

Broken Branches

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

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Dear Friends,

I recently had a marvellous experience at my office during a counselling session with a new client “Dale.” During our session, (this was an evening session after her work and at about 7.00 pm in my office) the photo shown on this page suddenly and slowly started to appear on the wall of my room.

I think we were a both a bit shocked and a bit freaked out and for me nothing like this has ever happened before. We both watched it slowly emerge and within about 10 minutes slowly fade away. Both of us had the presence of mind to take a photo of it with mobiles.



It's a perfect cross and Dale was really stunned at the perfection of the cross. As for me I thought “OK Lord you are here, thank you.” I felt affirmed with what I was saying and doing with this client.

At the time I was speaking about the mercy of God and the love of the baby for her. I just wanted to show you that perhaps He still validates me and I have a new energy to keep going. Sometimes with cancer issues and epilepsy issues and other health issues I think maybe it's time to give it a rest, but then I think “I love this work”

especially when I see wonderful results both in the areas of sexual abuse and abortion. Recently I have been feeling the tiredness so perhaps this was to say, “it's OK I'm with you.”

Thank you Lord and prayers for Dale please. And me too please as life is bit hard without being able to drive around as I need to. It has been a challenge to be unable to drive for nine months (meds) and a possible further 12 months.

Dear friends, in the past week I have received this and thought I would share this also with you. It makes me feel so humble.

Dream

I recently had a dream that left me feeling overcome with emotion. There were no words in this dream, just a vision. In my dream, I saw my friend, Anne Lastman, she was looking straight ahead.

I was on the side of her looking on. Next to Anne, I saw Jesus. He was standing there and was breathing into her head. He was breathing the Holy Spirit into her.

No words were exchanged but I knew that's what was happening. I don't recall ever in my life dreaming of Jesus up until then.

It was a beautiful vision, one that has remained in my memory. It felt so real and I woke up feeling overwhelmed and in awe.

*Kind Regards
Frances*

Thank you Frances (I have her permission to print) for sharing this with me. Between the photo in my office and this dream I don't think I'll be learning how to play golf anytime soon.

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A Great Win for Pro-Lifers at Last!

In February 2017, the Queensland Parliament was asked to vote and pass 2 proposed abortion laws in order to reform past laws which made abortion illegal.

Independent member for Cairns Mr Rob Pyne who introduced to private members Bills and called on his colleagues MPs to "embrace this historic opportunity" and pass the bill which would see abortion legal to full term of gestation and decriminalise abortion.

However, thanks to the work of pro Life groups and massive prayers and other spiritual acts these proposed Bill were by Mr Pyne himself, moved a motion to withdraw the Bills from the Notice Paper and withdraw them from further Parliament debate because they were defeated. Over! Done!

At least for now, though I'm sure at some time in the future some other attempts will be made.

These two Bills which were heavily canvassed and promoted by Mr Pyne and pro-abortion/ pro-choice groups were not going to be passed once it was understood that parties like LNP (Coalition) Katter Party, One Nation MP Steve Dickson and several Labor members would not support the Bills. These members are to be thanked and congratulated for standing tall and saying NO. The LNP maintained its promised not to touch or be in favour of the changing of the current abortion laws.

This outcome reminded me of some words Mr Turnbull (now our Prime Minister) said many years ago when he was a Liberal MP, and these words have stayed with me. Indeed he was, at the time, one of the voices raising alarm in Federal Parliament. At the time he warned that falling fertility rates would be, what he called, "a looming catastrophe" These words stuck, and he continued saying that such decline in fertility, posed one of the greatest threats to Western society. Listen to this

he continued with "far worse than global warming and terrorism!" Then he went on to say that he believes "we have failed women, you are free to be in the workforce, and you have equal rights as men, but this with a silent proviso: so long as you are not a mother." Dear friends I remember these words because I have a notepad in which I keep quotes which are of importance to me.

Many factors contribute to women not wanting children but have instead a strong desire to be out in the workforce. Contraception (which said no to children, I can control my fertility) abortion on demand, education of women which then of course would lead to a desire to do the work which they studied so hard for. Six years of university then of course a desire and demand the right to use the knowledge, and the slow change of what it means to be married and form family.

Of course it has also been said that workplace rules demand that having children and their care is difficult and unviable. And so childcare facilities thrive with government/taxpayer subsidising. This, together with contraception (no to children) and abortion (no to children) another separation between mother and child. Post contraception, post abortion, there is also childcare available so that women can return to work as soon as possible.

