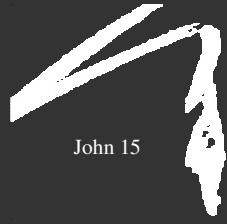


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“Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage” (Tb. 5:10)

Doctor who infected women with Hepatitis C Pleads Guilty to 55 charges of negligently causing serious injury.

Several years ago I wrote in my newsletter about a doctor, who whilst working at a very busy abortion facility had allegedly infected over 50 women with Hepatitis C.

This day November 10, 2012, our daily newspaper *The Herald Sun*, ran with the story on page 2 and showed the history of this doctor James Peters and the tragedy that has been his life and the life of those around him.

However, what really made me angry while reading the news article was the Judge’s comment “The victims in this case are a group of the most highly innocent people you could ever come across.”

Innocent your honour? How so your honour? I would have thought that the most innocent people in the whole tragic and sad drama are the babies who were taken in to be aborted. They had absolutely no say in the matter. Sad and utterly sorry that I am for the women, and it should never have happened, they *chose* to be there. They chose to go to have a termination of their pregnancy. They are not *the most innocent* members in this issue the *most innocent* are the babies and they did not even rate a mention.

We have heard that some of the infected women were present and in tears, we read about the doctor’s medical history of misadventure after misadventure. We heard about the doctor’s own wife dying of Hep C. We heard about his own addiction to fentanyl, (an

opioid used in general anaesthesia), we heard about the class action being taken by the group of women and the solicitors involved, but we did not hear one word spoken about these 55 and the thousands more babies who died at that abortion clinic and some at his hands. As per usual they are deemed collateral damage.

as I read the story in the paper and no doubt it will be covered by all media outlets, this is a story of great tragedy beginning with a doctor who no doubt started out to be a doctor and “Do no Harm” to become a doctor who himself became addicted to a substance of addiction, to infecting his own wife who has died of the disease(Hep C) who then went on to terminate the lives of countless infants in the womb, to pleading guilty to child pornography, to infecting patients with his own type of disease. It’s a tragedy of monumental proportions. Finally this outcome and many deaths.

This is a story of tragedy all around, but unlike His Honour the Judge, involved in the case, I do NOT think or believe that those women presenting to have their baby’s life ended were the “most highly innocent people you could ever come across.” The most highly innocent were indeed the innocent children themselves who had no one to defend them then and continue to have no one to defend them now. The law is an.....

This Judge continued with almost what I could consider a veiled threat when he said that “the women might *wrongly* come under attack or criticism by some in the community which could exacerbate their terrible situation” 55 dead babies your honour. Remember?

I don’t know of anyone going to one of the women’s

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homes or up to the person herself and threatening or criticising or hurting her or them, I think they will hurt enough as it is. Though they might be quietly covered with unseen prayers, but I refuse to accept His Honour's words that the women in this issue are the most highly innocent. He obviously forgot the babies and if he didn't, then he is playing the politically correct game which is the norm of our time and society.

Effects of Abortion on Society

The effects of abortion on society cannot even begin to be estimated because they are subtle yet multi faceted. Apart from the demographic winter and the loss of future generations which will create the demand for more anti life laws, abortion blunts the woman's maternal instinct and when the woman's maternal instinct is not acute/sharp she ignores or shuns the voice of the child, the echo of the child's voice written on her heart, thus spurning the call to instantly respond to the call of the child and when the child, feeling no warmth or response from the mother, is left with a feeling of loss, then rebels against this loss and violence erupts and becomes a normal in life. Today we have the young who are violent to one another and to elders.

Abortion removes benevolence from the world and society because the feminine has been encouraged to permit violence to be done to her own feminine self which has inscribed in it an attraction towards life and in turn puts in place false, absent or diluted response. There is found no "agape" love in the one who aborts because this kind of love demands the type of "self giving love" a movement from nothing to something. Abortion is a movement from "Agape" (love) to nothing to death. The antithesis of all that is good.

In Victoria, Australia, we have recently been privy to an interesting experience. The tragic and violent death of the young woman Gillian Meagher brought out in

our citizens an unusual response.

