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“Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage” (Tb. 5:10)

A Matter of Size

At the risk of mass rebellion by my readers I would like to offer a thought. Please walk with me a moment.

Recently we have seen the incarceration of Arthur Freeman the man who threw his beautiful little girl Darcy (nearly 5 years of age) over the Westgate Bridge because of what was thought to be an act of revenge against his former wife. There was much in the news on this story and the press made much of the complete story and sentencing and jailing. This man was jailed for 32 years without parole and will be almost 70 years of age by time he is freed if he survives to that length of time.

The actual story is one of sheer horror from the very beginning when news broke out about this heinous act, just moments after it had been committed, to the sentencing and jailing. For those of us who live in Melbourne Australia, it happened virtually on our doorstep. It seemed an inconceivable horror. Yet it happened.

For several days following his sentencing the print media played the full story with pages and pages of comments from readers in letters to the editor pages and it was all the same. The readers' comments “sending the animal to hell” were the general consensus of comment. There was not an iota of kind thought for such “an animal.” I read all the comments made and felt a horror for the whole story including the comments. And I wondered what had happened to that man to change him from the innocent infant that he was born into someone who could throw his daughter about 70 metres over bridge into water in order to kill her. (she survived several hours and died later in her mother's arms). What had happened to create such a change? And what had happened to the relationship he had with his wife that could change so much from love to so much hatred? Surely there was a time when their relationship was enfolded in love especially when the three children were conceived. Their two boys and their little girl seemed to have been conceived in love so what had happened

to change him so much? Does God really make mistakes when He creates a new soul? Or do we humans mess up?

And then I read about the Kelli Lane case where the mother was jailed for 18 years with a non parole period of 13 ½ years for murdering her new born infant daughter Tegan and again I am horrified. How could a mother murder her live birth new born infant daughter? An infant she held in her arms and then killed her? How is it possible? How does this become even conceivable? Was it the previous two abortions that led to this final horror? I very much suspect so. It was said that she was devastated by them when they happened and thereafter.

It was reported that Kelli's life changed after the abortions and became out of control with all the symptoms we now come to expect and know with post abortion grief and what we know as disenfranchised grief. (Disenfranchised grief is a grief which exists and is deep but which society says we cannot speak about) I suspect that the previous two abortions must have been a nightmare for this young woman for her to be able to do what she did next, that is to murder her own infant which she had carried to birth and actually delivered.

And then the horrific story of two year old Yazmina murdered by her father in a revenge attack against the child's mother. How is it possible to change from a loving father to a murderer father or mother? What happens to the human psyche that leads to such grotesque actions?

We also see the blatant discrepancies; the man was jailed for 32 years for the murder of his little girl whilst the woman was jailed for 18 years for the murder of her new born infant. Why such a discrepancy? It sounds to me like a matter of size. And in these cases a matter of gender. And why wasn't the print media in such a frenzy over this case? (Lane) Was it because one case was very visible (Darcy Freeman) and the other case (Tegan Lane) was done invisibly or behind closed doors? Just like abortion!

As I continued to mull over these cases of horror and others which seems to occur daily, I thought much about those people who are horrified at the cruelty of such acts and even thought of the horror the little girl Darcy must have felt as she was going down towards her death, and the horror of her two young brothers

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watching nearby, and the horror of young Yasmina as her daddy murdered her, and the possible pain and confusion of Tegan Lane (newborn) to have gone through birth process to then be killed by the woman she had dialogued with whilst in the womb. And then again I thought about the baby in the womb.....

Imagine if Teagan Lane had been aborted at 40 weeks that is, killed in the womb, then her mother would not have been in jail yet it would have been the same child the same size only a matter of location that is in the womb and out of the womb. Indeed we live in a lunatic society.

Why is there not the same outcry when the infant in the womb is cut into pieces, or poisoned, or burned, or cruelly killed in the late term abortions procedure designed in hell and performed by so called doctors? And wondered why there is not the same outcry? Why is there not the same horror when a 32 week infant is killed because it is not wanted by its mother? When a 24 week is killed because it is not wanted. When a 16 week infant is killed because it's not wanted. When a 12 week infant is killed because it's not wanted. It's all the same baby. The children are the same child at all stages of development it's only a matter of size. That is the only difference, a matter of size. Again societal lunacy.

