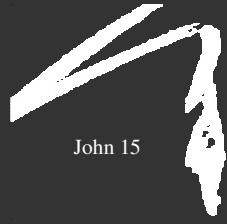


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John 15

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

R. I. P.

Dedicated to the precious memory:

Infant Elizabeth Therese daughter of dear friends of mine who was born and taken straight to heaven on 6th October 2011 at 12:40pm. Elizabeth Therese weighed 3lb 9oz and was 41cm long. A perfectly formed beautiful Angel.

Dedicated to the precious memory:

Two infants of John and Iris who left this life too early and returned to heaven. So much longed for, so much missed.

Dedicated to the precious memory:

In memory of infant Isaiah who left this life far too early, recommended by medicals because multiple disabilities. Much wanted child by Mum and Dad and grandma.

Lord Keep these infants in your care and caress them for their parents till they meet up again. And Lord take loving care of the parents of these infants who died within days of one another.

Please remember and keep these three sets of parents strongly in your prayers because of the pain they will be experiencing this coming Christmas season.

Great News!

Awesome news! Berkeley street, Family Planning clinic, where I used to pray outside 9a few years ago) and where for many years Helpers of God's Precious Infants have prayed every Saturday and some Thursday mornings come rain or heat, is closing down on all Saints day! The abortionist is semi retiring and will merge her business with get ready for it...Fertility Control Clinic! The largest abortion facility here in Melbourne.

Who could have predicted that? We must persevere. Imagine ...rivals in the abortion business having to merge their business! I am reminded of Herod and Pilate becoming friends over another Innocent condemned to die.

You know dear friends if possible next year think about joining the group praying outside the infamous Fertility Control Clinic which has been the chamber of death for millions of babies since it first emerged about 40 years ago. Even one or two mornings per week.

Let there be a terror sent to the hearts of demons as we stand and pray. Stand and with the rest of our people who silently witness to the value of life, week in and week out. Year in and year out and offer women help and save babies. And if this is not possible, the greatest act of Mercy is done just by being there, we all stand in solidarity and at the side of the dying child. The child does not die alone. This in itself is a great gift. It's one of the corporal works of Mercy. We cannot bury the dead because we don't have a body, but we CAN be there surrounding them. Do it if you can for them. For the babies. I remember.....no one was there.

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Remember that the child's mother and father cannot for this moment be of support to the child because they have made the decision and are in denial that it is their baby who is dying, but those who pray and wait in reverence accompany the child into the Father's hands. So it's not "time wasted" as one individual tried to forcibly tell me.

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants is a group of men and women of all ages, always outside the abortion facility even if small in numbers they accompany the dying little one. Join them if you can. It is good. Join them so that we can close down this other cruel monstrous place, called Marie Stopes International at a Melbourne suburb called Croydon. A beautiful leafy suburb which has insinuated within it another death chamber....abortion clinic. Read below.

Late Term Abortion at Croydon

I remember saying and writing these words at the time of new abortion laws in Victoria 2008 which freed and decriminalised abortion laws to birth. I wrote this;

"At the moment my heart is broken over this dreadful decision on this Black Friday. A decision which has legalised infanticide. A decision which has made a mummy's womb the most dangerous place on earth. How we go on from here...I don't know"

The abortion clinic in Croydon, Victoria (the same one where many women were recently infected with hepatitis), is again in the news this time over a botched late term abortion. Yes the late term abortions which were meant to be a rarity are indeed happening with gruesome regularity.

Recently, October 24, in our Sunday Age, a notoriously non pro life newspaper, actually reported on a botched late term abortion which nearly left the woman dead and definitely the infant dead. The abortion facility is now run by *Marie Stopes International*, one of the largest abortion providers in Australia and indeed the world.

The article reported "Dr Schulberg had aborted Ms (name withheld by me) .23-week-old foetus, without anaesthetic, even though she was dangerously ill, unconscious and had no family present." The woman ended up in intensive care at a local hospital, with multiple organ failure. The article then continued with details of the woman and her situation and reason for her seeking the abortion.

The procedure for this abortion was that the woman be given medication to take for 3 days. The day before the abortion she had an appointment where she was found to be dangerously ill, unconscious and alone. Her family *thought?* Of ringing the ambulance but instead called the abortion facility where they were urged to put the woman in a taxi and take her into the clinic (which they did) where Dr Schulberg went ahead with the abortion despite her serious condition. This Dr Schulberg is the "expert" in late term abortions in Victoria. He kills babies which could live if born premature and its parents want it. This is the infanticide I spoke about three years ago and have been hinting at for years now. We opened the door for this to happen. Slowly, slowly. I even spoke about it in my book which was first released 4 years ago before the new abortion law reforms.