How I wish that women would understand that the early formative years are so important to children. The years where their voice of authority (Mum/dad), security, stability, right and wrong, is learned and remains as guidance for all lifetime.

Great as childcare facilities are and of course there are times when a woman has to work to help maintain children, the reality is that even in the choice to work is their "choice" for self-fulfilment above that of the child and child's formation.

Motherhood today is not honoured. Woman is not considered honoured and "with child" but woman is encouraged to enter the workforce and be productive there.

Motherhood is not so attractive especially if thought that childcare is available and subsidised. No help available for mothers if they wish to remain at home during their child's formative years so that their own voice becomes the child's voice of authority and not the many transient workers at day-care centres.

As I said and stress, I understand that there are times where the ideal is not possible, but surely we can find ways and funds to assist women to stay with their babies and little ones while their early formation is accomplished.

The human heart has a longing to belong to a human family to have communion with others who are of their own "kind." We as a society must fight the urge to separate and divide the family and recapture the real divine truth of what it means "family."
It requires strength, direction, and leadership and love.

Protection from both mother and father in their unique role creation, and guidance and education of their children for this life and then for heaven.

Woman's most important role is to love. Woman is to be the love of God "visible" man is to be strength, protection and love of God "visible." He is to be the labourer in the garden whilst she is to love and nurturer the fruit which he tends to in the garden. Then perhaps we might have less violence in our world.



Sorry I digressed a bit!

If the second Qld abortion bill – *Health (Abortion Law Reform) Amendment Bill 2016* – had been successful then guidelines, such as the establishment of 50 metres "safe zones" and gestational limits would have been ensured. No different than we have in Victoria.

The Queensland Premier, Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk said she believed abortion should not be in the Criminal Code. "It is an incredibly complex issue and I think there would be a very strong view that it should not be a crime." "However, I do have some concerns about the second bill so I will have a look at that." (safe zones and gestational age) which she said are "personal issues too, between a woman, her family and her doctor. "Very sensitive, very emotional, very complex."

Perhaps what we can learn from this experience is that if enough people get behind saving in utero babies then

we can do it.

The voices of 55,000 people signing petitions to reject these Bills were heard. The thousands who marched against these new Bills/Laws means that their voices were heard. The nearly 3,000 (in fact 2,800) submissions to the Parliamentary inquiry into this legislation, of these 80% were found to be against changes. Again their voices were heard. Indeed our members of parliament are elected by us and at times they listen. The changes sought for open slather death of pre born babies in Queensland, a beautiful state in Australia, were found to be unacceptable to Queenslanders.

Sadly but not unexpectedly, now there is a move to refer the bills to the Law Reform Commission (which is what happened here in Victoria) and I can foresee that the LRC of Queensland will probably go the way of the

Victorian LRC which eventually passed the worst abortion laws known. Abortion to full term without discussion or interference which led to eventually the bubble zones around abortion facilities (150 metres).

However just for now we have seen that it is possible for good to win. And perhaps for Queensland pro-lifers time to prepare for the outcome of the Qld LRC.

There seems to be an all-out attack on innocence. An all-out "desperate need" to allow women and men to kill babies without any

fallout or consequences. There is an all-out need, for some reason, to change the culture and nature of the human person where only the human person has a right, a need, a want to intentionally kill their own child.

Its lunacy, this society that we have created. And then we wonder why other issues all demand their so called rights. (I have recently read that paedophiles also demand their rights!) We have set the groundwork for all the moral changes we are seeing now because of rejection by woman of her child. If the value of life is nil and up for disposal then of course other values become disposable too. Other definites become malleable and changeable.

But for this time, dear friends, we had a great win so just for a few minutes let's celebrate that win and I wish to say thank you to all who fought this battle.

And now we have to all work to rewind the Victorian Fiasco.

Poem from one of my readers

I want to do what my parents have done...

Enjoy the dawn and soak up the sun,

*My little heart is so full of love but my tiny life is causing
so much strife.*

It seems I'm a nuisance and not a joy

And it's not about whether I am a girl or boy.

My life will be short as they decide to abort.

If only I could do what my parents have done,

Enjoy the dawn and soak up the sun

Thank you Janet W.

Julie Bishop commits 9.5 million to Internal Planned Parenthood!!!!