Why doesn't society act in horror when over 100,000 in Australia and 50,000,000 globally babies are killed per year every year? Why don't the letters to the editor pages get overfilled that they have to spill into other pages? What is the difference but size only. And of course visibility. When it is a visible act the media can manipulate the readership into frenzy.

Technically it's only a matter of size as far as the baby is concerned but otherwise it's a matter of rights and of choice. It's the woman's "right" and her "choice" to be allowed to freely have an abortion that is to end the baby's life. It is a right which has been long and hard fought for and it's an understood full blown feminist issue and the media know well not to become embroiled with the politically incorrect not if they want to remain in business.

So does this make it right because it's a woman's choice? Why were Freeman's choice and Kelli Lane's "choice" wrong and humanity especially in Victoria responded with a huge outcry? Because the killing especially of Darcy Freeman was visible (in broad daylight whilst traffic passed them) and it made news headlines. The media made it their business and this story sold many newspapers. The print media, radio media, TV media were able to work the readers and hearers into a frenzy, whereas an abortion is a fait accompli to them. An abortion is carried out behind closed doors, and the woman enters furtively and then all is finished. Or so the media would have us believe.

The abortion has ended a difficult issue and now all can go back to living the "normal" life. Or so the media would have us all believe. But it is not so. Hundreds of thousands of men and women begin a journey of suffering post the abortion, but the media do not want to run with that story because it's not newsworthy enough. A post abortive woman and man suffer behind closed doors and usually alone. Because the media has cooperated with the abortion and the silence. Just like the baby being aborted. Silent. Alone.

A woman post abortive may begin by saying "it's the best thing I have ever done" just so that she can continue to live and even so the living becomes one assisted by alcohol, drugs, self mutilation, promiscuity, self wounding. No, the media doesn't want this story; it's not front page material after all the woman did it. She must have wanted it. Etc.

We have allowed the media to dictate the formation of our consciences and tell us what to think and what to feel and what is right and what is wrong. It is the media which now forms for us our thoughts and not the right and wrong according to God's laws both spelled out and written on our hearts (see Jer 31: 31-33). We have permitted the media to become our moral compass. We have permitted the media to instruct us on what to see as right or wrong. We have allowed the media to lead us in so called "compassion" and so called right and wrong. Their idea of compassion and their idea of right and wrong. We have allowed the media to lead us into believing that abortion is a good and is such a good that it is enshrined in law. And now they are attempting the "euthanasia is good", and following that we will have open "infanticide as a good." Indeed we have sneakily reached the "infanticide" is good with new abortion laws.

We have permitted the media to distort, cloud, dim our consciences based on wicked mores instead of our beautiful and cultured and refined and holy consciences as we were meant to have.

Have we finished yet? Has the media completed its task of informing us on the modern right and wrong? NO there is much more to come and the more successes the stronger these changes to the human person become.

Adding to the above, in a recent newspaper we read that one set of parents are suing a hospital for a massive amount of \$\$\$\$ because a child was born to them after a sterilisation procedure failed. Imagine that child growing up knowing that he/she was a mistake and he/she wasn't meant to be born except through an accident. Imagine the self worth (or lack thereof) that this child

will grow up with. Knowing that he/she wasn't wanted but is here because of an accidental conception.

And then we wonder why young people are into drugs, drinking, promiscuity and self destructive acts. It isn't surprising at all. And this story, of course, made front page news because it is a story about money making. Imagine the different context this story could have been written in. Such as how blessed these parents thought themselves that after a sterilising procedure a baby managed to be born to them. God must have some wonderful task for this child to be born even after these conditions. Imagine the child growing up with the knowledge that he or she is so blessed to be born. Imagine.....

Unbelief.org Brian Baxter (an alias)

Dear Friends,

I have over the past 15 months lived with abuse and vitriol put out by a so called "Brian Baxter" on a website called "unbelief.org" (the title of the website should tell all of us what it is about) It is an awful site and I have been made its latest victim.

I have tried to ignore the site because all the who's who of pro life are on it and so am in good company, and really I had the hope that it would go away however, I have been unable to continue to ignore it because it is very much affecting my work and my health. I have made efforts to have the article removed but so far have not been able to achieve this. Every time I try obstacles are put in front.