Through the media we followed her disappearance to eventual discovery of her body, and then the offender's capture through intense media coverage. Why was this? Was this because it was a murder? Well there are murders of young men and women reported daily in all our all media outlets local and from all around the world. Was it because she was young and beautiful? All the other murdered young men and women are beautiful especially to their families and loved ones and friends. Was it because she worked within the media industry? Perhaps.

But I would like to ask why 30,000 people marched for "Peace in the suburbs" where this beautiful young lady died. Was it to say "no more this has to stop? We need to feel safe in our city and our society?" Perhaps. But then I thought how can this come about? How can 30,000 people march for safer streets but NOT ONE marched when we heard that there were over 60 babies born alive as a result of abortion and left to die without assistance? Why does violence surprise us?

Why didn't these same 30,000 marching individuals hear the cry or whimper of the babies and say "no more we cannot allow this monstrosity to continue. We are meant to be a civilised society. We do not let children die alone or kill them" Why didn't this happen? Is it because abortion is covered and protected by law? But the babies in question were external to the mother's body and were alive and were "patients" in their own right, so why was there not a huge outcry and march over these 55 or more deaths of infants born alive that we know about?

What was different about the young woman who died through being murdered...no different except a matter of size. The woman, Gillian Meagher a young adult, married, beautiful and visible.

The babies who were aborted and would have lived if given help were invisible. That's the only difference and perhaps another difference was that Gillian

Meagher was wanted and the babies were unwanted and the whimper of their voices was unheard by the 30,000 who marched, or those in the medical profession who stood by and allowed this to happen; or babies parents who demanded that right that their child dies. Or even by Judges who refuse to even acknowledge their existence and their plight whilst seemingly “comforting” and calling “innocent” those who took their child to the abortion facility.

I don't believe that those who marched changed anything except make news headlines for a few days. And the babies will continue to die to 40 weeks and there won't be 30,000 marching in their memory because the feminist and pro choice and pro abortion lobbies have demanded the “right” to be able to make

this kind of death happen. And this because the blunting of the human feminine heart has been accomplished. It's the only way it could happen.

Unto Us (by Spike Milligan)

Somewhere at some time
they committed themselves to me
And so, I was!
Small, but I was!
Tiny, in shape lusting to live
I hung in my pulsing cave.
Soon they knew of me
my mother —my father.
I had no say in my being
I lived on trust and love
Though' I couldn't think
Each part of me was saying
A silent 'Wait for me

I will bring you love!
I was taken, blind, naked, defenceless
By the hand of one whose good name
Was graven on a brass plate
in Wimpole Street,
and dropped on the sterile floor
of a foot operated plastic waste bucket.
There was no Queen's Counsel to take my brief.
The cot I might have warmed
Stood in Harrods's shop window.
When my passing was told my father smiled.
No grief filled my empty space.
My death was celebrated
with tickets to see Danny la Rue
who was pretending to be a woman
like my mother was.

[http://allpoetry.com/poem/8503129-Unto_Us...-by-Spike Milligan](http://allpoetry.com/poem/8503129-Unto_Us...-by-Spike_Milligan)

Thank you John F. for sending this to me.

Milano Italy October 2012.

What a joy to be invited to be present at a gathering of Medjugorje people. To be present on the anniversary of Blessed Virgin Mary's final appearance at Fatima on October 13th 1917 and to be asked to give a talk on this special day was an enormous privilege. Indeed I was asked to give two talks one on the 12th (3000 people) and one on the 13th of October (6-8000 people) and the talks were to be on my own experience and my work with post abortion grief. I spoke on the grief of abortion being a good grief if handled well because it has written within it seeds healing and redemption. Without this grief and sorrow the aborted

infant would pass by unnoticed and this we cannot allow to happen. I know that the Blessed Virgin grieves deeply over the loss of the infants and has spoken much in Medjugorje on this issue of abortion.

I must admit that I didn't quite know what to expect from such a weekend as I had not attended a similar one before but it is an event which should be attended by every human being on earth because if they did we would no longer have wars, abortions, euthanasia, homosexuality, anti life wants/laws, but desire to be whole as God had desired for us in the first place.

The whole weekend was filled with music, prayer, adoration, witnesses of God's Mercy and to cap it off a visitation to Marjia (visionary) by the Blessed Virgin. I will try and explain this experience as I felt it at the time.

