed.

I believe the youngster in question, if his father desires that he share the same faith, should enter a religious education process where he can learn the meaning of Judaism. Once classes are completed, if he at an older age chooses to be fully initiated, then he can do so by his own volition!

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