Normally I would not mind because doing this kind of work I am bound to encounter

people who do not agree with what I do and what I say and so I have to learn to be able to accept these things and grow a "thick skin" However, this site and this article is filled with lies and innuendo and factual errors and anyone reading such a site would find it difficult to come to me for help especially wounded people and those who do not know me.

Today we know that young people (and maybe not so young) are computer literate and if a person would like to come to me for help they may first off Google my name to find out a little about me and the first item which appears after my name is Googled is this horrible article written by an atheist whose chief objective is to discredit me and to cast doubt on post abortion grief, abortion trauma, and the connection between abortion and breast cancer and really the suffering which follows abortion. But above all to cast doubt on my work.

As one of my Bishop friends has said "Anne what are you worried about you must be doing something right for someone to go to such trouble" and as much as I appreciate that consoling comment the reality is that a person seeking me out will not be thinking

that, but will read such horrific diatribe and not be confident in coming to me for help.

I know that this person "Brian Baxter" (not his real name) is Australian and possibly did not write the article himself because the article has the feel of feminine thought. This article is written by someone who knows much about abortion and the abortion industry. Indeed this article has been written by someone who has spent many many hours reading through my newsletters which I used to post on my own website "Victims of Abortion.com.au" and also read through my book Redeeming Grief and taken out a line from here and a line from there and put his/her negative slant on it so it all sounds grubby. What is disturbing is that he/she has involved my children and husband which means that he/she is out to discredit me and hurt the family.

I suspect it's a pro abortion feminist/male involved in the abortion industry and I suspect it's someone who under an alias (what a coward to have put all my personal details on the internet

but he hides behind an alias) receives my newsletter and has purchased a copy of my book. This person obviously has little to do with his/her life.

This article is filled with malice and factual errors and its only intent is only to discredit. This article is written by someone who has no compassion for the grieving post abortive women. This article is written by someone who has an aversion to women especially women who suffer from post abortion pain because, I suspect, they visualise for him or her the error of their thought and belief and challenge their ideals.

Dear friends the reason I have drawn your attention to this, though I have tried (with husband) to deal with this for some time, is to ask for your prayer support as it is getting

me very distressed. As one of my regular supporters has guessed there is an awful attack against me and my work both from within and from without and at times it gets very hard to carry this load of hatred. So please keep praying for me especially as we try to deal with this.

Thank you, I appreciate your care for me.

Enemies of the Human Heart

There are three enemies of the human heart rejection, abandonment and betrayal and all of these without exception are found in the life of an abortive woman

ABANDONMENT

Broken trust. Misplaced trust in someone who has broken that trust leaves a gaping wound. It was abandonment that Jesus felt and cried out against it.

Abandonment is trust betrayed. Trust abused. Trust lacerated. Abandonment is trust crucified.

REJECTION

Someone who is rejected feels like outsider not treasured, needed or loved. Rejection is a core wound which leaves an imprint of terror. Rejection is pain of the heart that leaves in its wake a failed promise of love and hope and delivers despair.

BETRAYAL

A turning away from their covenant or their promise to be faithful. Betrayal always leaves an imprint of grief and loss. Much is lost in betrayal. Indeed abandonment, rejection and betrayal contribute to a future lost. Love absent.

Loss of Empathy

Dear friends today we are seeing many acts of cruelty to animals, pets and natural fauna (here in Australia swan/dog/kangaroo/cats). We are seeing vicious attacks against these creatures and we are seeing reported vicious attacks on young people out for an evening of enjoyment, and what is the common element about all of these? Loss of empathy. Loss of empathy is the blatant disregard for another's pain. A disconnection from another's hurt. An inability to feel for the other. Why then such loss of empathy? Why is there no feeling for another human or animal? Why cannot a human being be able to look into eyes or body filled with pain and respond with feeling? Where does this horrendous lack of feeling come from?

Many will say it's the drug culture. Others will say its alcohol. Others will say its youth uncontrolled. But I would say it's the enemies of the human heart, abandonment, rejection, betrayal. I would say that it is abortion, abortion abortion. I would say that young people are told from early life that it's OK to kill infants in the womb, defenceless ones, and if this is OK then all other killing and wounding is OK too. I would say again its abortion, and if abortion is OK and known and thought and practiced as OK then killing of a swan whilst nesting (look at that whilst nesting its young) a defenceless cat, a kangaroo killed for fun would be OK too.