It occurred during the Rosary during the third mystery and in the middle of the Rosary at the word "Blessed....." a sudden silence descended throughout the whole stadium (6-8000 people) instantly, not slowly or gradually, but instantly a silence, an awe descended which was and could not be explained. There were two babies crying and even their crying became the only thing heard. Even a pin dropping would have been heard. This went on for some minutes but I couldn't say how long. As I said to someone next to me it seemed an unearthly silence. Reverent. Then after a time a "normal" resuming of the Hail

Mary "blessed is the fruit of your womb...Jesus" and a continuation until the end of the mystery, and the normal "noises."

After the visionary Marija left the stage I had the great pleasure of meeting her and we hugged and she looked at me and I didn't say who I was or anything about me but she looked at me and promised to pray for me. It was a moment of grace for me especially during these difficult times of cancer treatments and these difficult times of enormous attack against my work. I felt that this invitation was a gift just for me to help me to continue when it would be easy to give up. So I am so grateful to many people who made the journey and pilgrimage to meet Mary and be with spirit filled people who love God and His Mother and who made me feel very special for the time I was with them. I was treated beautifully.

Thank you Andrea B. for recommending me as a speaker. Thank you Sabino for invitation. Thank you to Marija Z.C. for looking after me. Thank you Marianna, Benedetta, and **Marina Murari** the most fabulous opera/Lyrical singer I have ever met. It would be wonderful to be able to bring her to Australia for people to hear her voice. Angelic is the only term which could be used to describe it. Thank you to all those who took wonderful care to make my stay perfect. Hope we can do it again.

Thank you especially to my wonderful priest friend Fr Raymond who always does things to make life easier for me in this work that I do. You Father Ray are a marvel, a priest in the order of Melchizedek. Love you to bits.

Important and Encouraging!!!

The Constitutional Court of South Korea delivers a ruling in favour of the right to life of the foetus

In a recent article sent to me by a reader (thanks John). It was reported that the Constitutional Court of South Korea delivered a ruling in favour of the right to life of the foetus. The ruling (23rd August 2012) stated that the right to life is the most fundamental of human right and that the right of the woman to have control over her body could not be invoked to overrule the right to life of a foetus.

This was an astonishing ruling and perhaps caution is advised because South Korean law defines the beginning of life at implantation which then gives a certain freedom for experimentation on the human

embryo and IVF experimentation.

Further, the South Korean law on This law passed in 1973 actually legalises abortion. According to this law, abortion is authorised legal to 24 weeks of pregnancy especially in the case of rape, incest, or foetal abnormality or if the mother's life is considered to be in danger by carrying on with the pregnancy. There are many flaws in this law which are untenable to us. When life begins for us is at conception and not at implantation, and the fact that really abortion is condoned to 24 weeks, not outright, and with some limitations but abortion is an abortion irrespective of the conditions and limitations.

However, I want to say that to read a headline which said "Constitutional Court of Korea delivers a ruling in favour of the right to life of the foetus" and that "life" is the most fundamental of human rights and that the right of a woman to have control of her body could not be involved to overrule the right to life of a foetus" made for good reading.

We need more of these headlines including one which we hope to see here in Australia especially Victoria with the worst abortion law second only to China with its one child policy, which might say "most brutal abortion law in Australia has been repealed" This is the headline worth looking forward to and working towards.

Is there some hope? Maybe. With the above information can we see a glimmer of hope that the lunacy which has been the abortion ride might come to an end? That it might be seen for what it is and that is that it is the killing of infants in the womb, and who are also present citizens and the future of every nation and who have as much a right to "life" as the women carrying the children.

Will the global disordered rage against the unborn child be exposed for what it is? Maniacal. Let's hope.

Abortion and the culture of death, the culture of selfishness, me-ism is the antithesis of the culture of life and love. Love says, "I offer myself for you, for your good" Abortion and anti life says "you die because I don't want you."