Eventually the clinic called an ambulance to take her to hospital. It's believed that at that stage she was near death. "She is fortunate to be alive - her family call it a 'miracle'."

And this is being actively pro woman? This is what the pro abortion lobby thought was good for their "sisters" This is what they fought so hard for? This is what the women who head Women's Health Victoria and lobbied for open abortion think good for their "sisters?" This is what was supposed to happen in backyards wasn't it? But it happened in a legal, sanitised facility. So the backyard stories what were they?

I was saddened with the whole story which also continued with information that the parents were still awaiting the refund of \$4000 from the clinic. Imagine paying \$4000 to have their child ...you know. I can barely bring myself to write it anymore. Thirty pieces of silver must equal \$4000 in today's exchange.

This story made the headlines because of \$\$\$\$ otherwise we would not have known that another viable infant was terminated.

Imagine in land a land like Australia with its excellent facilities, and social services someone takes a baby of 23 weeks gestation in to die because why? We need protection for women and babies who are in this situation where they think that the only option is the death of baby. But first we need to call on the Victorian government to provide this protection for these women and babies and repeal the monstrous *Abortion Law Reform Act*.

Please dear readers contact Mr Baillieu, Premier of Victoria, who just the same week as this story emerged, announced that it is introducing tough new laws to protect puppies and cats. Puppies and cats protected (good as that is) but 23 week infants left to die? And botched abortions leave mothers to almost die?

Please email or write to the Premier Mr Ted Baillieu and express your disgust that the protection being afforded to puppies and cats is not extended to the babies of Victoria: This story can be found here:

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/woman-tells-of-late-abortion-horror-20111022-1mdvv.html#ixzz1bay8MJFd>

Abortion Act devoid of

Hope.

The act itself is the act of hopelessness. Darkness. Absence. It is an act of despair. Yet.....

Abortion pain, grief with its unique type, grief, regret sorrow, has embedded within it a kernel called "love" and it is this kernel when found and nurtured will lead to new hope. A new journey. I say journey because written deep within idea of journey is hope. No one leaves to go on a journey with hope of arrival. The Abortion Act is devoid of Hope but it need not remain so because God is Love and because of this a journey can be started with hope as its source and arriving to a place called peace. And for the abortive man, woman the "hope" is that God is merciful, our baby/ies will forgive us, and the greatest hope that there is an eternity so that we can meet and be together.

The Holy Father Benedict XVI says that it is not science that redeems man: man is redeemed by love." (Deus Caritas Est) The post abortive woman in her pain, whichever way it manifests itself, clearly evidences love.

Further, the Holy Father continues, "It is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it in vain" How true.

I am privileged to touch the heart of another and help find that hope so that the journey can begin and continue to the end.

International Grief Conference Melbourne, October, 2011

Recently I had the opportunity to attend Australian Centre for Grief & Bereavement's International Conference, held here in Melbourne.

It was really heavy but very interesting conference (exhausting too) listening to speakers on the topic of grief.

Dr Colin Murray Parkes (UK), Dr Irwin Sandler, Dr Carol Wogrin, (USA) Dr Cecilia L W Chan, (Hong Kong) Dr Simon Shimshon Rubin, (USA) Dr Ruth Malkinson, (Israel) Dr Kenneth Doka, (USA) Dr. Theresa Rando (USA). What an array of speakers and ways of speaking the message. It was held in beautiful surroundings and the topics and themes were marvellous.

These international researchers and speakers on the issue of grief and management of mourning, bereavement and grief help us to understand better the grief in our society, that is, all manner of grief, and help us with ideas on how to bring some help to sufferers. It was marvellously attended; I would have said over 300 attendees.

All the speakers were excellent each brought to listeners their style and knowledge and words, but not one word about abortion and yet there was not one speaker's lecture that could not be fitted to the abortion grief, or what I already do with my "girls."

However I think that for me the most moving moment came at the end of Dr Ruth Malkinson's presentation when she finished with Jewish prayer sung at the time of death of a loved one. And slide showed words. This was also prayed at my Father in Law's death years ago.

"Merciful God in Heaven, grant perfect repose to the soul of.....who has passed to his eternal habitation; and in whose memory, the members of his family pledge charity. May he be under thy divine wings among the holy and pure who shine bright as the sky; may his place of rest be in paradise. Merciful One, O keep his soul forever alive under thy protective wings. The Lord being his heritage may he rest in peace; and let us say, Amen.