Can it be that if we can wantonly kill infants who cannot defend themselves, or even begin to think that we kill disabled and elderly also because they are too vulnerable to react then surely we cannot wonder why we see such wanton disregard for the pain of another? Why slowly empathy is being lost?

When I read that young children (12-14 years of age) beat a swan to death then surely we as a society have much to be concerned about. When I read or view the news events and see that a young person has been killed or nearly killed just for being out for an evening of enjoyment with friends, then as a society I think we have much to be concerned about.

Where has our sense of empathy for another gone? Where has our care for another like us gone? We are slowly "aborting" our own humanity.

We have much to be concerned about.

Union of Man and Woman

In the physical union between a man and a woman in the natural order it is the man who gives the seed of life and the woman who receives it. He is the Seed She is the earth. But it is in the woman that the life that is given grows and we learn from the earth that rest, silence, almost deep sleep of ecstasy and secrecy are the essential nutrients and mystery for the germination and growth of life. Conception happens in this peaceful silence and anonymity. In the depths where only God is witness to the genesis of life.

When the light of God is not in the mother we have a psychological and spiritual environment where children do not grow naturally. No one can take the place of a mother. She is covenanted to her child. Her covenant role is fulfilled with the child. As the man's covenant role is with his wife so the mother's (note I have not said the woman's) is with the child. Within fecundity is the secret of God hidden in their biological reality. Indeed we can see how much this is true because since this past century the role of woman has changed and this has meant that the role of "mother" has also changed.

For my Catholic readers as the role of Mary the Mother of Jesus has waned this waning has meant the slow waning of "womanhood" Loss of respect for fecundity and the loss of respect for those whom Bishop Fulton Sheen said were "infanticiding" has led to the loss of babies.. The global demeaning of the woman called "Mary" led to the demeaning of women and their most important role "motherhood" As Mary has been demeaned so have women and babies. So has family life and children been demeaned. As Mary was abandoned as irrelevant for these times, and society, so women and children have become irrelevant, disposable, abandoned by a society which no longer sees the necessity for woman to be able to conceive and carry forth new life into the future. As woman and marriage were successfully demeaned so now society demands alternative forms of marriage. How interesting that marriage between man and woman is rejected but other forms of coupling want to legitimise their unions. .

It is woman who carries the child to the abortuary. It is woman who lies there whilst it is killed and it is woman who leaves in anguish. She who was designed to cooperate with God in protecting the future now co operates with death.

Our society needs to see that males and females are reconciled if we are ever to destroy and banish the anti life mentality. This alienation of children and alienation between man and woman must cease and reconciliation must take place so that order is re established and fruitfulness and faithfulness are once again normal and welcomed.

Guilt, resultant from the anti life mentality and action, is our self punishment and it is an action performed by our inner being because of the perceived loss of self design and loss of esteem and loss of who we are as humans.

It is fear of punishment and fear of loss and fear of death which accounts for felt guilt. Psychic or spiritual disorders can only be treated/resolved/dealt with along moral and religious thought which is a restoration of what is God's to God. In restoring "life'

to its creator we restore order. In restoring to man and woman their specially designed roles filled with honour we restore order. In restoring love and sacrifice to their original place we restore order.

Every jealousy, anger, restlessness, unhappiness are roots of the fear of death and the fear we have because we know how far from the original truth we have wandered. And the aimless wandering of those who abort is a sign of self banishment from the garden of peace.

Estrangement from self and others are signs that life has been attacked and with each generation the sacredness of human life is further diminished and the darkness which encompasses the earth is sourced profoundly in the heart and mind of the human persons.

Darkness seems to have overcome humanity. The same darkness and terror at being discovered naked in the garden, and as the man and woman hid then so now the man and the woman hide from terror behind the technology of selfishness. The man and woman are so terrified that they are afraid of their own being, their own child. Of the future.

