

A newsletter of *Victims of Abortion*

"Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage" (Th. 5:10)

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Guest Editorial *Marie*

Life whose domain is it? Does it belong to the scientist who casually looks into the lens and manipulates the tiny cells to magically begin the cell reproduction processes, thus putting in motion a human being with a soul? Does it belong to the doctor who encourages expecting mothers and parents that their child has a disability and it would be better to abort and start again? Does it belong exclusively to the mother who has the ultimate power of life and death in the palm of her hands?

Increasingly society is allowing these individuals to deliver verdicts of life or death upon other individuals at different stages of life, whether that be the developing foetus or the elderly and infirm. People with disabilities are being slaughtered in the womb to spare the parent/parents, families and society the burden of caring for these unique individuals and sharing lives with unique challenges.

This is the point that the God impostors fail to see, that the very people they wish to destroy are those who maintain the balance between the I/ me society and the we/us society. These individuals enable people to immensely enjoy their lives caring for the most vulnerable. Individuals with all their flaws and faults are also made in the image of God. These in all his suffering and humility as Christ. God sees into the heart of man.

I know the suffering involved. I have lived with having a severely disabled child. (now adult). I also know the pain of abortion and I can honestly say that the abortion experience has been infinitely more painful than all the challenges, disappointments, heartbreak, I have experienced as a mother of a child with a disability.

With disability there is deep love, deep conviction. With abortion there is deep self-hate, deep emptiness. With disability there is a hope of resurrection and of a final transfiguration. With abortion, hope has been lost for whole generations of people. Transfiguration depends on the final repentance of sin. Disability carries with it the glimmer of divinity. Abortion brings with it the danger of final damnation.

My disabled son has heightened my belief in the goodness of mankind. It has brought me closer to Christ. It has kindled in me a deep respect and humility at seeing these people being happy and loving life in spite of their profound disabilities. We can learn so much from them. But society, science and the devil say no. Why do they say no?

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John 15

Does my son's suffering serve humanity in a deep and meaningful spiritual sense, akin to the victim souls who suffer in reparation for the sins of mankind, in union with Christ? Is it to the detriment of mankind that we fail to recognise this spiritual service to humanity?

We are so grounded in the physical world that my son appears to serve little purpose because he is totally dependent upon others for his care and well being. He is the type of person who is really is considered so burdensome that it would be thought better to kill him/her in utero. This thought and belief dehumanises my son. This says to his siblings and his family who love him with a deep and special love that he has no real place in this world. No real value and should never have been born.

Without people like my son, fear would engage every waking moment, because at any given time we all could come under the category of the not quite right. We could become sick or vulnerable or disabled. If so, do we have the right to life? My son shows the hope in humanity. It shows the love of humanity and the endurance of humanity.

Corinthians 13: 7-8 says Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things Love never fails. Without children like my son we lose all this and more. My son has shown his family a depth of care for the weak and vulnerable that all should experience. He has helped us all to realise that people with disabilities are on the whole, gentle loving and contribute to society in a profound way. What would life be like without them and what a profound sense of societal guilt we have begun to carry in knowing that our human vulnerability is being thrown into buckets at abortion clinics.

Thank you Marie for writing this guest article. I asked Marie to write something for me because of her deep passion for the disabled and her own personal experience and knowledge of what it is like to experience an abortion and its long term after effects and what it is like to care for a disabled child. Marie is one of my "girls" and one of my "joys" In Marie it is possible to see someone who really loves at all levels.

NIC'S COMMENTS.

Greetings and salutations once again good people.

I hope this newsletter finds you all to be embracing life to its fullness. I am well thankyou to those who asked. Life is busy once again with work and university taking up all my time, however Mother still finds the time to lock me inside this cage and make me belt out an article of utter excellence (don't tell her, but I actually enjoy writing this – its our secret ok 😊).