For those with a computer the story is found here:

<http://www.ucanews.com/2012/08/24/court-makes-landmark-abortion-ruling/>

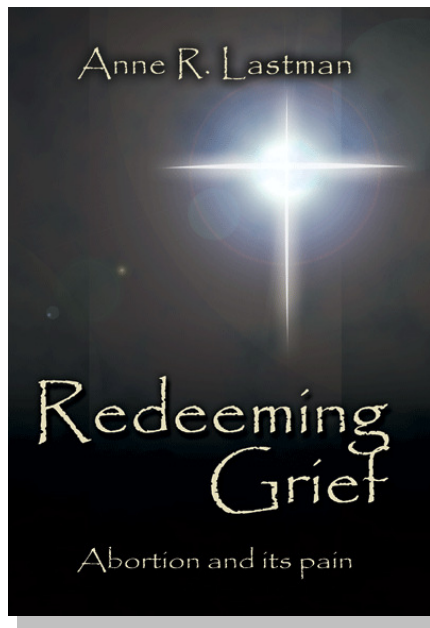
The Year that's Been

Well dear friends we have come to that time of the year again. December! As I looked through my diary I have to admit that just reading it exhausted me.

The year began (Jan/Feb) with 2 weeks in India visiting Mother Theresa Order and the beautiful Sisters there and babies, leper colony, and speaking engagements in schools, and prayer groups. I must admit I left a bit of my heart there with a special little boy Christopher whom I have been praying for since then. I don't know if he is still with us or has gone to join God. Thank you Creos and Sr. Prema (Mother Superior) Sister Lumen for invitation. What a great privilege it was to sit by Mother Theresa's tomb.

In May I accompanied Babette Francis to World Congress of Families in Madrid. The World Congress of Families and its affiliates promote marriage in its original design and cannot and will not concede as "natural" other forms of coupling. WCF seeks to reverse the post modern utilitarianism, secularism, nihilism which the anti life anti family lobbies actively promote. The promotion of anti life global abortion policy with its many partners (Marie Stopes International, IPPF, population controllers, SS marriage lobbies etc), its demand for abortion as a supreme "right" of the woman, thus destabilising marriage because the "fruit" of marriage, a child is rejected and if conception is rejected then all forms of coupling will become accepted.

This will also bring about a change in the woman's feminine essence which she takes into marriage making marriage vulnerable from the start.



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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For the male also an abortion history which he takes into his marriage will have an impact in that marriage. Ultimately if marriage is changed from what it has been (a union between a man and woman and being open to life) because children are no longer wanted then it becomes easier to change laws regarding all moral issues. Including legalisation of all types of unions.

Look at what happened with the abortion laws. First to protect the life of the mother. Then to stop “coat hanger and backyard abortions” and only to a limited gestation, and now in less than one biblical generation(40 years) abortion to 40 weeks, and testing the waters talk of “post birth abortion” (infanticide). The changes happen because one side is strident and organised and other side (us) struggle with not enough fighters/warriors.

Please consider attending World Congress of Families to be held in Sydney, Australia, May 15-18, 2013. it's so worthwhile being present and bringing strength and encouragement to those who work to protect on behalf all, the charism of marriage. The family unit is in danger. Stand together while we can still do something about it not when it becomes too late. We are very fortunate that those who worked hard to bring this congress to Australia were successful in doing so. So please show your support and thanks in whatever way you can. For those who have access to a computer here is the link: Please visit it and see the work. When you get on the website I would suggest that you look at the bottom right hand corner and see the highlights from the Madrid Congress. They are spectacular, and if you can attend do so or support its work in whatever way you can. *I hope to be there.*

<http://wcf Sydney 2013.org.au/>

In June I did three talks to groups. Also in June I also presented a paper on post abortion grief to the Queensland Counselling Association annual conference. This was to a group of counsellors.

Late July diagnosed with breast cancer and the barrage of tests and more tests and first surgery and then later second surgery and few weeks of recovery from

surgery and meetings with oncologists/radiologists, surgeons and so many other ologists I can't remember them.

In late August attendance at a conference in Geelong on Grief & Loss in contemporary society. It's important to attend these because I have my say on abortion grief and slowly more and more secular professionals are beginning to hear and accept and speak about the grief that they see in their practices. Post abortion grief needs to move from “Church only Care” because when a doctor has a grieving/hurting depressed patient he/she will first refer to a recognised and registered, psychologist, psychiatrist, and counsellor and not be thinking about the religious aspect of the grief or mental health issue. This needs to be dealt with by the counsellor. Also it could be seen that abortion grief is only a “religious” matter which it is not. There have been some who have tried to make abortion grief a “response to religious upbringing” but non religious women and males grieve copiously as you have read in testimonies from my girls. Yes we need the Gospel and the truth told but we have to get to all the girls who need help and this begins with medical professions.