Schools

Dear Anne

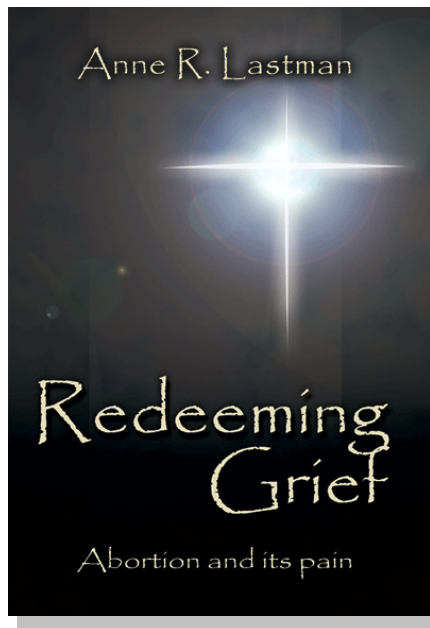
Thank you for your newsletter which I receive regularly and have received for many years now and I praise God for the difficult and life giving work that you continue to do. Again thank God and you for your perseverance under what seem at times to be many difficulties.

Anne, as you deal quite regularly with the issue of sexuality I want to take courage and write to you about the phenomenon of the sexualisation of children in today's society.

I am a primary school teacher working in NSW schools. In this capacity I see and hear much of what goes on amongst these young students in schools. I hear and see children talking and mimicking adult sexual behaviour and it is quite disturbing.

I hear them talk about what's "hot" and openly flirting with other children. Children who should be interested in cars, dolls, and games now talk adult talk.

I hear children as young as 9 years of age talk about (sexual word deleted) and I have seen the same children mimicking the sexual act on other children on the floor. I have seen them practising "pole dancing" (their words not mine) and showing other children how to do this. I have seen girls talk openly about sexual



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acts and pregnancy and giving birth and this from very young girls who should be interested in friendships and games and dress ups and dolls and not be discussing sexual matters and sexual talk.

How can these children focus on their school work and writing tasks when their minds are filled with these adult activities? These classroom tasks do not hold their attention and if they do it is only short term and without concentration and effort.

Where do these ideas and behaviours come from?

Is it because mum and dad have no time and put the children in front of television during meal preparation, so that the children watch adult shows like “Home and Away” and “Two and Half Men” etc” One of the young girls told me that a character on “Home and Away” was doing pole dancing and it looked like fun. (her words).

Do they come from watching mum and dad’s adult movies?

Do they listen to mum and dads talk adult talk? Or is it early sex education classes where children as young as five are taught about specific body parts?

Perhaps it is a combination of all of the above and it’s very sad to see really young children lose their innocence. It even looks and sounds so wrong and grotesque.

Marie (NSW)

Thank you for this Marie. I have argued against early childhood sex education and I have talked about sexualisation of young children ad infinitum and whenever I do talk about these issues I usually get responses of anger.

One other reason which I think apart from those which you have already mentioned is that children are not said “NO” to anymore, and I suspect/believe that this has something to do with guilt of parents who leave the child/children from 7am and usually don’t pick up the child from care till late in the day. This has meant that the child has been looked after by someone other than a parent for 90% of the child’s waking hours. The child has ontologically suffered abandonment, and because of the parent’s guilt, and to overcompensate the child/children are spoilt in all manner of ways.

It has been said time and time and again that “it’s better to give a child quality time e.g. 1-2 hours than “me be stressed about mortgage payments” Indeed mortgage payments need to met but a child does not know or recognize mortgage payments nor the meaning of “quality time” The child only knows its mother and father and in its early life wants to be with mother and father all the time. No matter how much it is loved by others and taken care of, the child only recognises the feeling, the voice, the smell of its own mother and can only be comforted by its own mum.

I do not say this to cause stress on those who have to work and I certainly do not wish to offend, but little ones need their mum and dad and especially their mum during the forming years. We often see how important this is when only a mother can calm her little one, and this because the child recognises the smell of mum. The heartbeat of mum. The rocking movement of mum and in this big wide

world a child is comforted by mum. A child cannot understand the “quality 1-2 hours” it cannot even understand the words. For a child all time with mum or dad is quality time.

Further to this, a child needs to be able to be told “no” to. The child needs boundaries because without boundaries he or she cannot ever know when to push gently the line and when not. Good boundaries protect a child and teaches that child right and wrong. Good boundaries give the child a sense of protection and security and from these boundaries the child can learn to explore and return to the place of security. As I hear of these stories of sexualisation and loss of innocence I am troubled for the future of these children.