Speaking of time, I actually found the time to venture out one Sunday night to a late screening of The Passion of the Christ. What I found was a work of

art. This masterpiece not only stepped away from the classic “Jesus is still smiling while nailed to the cross” Hollywood version of the first Good Friday, but also managed to portray the events of Christ’s crucifixion in as close detail as possible to the actual crucifixion of our Lord. The various facets of this film I do not want to go into, as not all of you may have seen it, however there is a more poignant item I thought would be interesting to mention as I don’t know if I was the only one who noticed it.

Even before it had been viewed, people had already developed definite views about this controversial telling of the last hours of our Saviour. But after viewing this movie, what I am most disappointed about (looking back to the pre-release reviews of the film) was the amount that this Masterpiece of a film was criticized for its so-called harsh content and nearly banned from release. I remember reading various articles from angry citizens (before they had viewed it) about how this film was too gruesome, bloody, violent, disturbing, racist, anti-Semitic, and too shocking to be released. However, after sitting through this never before explored version of the last hours of Christ, I must ask what all the criticism was about? This true story, this documentary holds no comparison to the grotesque gore found in films such as Friday the 13th, Nightmare on Elm Street, Child’s Play, House of 1000 Corpses, and The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. It is true that the scenes of Christ being scourged are excruciating to watch, but this is a true story, whereas other classic “horror” films are made solely for the purpose of being shocking, macabre, and sickening. So then why was such uproar experienced when news of this film was first released? Indeed, in my opinion, we are once again able to view the surreptitious character of the Anti-Christ at work after seeing this film. The devil’s dark hand almost prevented this film from being viewed, straight off the board from the time that Gibson applied for funding and was denied, till the actual release where letters of hate flooded Gibson and various Ratings boards. Gibson even had to cut a main scene where Caiaphas declares a curse upon his people, out of fear that his own family would be in danger if he left it in.

There is no over exaggerated gore, there is no extreme racist plot, there is only “Veritas.” Truth. In this re-telling, we hear Pontius Pilate ask, “Veritas. Quid Veritas?” – Truth. What is truth? The answer; Mel Gibson’s portrayal of The Passion. Much can be said for this film, and indeed, I could go on for hours about the cinematic genius, the amazing acting, the unbelievable dialogue delivered in original Aramaic and Latin, that this movie delivers to its audience. However, the only thing that matters in the end, in fact, the only thing that needs to be said, is that which was said by His Holiness, John Paul II after watching Gibson’s legacy to this world. After viewing The Passion of the Christ, Pope JPII simply said, “It is, as it was.” How true.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter, and I recommend that you ALL see this film as soon as possible.

Take it EZ,
Your brother in Christ,
NiC.

For several reasons I am going to make this issue of newsletter shorter than the others. One of the reasons is because I would like to include an insert of one of my articles published this past month. It is a detailed account of abortion for foetal abnormality and interestingly fits in with Marie's article. I hope that it will help you see more clearly why abortion for foetal abnormality (an all other reasons) is damaging at levels.

Another reason is that I have just come back from 4 weeks in Europe and I am tired. More about this in next issue. I had really good and fruitful talks (on my work) with several Vatican officials and other places. In part several comments to me were, **"please continue to help people realize that the Church's teachings on marriage, sexuality and life indeed fully correspond to the reality of human nature."** A further comment was **"It is important to exert all possible effort to care for victims of abortion"** (Card. A. Lopez Trujillo-President, Pontifical Council Pro Familia). I would like to honour those and other requests and have been assured of the importance of my work, however it is difficult. The last three issues of newsletter have been generally overlooked and financially I have just managed to scrape through with the kindness of those who did respond and the several people I rang for help. **So I need to ask again, the "kitty" is very lean.** Remember without the healing of women society functions at a very diminished level and we have a very wounded society, whose level of humane functioning is being compromised.

Please continue to pray for all those named in the last issue of the newsletter, and add to the list of Susan, Sally, Melissa, Victoria, Jason, Kerrie, Ann, Marie, Marg, Donna, Samantha, Julie, Marie, Kim, (new) Francesca (very ill) "boat girls" Amy, Vanessa, Angela, Julia (NSW) Stephanie.

And I also wish for you a happy and Holy Easter.
The Lord is Risen!!!

May the Lord Bless and keep you.



Anne Lastman

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