At the conclusion of the word Amen...there was a palpable silence, and then a tear, and then applause.

Each of the speakers brought an element of religion and an appreciation of the importance of the spiritual in each human being and this really made me happy because if this starts at the "top" of the hierarchy of "grief experts" then perhaps those who study "grief" and are practitioners of those who grieve might also begin to see that grief without God is so much harder to bear and be able to work with the "spiritual essence" of their clients in order to help bring a healing resolution.

Thank you to Fr Raymond for making it possible for me to attend this.

International Conference of Counsellors and Psychotherapists

Again Thank you to Fr Raymond for making it possible for me to attend this conference here in Melbourne where I was able to interact and meet other counsellors and psychotherapists from around Australia and around the world. It was a secular conference and it gave me the opportunity to speak with other counsellors who also encounter abortion grief and speak with them about their handling of this. I have been invited to attend deliver a paper next year on this topic to another national conference and possibly if health permits another one in 2013 internationally. I have been asked.

So perhaps as one of my very dear friends has said the "Lord is opening up windows for you to climb through. Will you do it?" I don't know because next year will be 17 years of dealing with grief but then I guess if He (my Boss) thinks I can do it and the support from you dear friends is there, I will give it a good try.

Recently the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI said; "God calls all men to life and bestows him with talents, while entrusting him with a mission to accomplish them," said the Pope from the window of his apostolic palace to the crowds gathered below in St. Peter's Square. To refuse to use our gifts or from embarking on our mission "would be a dereliction of the purpose of their (our talents') existence."

When I read these words they confirmed me in my work. I had become sluggish because health reasons and realised

that I was beginning not to appreciate my gifts. So did what all good Italian women do, kicked my own ...picked myself up and got going again. There is a vineyard that is so huge and empty and it needs workers. "The courtyard of the gentiles is empty" it's time to seek them out to fill it.

From the gathering in Assisi came the words that the environment is damaged and we need to be careful. OK I can go with that. And Archbishop of Canterbury also brought notice of the huge loss of infant life in Africa But not one word about the millions of infants lost through abortion and the after effects of this to man woman society. So I guess I might still have to go on for a bit longer.

Report on the March for Babies and 40 days for life

Due to a prior commitment I was unable to attend the March for the Babies this year but from enthusiastic reports from friends who did attend it was a roaring success with several thousands of pro lifers converging on the city of Melbourne (just the outskirts). Even the weather shone on the event.

Bernie Finn a staunch pro life politician in his usual unambivalent manner rallied the crowd as they began their journey from the steps of parliament house towards the gates of the largest abortion centre in Victoria and this with police escort on push bikes.

I had to smile as I visualised this. The police carrying 100s invisible babies on the back of their bikes.

Cindy Collins from World Generation Outreach Pregnancy Help Centre in USA was the speaker and I believe she gave a moving testimony of her story.

However, the other side of the abortion story, that is, the pro abortion people also had their whimper of noise. Reliable source (hello Tanya) says that the pro lifers outnumbered the death squad by about 100 to 1.

So to all of my readers who attend well done and sorry I couldn't be there, hopefully next year.

If this year we managed to get several thousand pro lifers perhaps if we start talking about it and promoting and reminding ourselves, for next year we may even get 5,000 and following 10,000 and then 100,000. Imagine....

Because then we can show the world that Life is not cheap and disposable but every life has its beginnings in the mind of God and a purpose for being here, irrespective of its conception.

Women on the pill tend to pick 'duds', study claims Reported in the Herald Sun October 13th.

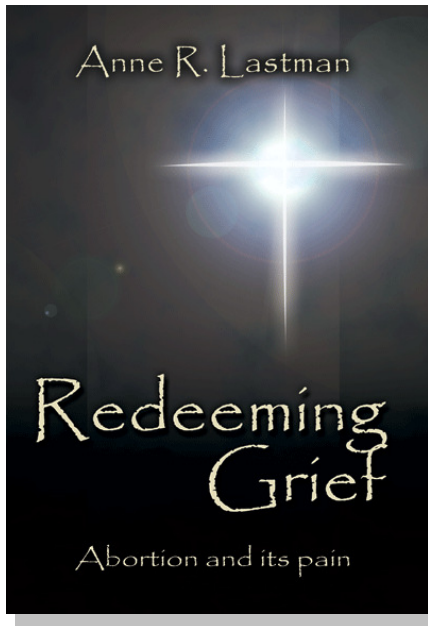
In a recent article in our daily newspaper Herald Sun, (Oct 13thth – Catholic readers note the date!) It was reported that women who take the chemical birth control pill, tend to choose partners who are unsatisfactory although the relationship lasts longer because of the unhindered sexual element of the relationship.