Today not only are children entering schools earlier but parents seem to need the children to learn to read and be busy constantly. There is a need to engage the children in constant activity without time for the child’s imagination to grow and develop peacefully.. A time for the child to be child without noise. It’s no wonder that teenagers cannot study or do anything without the ever present cacophony. Noise and movement and speed are part of their existence almost from the very beginning and I wonder to satisfy whom? It is certainly not for the child’s need because the child needs Mum, dad, family and security and peace and not the constant movement of doing “things”

I started this with the comments of Marie but I believe that we have a huge task ahead of us if we want to have a healthy society made up of healthy individuals who have begun their early life as little ones who weren’t disturbed in their developmental processes because they needed to be rushed through the growth because parents needed to pay the mortgage, important as this is. We need to fight back and slow our society down before we lose more of our children. The family needs to be recognised as the place where the child finds rest and time to be a child and then teenager then a youth and then the beautiful and inspiring adult.

Family is the primordial “pearl of great price” of society and is the basis on which wholeness is imaged. The battle against family and children is a battle, which is waged against INNOCENCE. Parents should be guardians of innocence not (even unintentional) destroyers of innocence. The roles of mother and father should be to protect the child/ren and to be solace and comfort for them and for each other and to form what from all time we have come to call “family”.

Children are sexualised because we have forgotten what it means to be mother and father and that it is the most important career. Indeed the most important “career” ever. It is easy to forget that one’s career, no matter how magnificent, comes to an end but our career as “parent” continues post our lifetime and into eternity because children carry us on with them and their children forever onward.

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Letters

Dear Anne,

My name is Christine. I am sixteen years old and quite passionate about ending abortion.

My grandma gave me a copy of your Feb/March 2011 newsletter, and I read it cover to cover.

I found it extremely interesting and learnt so much from it! The articles really educated me about issues that are raised and talked with others at school, And reading this has given me more things to say in order to point them in the right direction of what to think.

Your newsletter is very inspiring.

Keep up the wonderful and lifesaving work, my prayers will be with you.

From Christine

This type of letter is what keeps me going. Thank you Christine. God Bless your life. Anne

Dear Anne

Having received your latest newsletter I did what I always do-read it from cover to cover on the first available evening to me. The combined sense of urgency and compassion expressed in it always goes straight to my heart and mind. I was deeply saddened to read that some of my priestly confreres have failed to appreciate both your mission and support its necessity.

Just this very day I spent a sad time in support of a grandmother who had just learned of her daughter's abortion a little while ago. Desperately wanting to support and not judge or reject her daughter she is torn within in her grief-how much more the care of her daughter that will ensue. So your newsletter is a timely reminder to me to renew my support for the vital work that you are doing while at the same time saying thank you for your courageous outreach.

Yours sincerely

Fr Michael.

Thank you Fr Michael I appreciate very much your words and care for me. It really is a hard ministry but a beautiful one also.

Dear Anne,

Thank you dear for your tireless and probably thankless work. I hope and pray that you will continue and those who find your work "confronting" need to strengthen their sensitivities by getting out into the real world. It might be a shock or surprise to them.

Bless you dear.

Colin W (Vic)

Thanks Colin I appreciate your care. Anne

Dear Anne,

Reading about those with the "confronting" problem Broken Branches April/May issue I remembered these words of Joseph Ratzinger in "Journey towards Easter" p 76. "The humanity of Jesus also means sharing in the joy and success which public life has to offer, and sharing in the joy of humankind's work which leads to success. It certainly also means sharing in the burden and responsibility consequent on public life.

People in public life do not acquire friends only but are exposed also to opposition, incomprehension and abuse. Their name and their words can be used now by the left, now by the right. The antichrist masks himself as Jesus; he will make use of him as the devil makes use of God's words the Bible (Mt 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13).

Paradoxically, public life also means loneliness. So it happens for Jesus too. He gathers friends, but He is not spared the delusion of a betrayal of friendship, as He is not spared either the incomprehension of well intentioned disciples, weak none-the-less. At the end there is the loneliness of that hour of anguish on the Mount of Olives when the disciples sleep, in His most intimate self He is not understood.