The behemoth advocate for abortion and the selling of foetal body parts, International Planned Parenthood, which openly says that it funds abortions in developing countries is being stopped in its tracks by the New President of America, Mr Donald Trump defunding or withdrawal of funds for this particular Service, that is abortions. Some countries like Belgium and the Netherlands have been urging Australia to contribute a share to make up for the loss of these funds and to this end our government has pledged \$9.5 million. Billionaires like George Soros who has poured millions upon millions surely can contribute more. Why is it that Australian pensioners are asked to go without.

School buildings and facilities not updated whilst our government pledges millions of Australian taxpayer dollars to kill babies?

The causes of maternal deaths in developing countries are lack of sufficiently skilled birth attendants, antibiotics, medicines, postnatal care and these will not be solved by facilitating and providing abortion services. Pushing population control via abortion or any other means, onto our developing neighbours is not our role on the world political stage.

Further, an explanation is owed to taxpayers for the

reason why Federal government via Ms Bishop, is gifting so much money to an organization which is known as the largest provider of abortion around the world, and is known to have profited from the sale of foetal body parts. Why Ms Bishop.

Why Ms Bishop? And whilst Ms Bishop on her Facebook page said that the money given was not to be used for preferred sex gender abortions, the reality is that we do not know what happens and who aborts and why the abortions. And ultimately we shouldn't be funding the abortions of women in other countries.

Isn't it enough that through our own Medicare system over 100,000 babies a year die in this way (abortion) in Australia? Funded by taxpayer funds Do we have to be party to other countries' abortions too?

Why is it important that Australia answers this call for this particular funding? Why not allocate the funding given for medical services (women who are having babies need good medical health care and babies need good medical healthcare) clean water, and facilities which help families and their health and not funding to help women kill their babies with ease.

I remember many years ago speaking in a third world country and a doctor saying to me that he gets boxes and boxes of condoms from Australia but not enough medical facilities and medicines especially antibiotics. I can still remember well this past conversation.

It is gullible of Ms Bishop (if she believes this) to believe that the funding will not be used for sex selective abortions. Is she going to ask for data? I think not.

Perhaps my Australian readers should write to Ms Bishop and express disgust at the decision to give so much money to fund abortions of babies in other countries. Make her understand that our taxes are to help manage Australia and Australians and not help kill babies either our own or other countries.

A Sad and Tragic Scene

In a recent article on one of my daily newsfeeds a story was shown of abortion activists in Argentina carrying out a mock abortion outside the Catholic Cathedral of Tucuman.

This protest on what is now known as International Women's Day, was meant to highlight the fact that Argentina still has laws which are prolife.

It had, accompanying this protest, one of the most grotesque images I've ever seen in relation to abortion. This protest depicted the Blessed Virgin Mary aborting

baby Jesus. The young female was dressed in what we know is clothing which the Mother of Jesus wears in our images of her and what appears to be a Rosary round her neck.

The simulation of the abortion (together with mock blood everywhere and inference of violence) and the laughter and mockery of those surrounding her left me with a feeling of hopelessness and helplessness.

The supposed "woman" sat with legs spread and a couple of "abortionists" pulling out and dismembering an imitation baby from her private parts. Foetal parts and blood were plainly visible all over ground.

Whilst this horror was happening there appeared laughter and photos or videotaping being taken, this of the baby Jesus being dismembered.

If you have computer here is the link but I must warn you that it is graphic and really awful and painful.
<http://www.lifenews.com/2017/03/15/abortion-activists-kill-baby-jesus-in-graphic-abortion-on-virgin-mary->

The reason I bring this to your attention is because we have some seriously sick young people in our midst and I grieve for the future of humanity if these are the kind of people leading humanity into the future. Even as I write this my whole body shakes. I dread the idea of post abortive girl/woman seeing this, usually after their abortion, and their reaction to what their abortion really means.

As I have said in the past on many occasions, for most people the word abortion is a word there is no image in mind. It's only after the fact when regret and pain manifest that they go looking on the internet and come across many images which exacerbate their feelings of grief and pain.

And I continue to ask what has happened to remove the feminine from these young women? What happened to so grotesquely change their design? How are these women to "mother" in the future? Can they be trusted to mother?

I'm left in deep sorrow.

Abortion Laws Northern Territory 2017

Under the new legislation (passed March 2017) women in the Northern Territory (for my overseas readers another state in Australia) will now also have access to legal abortion and have available the abortion pill RU486.

"We believe all Territory women are entitled to control over their lives and access to high quality services," Said Health Minister Natasha Fyles.