How interesting that the relationship would not have lasted as long had contraception not been there, which seems to me to say that the partners would not be together except that the sexual aspect was readily available and without encumbrances or consequences.

The study also commented that “women who take birth control pills tend to choose as partners, men who are less attractive and unsatisfactory in intimacy area but the men stay longer because of the availability of sex. Studying the effects of contraceptive hormones on choice of partners the researchers questioned 2519 women from various countries (US Czech Rep. Britain, and Canada) who had at least one child each and the participants were asked to rate their relationship for general satisfaction and attractiveness of their partner.

At time of meeting of partner, oral contraceptives had been used by 1005 women whilst 1514 used no hormonal birth control Craig Roberts of Stirling University Scotland, who led the study said that “our results show some positive and negative consequences of using the pill when a woman meets her partner.”

Further according to Roberts, "Such women may, on average, be less satisfied with the sexual aspects of their relationship but more so with non-sexual aspects. Overall, women who met their partner on the pill had longer relationships - by two years on average - and were less likely to separate."



Redeeming Grief is a reflection of and study of abortion grief, which is experienced by some women who choose to undergo this elective procedure. These reflections are the result of listening to over 1000 personal stories and listening to the expressions used by the women as they spoke about their decision to abort the life of their child. These reflections then attempt to reconstruct the meaning that this procedure has had for the aborting woman and how this one procedure has been the catalyst for life changes.

Redeeming Grief looks at abortion trauma and grief from the spiritual and the psychological perspective. Its influences on the individuals involved and society. It is hoped that the language used is reader friendly and the concepts (both spiritual and psychological) are also reader friendly.

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“Roberts’s suspects that birth control pills skew the subconscious “chemistry” by which a woman makes a mating choice.” This researcher in prior studies had also found that women using oral contraceptives altered their preferences for male body odour being attracted to males similar themselves but when not taking substance they preferred odour genetically different leading to stronger and healthier babies the explanation being that born from genetically dissimilar couples are healthier with a stronger chance of survival.

As I read the whole article a new thought kept cropping into my mind. If the chemicals in the “contraceptive pill” skew the senses into false reading, could the same chemical changes in the brain of the woman lead her to reject her child? Or have no attraction towards her child? and make her decision to abort easy? Could the chemical changes in her brain caused by the contraceptive pill over time dull her senses and her nurturing and protection towards her child? Neutralised her? Reject her child as unwanted? I wonder....

The abortion holocaust and the pill have paralleled each other. The Pill, the sexual revolution and demand for abortion. Could the chemicals in the contraceptive pill “skew” her “feminine genius?” ...I wonder.....

<http://www.news.com.au/top-stories/women-on-the-pill-tend-to-pick-duds-study-claims/story-e6frfkp9-1226165041190>

And further dear friends, this was sent to me. We have Fathers Day, Mothers Day and other days of grace. And now this? Look at those taking part you will recognise some of the biggest names in the abortion industry.

New World Contraception Day

World Contraception Day (WCD) is a worldwide campaign with a vision for a world where every pregnancy is wanted. Its mission is to improve awareness of contraception to enable young people to make informed decisions on sexual and reproductive health. Under the motto ‘Live Your Life. Know your rights. Learn about contraception’, WCD 2011 focuses on the need to encourage young people to exercise their right to search for accurate, unbiased information about contraception to prevent an unplanned pregnancy or sexually transmitted infection (STI).

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International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

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World Contraception Day is an annual event taking place on 26th September each year. Every year, countries and regions around the world organize **events to mark World Contraception Day** and to demonstrate their commitment to raising awareness of contraception and improving education regarding reproductive and sexual health. This website is an important part of the campaign and is packed full of useful information about contraception and sexual health, as well as insightful videos and blog updates from the Youth Task Force. The site also contains a database of healthcare resources in your local area in case you want to talk to someone about sex and contraception.

http://www.your-life.com/en/home/world_contraception_day/

Letters

Dear Anne,

Just a few lines to encourage you in your mighty work you are doing. And for little recognition but I am reminded in Matt 6:4 and that our Heavenly father is happy with you. May He give you the strength and courage to continue and bless you in this difficult job. But I know you have helped to restore people's lives and given hope enclosed donation to help you keep going.

With love and prayers.

John and Jan

Vic.

Dear Anne,

Enclosed is a donation to help with your rent and expenses for your work. I also want to thank your husband and family for their generosity in helping you to continue with God's work. We are indebted to your family for sharing you in this way God bless you in your efforts and your family in a special way.