Besides the loneliness of incomprehension there is still another kind of loneliness, the uniqueness of Jesus. He has lived His life from a standpoint to which others cannot penetrate that of being alone with God. About Him, that saying of William of St Thierry has total meaning in a way more profound than for others"

One who is with God is not less alone than when alone"

Remembering you and your apostolate at this time.

Yours truly

Fr. A. G (Victoria)

Thank you dear Father for your understanding and yes it is has been hard being alone but I have recently felt encouraged to continue.

Anne

Thank you Fr Leo, Thank you Fr Paul, Fr John, Fr Michael, Fr Raymond, Fr Gerard. Thank you to the many priest and Bishop friends who have rung or written and encouraged me. I appreciate your care for me very much. Anne

Dear Anne,

All your newsletters are inspiring but the last one surpasses them all. May God abundantly bless you as you continue to carry on this work. Love from

Sr Mariana

Thank you Sister. Love to you. Anne

Woman

Dear Friends this seems to me to have been a heavy newsletter so I would end with this sent by Fons. Thank you Fons.

*When God created woman he was working on the 6th day.
An Angel came by and said: Why spend so much time on that one?"
And the Lord answered
Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"
"She must be washable, but not plastic, have more than 200m moving parts which all must be replaceable and she must function on all kinds of foods. She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time, give a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken heart and she must do all this with only two hands."
The angel was impressed
"Just two hands? Impossible" And this is the standard model?
Too much work for one day..wait until tomorrow and then complete her"
"I will not" said the Lord "I am so close to completion of this creation, which will be the favourite of my heart."
She cures herself when sick. And she can work 18 hours per day
The angel cam nearer and touched the woman. But you have made her soft Lord.
"She is soft" said the Lord "but I have also made her strong. You cannot imagine what she can endure and overcome."
"Can she think?" the angel asked and the Lord answered:
"not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate"
The angel touched the woman's cheek....."Lord it seems this creature is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her"
"She is not leaking...Its a tear" The Lord corrected the Angel.
"What is it for?" asked the angel. And the Lord said:
"Tears are her way of expressing grief, doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride." This made a big impression on the angel.
"Lord you are a genius. You thought of everything. The woman is indeed marvellous!" Indeed she is!
Woman has strength that amazes man. She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens. She holds happiness, love and opinions. She smiles when feeling like screaming. She sings when she feels like crying, cries when she is happy and laughs when she is afraid. She fights for what she believes in. Stands up against injustice.
She does not take NO for an answer when she can see a better so0lution.
She gives herself so her family can thrive. She takes her friend to the doctor if she is afraid.
Her love is unconditional. She cries when her children are victorious. She is happy when her friends do well. She is glad when she hears of a wedding or a birth. Her heart is broken when a next of kin or friend dies. But she gets the strength to get on with life. She knows that a kiss and a hug can heal a broken heart.
There is only one thing wrong with her....
She forgets what she is worth
Indeed dear friends we have slowly allowed our beautiful design to be destroyed with false promises.*

Dear friends I have come again to the end of another newsletter. You know, when I start to write I generally have no idea what I am going to write about but as I start it flows. Thank God you might say and so do I.

Thank you to those dear friends who attended the Pro Life Dinner. There were 14 guests at my table..Yeah Maybe next year we might make it 30 guests and have three tables of supporters of Victims of Abortion. So book early when we start advertising and we will have a beautiful night. On that night I met people whose names I knew but not their faces now I also know them by sight. Beautiful.

And dear friends I know that some of you (and my husband too) will think that I am stark raving mad but I have just signed the lease to my office for another 3 years. **Yes that's right for another three years.** My husband is still shaking his head in disbelief especially after this last year, but I don't want something like **unbelief.org** and other detractors to force me to stop. I will retire when the Lord says enough. So dear friends you have me for at least a good while yet.

Thank you for your love and support.

Thanks Margaret G. Paul & family, Reverend Fathers and other lovely people who care for me. I appreciate you very much

Please continue praying for my girls Marlene, Sara, Linda, Heather, Helen, Sarah (2) Cathy Roger, Anne (new) Natalie, Debbie Jacquie, Margaret, John, Angela (new) Nancy, Tracy.

God Bless and keep well till we meet again.



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