The laws which existed before in the Northern Territory permitted abortions after a woman was assessed by two medical doctors and carried out in hospitals in either Darwin or Alice Springs. Chief Minister Michael Gunner, who was a strong supporter of the bill, said the change of laws now provides Territory women the same choices afforded to others around the country. "It's my belief that existing Territory legislation unintentionally discriminates against Territory women," he said.

What terrifies me is the idea that the early abortion pill RU486 is available to women and especially those in outback areas. We know that there have been deaths both in Australia and overseas by women taking this pill yet the NT health minister and NT Chief Minister applaud the new laws and the availability of RU486.

I'm wondering will the media report any deaths that occur outback if and when a woman takes RU486 past the 50 day so called safe mark? (7 weeks gestation formed and with a heartbeat.)

What about someone who is 65 days (9 weeks) and takes the so called safe "abortion Pill" begins to bleed to death. Will Ms Fyles or Mr Gunner take responsibility for these deaths? Are Northern Territory women so disposable that their health is jeopardised so much?

It is said that abortion, both chemical and surgical, is the safest of medical procedures but what about those who have died as a result of the chemical or surgical abortions. A procedure which was sold to them as quick, safe and oft performed. Perhaps the families who have suffered the loss of their loved one should be asked if it was quick and easy or has it meant for them huge loss and not easy at all and for them no matter how often it is performed their loved one died.

I personally am so concerned with the ease of availability of RU486 to Territorian women, some who are distant from medical facilities and hospitals and may suffer sepsis which is blood poisoning. Or when the chemicals released by the immune system to fight an infection cause inflammation of the whole body and can be very fatal.

Letters

Dear Anne,

Sadly you ask: "Where on earth have we descended to?" I agree with all your comments on the abomination of abortion – God help us.

Your historical explanation is worthwhile in reminding all of us where we have descended and what may still lie ahead.

"God doesn't make mistakes in his designs, however human beings can corrupt the design." Well written. Your analysis of the Trump election is spot on – more free abortions: sad and sorrowful.

Prayerful support

God bless
Br Chis.

Dear Br Chris, thank you as always. Anne

Hello Anne

Thank you so much for a beautiful letter which speaks the truth. I've just forwarded it to all my children, my parish priest and my Voice for Life committee.

For so long now I've been saying women were created to do the most important job in the world but they've abandoned their birthright 'for a mess of pottage' (Gen 25) – pottage meaning the workplace.

I believe the international rage against Donald Trump is satanic. Yes, he does so need our prayers!

And you are in my prayers too, on a daily basis (I insert you between decades of my Rosary).

Love and blessings
Julia

*Dear Julia, thank you for your kind words to me
God Bless.*

Dear Anne,

Thank you, Anne – the newsletter was easily opened and read. Bless you for all your thought and work – I will certainly be praying for your goals and particularly for your own health.

With Love,
Judy R. (Vic)

Dear Judy, thank you for your kind words and donation. I appreciate your care.

*God Bless
Anne*

Dear Anne,

Your last newsletter was magnificent. Thank you for what you do continuously. As St Teresa of Avila said to Jesus "No wonder you have so few friends you treat them so badly" Thank you for carrying your crosses.

Affectionately Fr Leo.

Dear Fr Leo, I also thank you so much!!! I do send Newsletter to that person you recommended though I doubt he gets it.

Dear Anne,

Many thanks for posting to me your wonderful book (Hidden Pain) I have relished quite a lot of it from the beginning already.

I pray for you especially your health.

Fr Benignus OFM

Thank you Fr Benignus I appreciate prayers very much and glad you like the book. Let me know if you want the other one.

Anne

I am especially concerned for indigenous women who do not live near town with medical facilities and don't know quite how advanced their pregnancy is and decide that the quickest way is via the "abortion pill" only to suffer the consequences brought about by the pregnancy being past the 50 safe days. Will these women have been helped and who has control over their bodies when something goes wrong? Will Ms Fyles still be able to say? "We believe all Territory women are entitled to control over their lives and access to high quality services,"

How sad that laws in this age far outweigh life. And how sad that idiotic women who demand so strongly abortion, don't think through the reality that at least 50% of little ones aborted will be little girls and future women. How really despising of the ones they claim to support (women) they really are.

As I come to the end of another newsletter (phew you might say) I want to say that I realise that this one is a heavy read but it seems to me that as more and more days pass the abortion industry is becoming more and more grotesque and more trenchant and society seems to show chaos.

As I look around at our society we seem to see and hear of more and more violence of all kinds. Displacement, loss of the humane and a need harm the other.