September attended workshop on self destructive anger and its management. This assisted me with information for my male clients especially. This month (September) I was also accepted into the Australian Counselling Association College of Loss and Grief at Level 3 (second highest level) Member. Further, I applied for, and have been upgraded and accepted as a Specialist Grief Counsellor again Level 3. Specialising in abortion and sexual abuse counselling.

October attended conference in Milan (see this newsletter). November spoke at a Catholic College to year 10-11 boys, and beginning first November through to mid December 6 weeks of daily radiotherapy which will be followed by a break through Christmas and then begin hormone (cancer) treatment for 5 years.

Throughout these particular activities I have continued to counsel my clients and indeed took on board 4 new ones and I have to say that I have the best clients because they have walked slowly with me and not one left because of my medical and hospital needs.

.....THE FAMILY UNIT IS IN DANGER.....

Letters

Thank you to the over 500 people who sent cards and letters of support regarding my cancer diagnosis. I have appreciated your care for me. Please accept this as my “thank you” as it becomes a bit hard to write to each person individually.

Thank you dear friends please keep the prayer and support going especially as I go through the treatments. Radiation daily till mid December.

Thank you to my priest friends who have offered Holy Mass for me. I appreciate your care. Maybe that’s why I have been able to continue to go into my office and work and feel a bit “normal” because there are hundreds and hundreds praying for me.

Also I would like to thank all the people who sent flowers they were and continue to be beautiful. There was a moment when I felt surrounded by great beauty in the midst of feeling ugly after the surgery.

Thank you for the offers of lunch, cleaning, those who cooked a meal for husband and me and other practical help offered. Much appreciated.

Thank you to the special person who sent \$ help to “buy medications” as needed knowing that I don’t and have never charged or written an invoice in 17 years. How thoughtful I thought he was being

All in all thank you, including my family and some of my friends Thank you my special Archbishop friend who was the first to write. I appreciate your care.

I have continued to write the newsletter and have written 5 articles for publication in **AD 2000 Journal of Religious Opinion**. Have a look at them if you can and join their mailing list. I plan to write more! **This is a fabulous journal**. It can be gotten from the **Thomas More Centre, 35 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn, 3103 Victoria, Australia**. **Each issue for the cost of a cafe au latte**.

Or some Catholic parishes may already sell them and maybe those parishes who don't already sell it perhaps bring it into the piety stall for sale. There has been one of my articles in every monthly issue from August onwards to December and the feedback I have received has made me really happy. I think they are lovely articles even if I say so myself! I'm allowed to boast sometimes aren't I? I'm sick remember! So I am allowed to boast. That's my excuse.

☺☺ I've just learned how to do smilies. ☺☺

This year I have also attended seminars for my ongoing professional development requirements (insurance purposes) and now I think I might be just a little exhausted and need a break over Christmas, and New Year.

So I would like to thank you my readers and supporters for your ongoing confidence and support through these past months. It has been a quite different year than I had anticipated. We never know when we will be served a curved ball. I think that's something those into cricket or is it tennis or golf say. ☺ not sure which sport it is.

Thank you for the \$\$\$\$ support this past year. It's been very very bleak at times, probably the world financial crisis, but somehow we got through. The biscuit tin is now at stale crumbs stage. So I leave that issue in your care, you know what that means.

Please continue to pray for my people and me too. Terri, Anna, Christine, Marilyn (new), Chloe (new), Phillip, Marlene, Greg, Tandi, Christie (new) Sue, Alex, Cathleen, Debbie, Michelle, Sam, Alyce, Joan, (new) Toni, (new) Irma (new) Daniel (much please).

Also keep April 20th 2013 free for Pro Life Dinner. It's an earlier date than usual this year. Hope to see you sitting at my table! Cost \$80 pp so start saving now and come and sit with me. More information on speakers and venue to come in first issue of newsletter in 2013.

**TILL WE MEET AGAIN IN EARLY FEB 2013
I WISH FOR YOU CHRISTMAS JOY AND A
COMING YEAR FILLED WITH GRACES.**



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