Love and prayers in Christ.

Mary Vic.

Thank you to both Mary and John and Jan. Even though sometimes I get exhausted and start thinking about weeding I really do believe that I do a beautiful job for God. Hope He thinks so too.

Dear Anne & Family,

Just a short note hoping that you can continue your truly marvellous work of 16 years, for many many more years, health of course permitting.

All your family have been enrolled in the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, at Leichardt in Sydney. Details appear in each card.

May Jesus hold you and your family in the palm of His hand for ever.

Yours in Christ

John M...

Dear John thank you for this kindness. I cried buckets when I read the names and the trouble you went to. Thank you. As for the many more years? Well just a while longer at least there are three major things I still have to do and they take time and money and effort. When they are done then I think I can "weed" the garden.

Dear Anne,

Thank you for your letter. It seems that there might be a misunderstanding? Your AD 2000 article reminded me of the jeweller's shop window crammed full of gorgeous jewellery. So crammed.. Well you know the results, and your latest Broken Branches seems to get better and better. You have a standard to maintain.

Thanks Fr Paul I loved the other part of your letter.

And truckie dropped by for more coffee. Keep well.

Ps... Truckie stopped by again. Will have to be careful people will talk about us!!!

Dear Anne,

Thanks for your very newsy newsletter with very helpful websites for promoting life for our precious unborn babies. I also particularly loved the prayer for the unborn; maybe the typo (oops! loves for lives) wasn't really that, because I believe all those aborted babies will be sending their love from heaven to all those defenders of life. Please find enclosed a cheque as a help.

Yours in Life

David B.

I believe that too David that's why I keep going.

Shalom Anne

Thank you for your sending of newsletter to me over many years and you have not ever asked for subscription. I apologise I took advantage of your generosity. I have enjoyed every single one of them and await them eagerly. Please forgive my miserliness and find enclosed a small donation. More as I can

Joe S. (Vic)

Joe I am glad you like newsletter and keep reading and keep spreading it around. To a million people if you like.

I never remove anyone from list unless I am requested in writing to do so.

Thank you for your kind donation.

Anne

Infanticide-

An American abortionist was asked if he knew he was killing babies here is his answer. Yes he knows

This dear friends is the infanticide which I have been talking about over the last 10 years. Now its openly spoken about both in America and here in Australia and no doubt other places around the world.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2011/11/14/late-term-abortion-practitioner-yes-i-am-killing-babies/>

As I come to end of this last issue of the newsletter for this year, I would like to say thank you to all for your support of me this year. It has been a very difficult year both work wise and health wise and I have appreciated your care and prayers and support. The health issue has stabilised for now that's all that can be said. Again this year I have counselled, spoken at schools, groups, and anyone who would listen and written 6 more issues of newsletter.

I have attended two international conferences both here in Melbourne which meant I didn't travel overseas and this was good for health. But the conferences, One on Grief, and one for Counsellors and Psychotherapists were really good and I was able to really speak privately to individuals especially when they saw my name tag. This was especially good in the areas of counsellors to know that abortion grief and pain exists but has not taken much notice of it as a special type of grief. I hope to do more "teaching" in this area in the next several years if the Lord allows and you continue with me.

This year I went through a series of one offs and nothing more came of them, which leads me to think they were set ups, and this as a result of that awful website which really did do much harm to my work and health. Thank you to those who helped remove it and clean up my name. Neale, Matthew, Luke, Darren. Thank you a million times.

Thank you to Paul and family, for help when needed. You always know. Carol H and family thank you so much.

Thank you my dear supporters in which way it came.

Thank you John M. for your special gift prayer and Mass intentions for me and family. I have had great need of them. Thank you Frs. Raymond, Paul, Anthony, Bishop Friends my priest friends. Thank you to all those who have encouraged me to keep going when it was getting too hard. And thank you to those who prayed when I wasn't well throughout the year. Please continue. Not out of the woods yet.

Thank you to Margaret G. Prayers assured.

Thank you to Catherine H for being the ear when needed and friend who supported with words of hope and jokes.

Please also continue to pray for Helen, Helen (2), Marlene, Heather, Sara, Cathy, Sara (2) Debbie and Marilyn and add to prayers Alyce (new) Jodie (late term abortion) Margaret whom I met at conference and she wept and Ted who also wept. Also for Hope (new-I have great need of spiritual help for Hope-please) Carolyn (new).

TILL WE MEET AGAIN IN FEBRUARY 2012, IF GOD WILLS, I WISH FOR YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GRACES.



Anne Lastman

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