I often meditate on these issues and ask, Why? And always, I must admit to being tunnel visioned, I think that since the most vulnerable human beings began to be attacked and killed slowly what we call our humane ness became more and more blurred.

Today with death brought daily into homes, visually, demands for abortion up to birth stage and soon I suspect post birth which means legal infanticide. The demand for euthanasia. The demand for validation of other previously un considered or thought of relationships. The slowly emerging information about human child and woman trafficking, then the vision for the future looks dim.

I look to the day when not one death is reported. Not one abortion is carried out. Not one person demands something which is against the human design. I look to this day to come.

For Your Diary

Life dinner for 2017
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This year's Speaker will speak on Euthanasia. Please contact AnneMarie Kiely (0447 352 252) for booking and say you would like to sit at table for Victims of Abortion. Could I please encourage you my friends to help me make a table or two or even three. It would be nice to meet you and a portion of cost goes to VOA (me).

As I conclude I want to say thank you to those who remembered me (\$\$) since last newsletter and thank you to anonymous donor "Reader" and thank you Margaret (the anonymous friend) please continue prayers both for my people and for me. While I am encouraged by how the Lord showed Himself to me and this work, I really do feel tired and at times hard to lift my head. Please pray for,

Linda, (both abo & S/A) Paul (S/A really really much please I'm afraid for him). Mary. Renee, (new) Kate, Belinda, Anna, Fran, Tanya, Joanne, Jodie (much) Steve, Chris, Patricia, Margaret, Josephine, Hailey, Renee (new) Nance, Maria, Zee (much) Dale of the cross episode.



Anne Lastman

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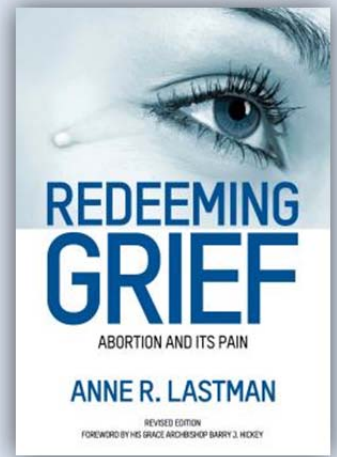
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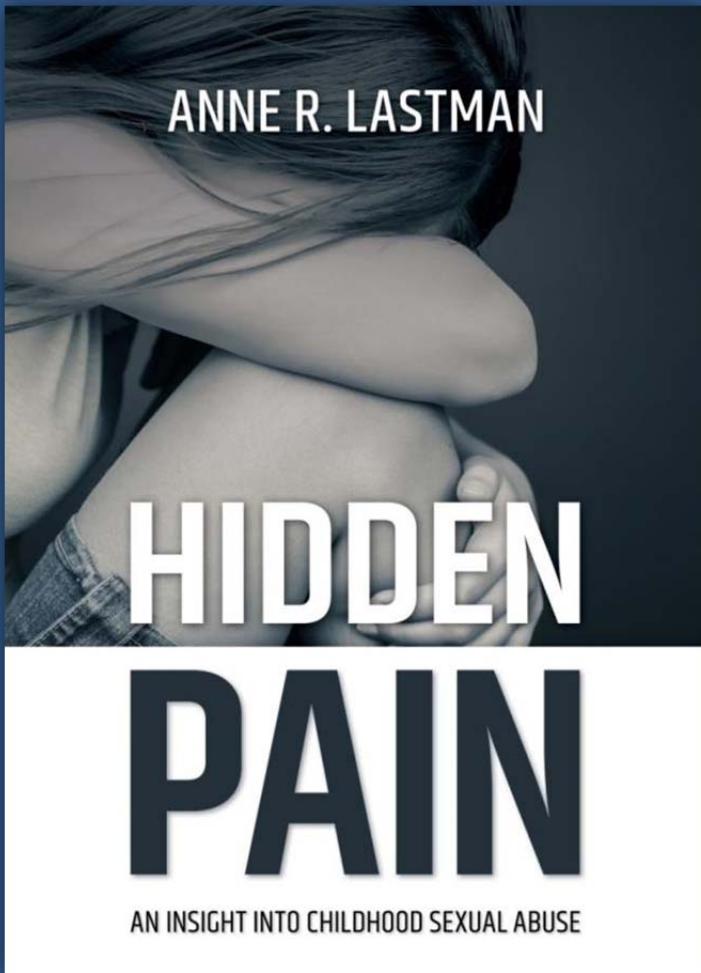
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