## **Broken Branches**

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

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## Dear friends,

Welcome to a new year, 2018, which means officially 22 years of this work of abortion grief and latterly sexual abuse grief.

It has been a daunting work especially when I think that 22 years ago very little work was done in this area. Indeed we were only beginning to hear voices of those who hurt, though those voices were still muted.

I remember "falling" into this work, because it was not what I had planned to be doing with my life (my children were now all at school). My studies as a mature aged student which led to 5 university degrees including two Masters and were intended to lead me toward lecturing in theology, my passion.

However, somewhere along the line I also did a Batchelors Degree in Psychology (counselling) though I must admit that I did this because I liked some of the units being taught not really intending to practice. (See His plan?)

I heard it once said that if you want to make God laugh tell Him your plans. So I told him my plans about being this fabulous Theology lecturer (I even told Him which university I wanted to study at-silly me!) Now I can probably see that It was my "Boss" who planned everything using my own experience of abortion and never-ending haunting memory of what should have been and He asked me to do something for Him even though I didn't know it at the time.

Somehow slowly 'things" fell into place, including the financial help which would be needed.

I am actually a qualified Secondary teacher and have an MA in Religious Education but somehow my mind kept wandering back and thinking about my own experience and knowing that others must be feeling the same.

Once decision was made not to teach but to muddle through this work (at the beginning) I began reading and reading about abortion grief and getting ideas about what might cause this grief. I did ongoing studies in trauma grief and loss and further particular studies about trauma and it effects.

I think probably the rest you know as we journeyed this journey together

The sexual abuse work slowly also came to fore whilst listening to stories of the clients and especially those who had multiple

abortions. There seemed to be something else at play. One or two abortions are now the normal but 4-7-11-to one woman with 20 abortions. There had to be something else. And so began a new enquiry which led to my theory that multiple abortions are the result of some other major trauma in the life of that woman in front me. And one day some years back one of the clients actually used the words herself. She'd had 11 abortions, 2 living children and 2 miscarriages.

She came to see me because of her grief about the miscarriages but no grief about her 11 abortions. Her words "Oh Anne I am so devastated over my miscarriages but no not about the abortions" "Can you tell me why that might be?" (Me)

"Oh yes with the abortions I had control, but my miscarriages I had no control over what happened."

"Ah Ha! That's it" I thought. There must have been a time when she had no control over her body and swore that this would never happen again. The miscarriages she couldn't control but the abortions she had control over, and the abortions were conceptions with different fathers, also a self and male punishment.(after abortion some become frigid others promiscuous). Almost intentional.

And so as I worked with her (she was on prayer list for a long time) beginning from early life (sexual abuse by brother over a few years) first dealing with that trauma and recovery and then the abortions because the abortions would take a long time due to the number and her acceptance of the babies as babies and not "things or bits of men" and as her own babies. This led to me understanding what I do, the work I do which is related to the gathering and claiming of babies as her own, building a relationship and naming them, and then letting go of the infant/s this time without pain.

After about three years we concluded with a non-religious ritual (I've created this) because we know that death requires rituals to conclude a life story. With mourning and then ritual we honour those who have died and those left behind because if these grief rituals are not carried out then the mourning is incomplete and continuing bonds tie with pain.

For my client this final work for her meant that she could now move towards a life to be lived and to be the mother of the two other children she miscarried, the aborted infants, and would also help her to really connect with her two living children and be the mother that they needed her to be.

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Sexual abuse of children leaves an indelible imprint of pain, loss, distrust, confusion, instability, security and even identity confusion especially with a male.

Over time my interest in this topic grew because it seemed to me that there was/is not interest in this topic. I especially have seen this in the sale of my book Hidden Pain, An Insight into childhood sexual abuse.

The book on abortion grief is in its second edition, but Hidden Pain, An insight into Childhood sexual abuse has not been able to move and I have been told that it's because no one wants to know these things happen, especially in family.

This of course upset me a lot because sexual abuse of children mostly occurs in family or family friends circle and not so much a "a priest thing" and as long as it's not accepted that it does happen in families the children suffer and take this suffering into adult life where consequence like 11 abortions and 20 abortions and 7 abortions happen and self-sabotage will continue to happen. As I review this time I must say that perhaps the Lord had it right, this is where I belong.

## A haunting memory.

In a moment of dialogue it was shared with me a story which had never been shared with another before. This during Christmas break and by someone whom I had not known well before. As we sat for lattes and we shared stories of our lives she became silent when I explained what I did.

I knew something touched a wound because as I spoke she looked down and stirred that latte as if it was her enemy. I suspected that she regretted having asked me "Anne what do you exactly do. I read about you in our Catholic newspaper several years ago"

When I explained about my work as a post abortion and sexual abuse counsellor I could see colour drain from her face. This was a lady I had met several times but in social situations.

Then she launched into a personal story of pain. Of sexual abuse as a young child beginning at 10 years of age and continuing till she was 17 when she threatened to go to police. It then stopped but she left her home never to return. She tried to tell her mother but mother called her a liar. (this is normal,) So she realised that nothing would change and no support so she left and stayed with a friend till she found work.

This wasn't the end of her suffering. At her place of work one of her work colleagues began "touching" her and threatened to have

her dismissed if she "didn't." In the course of events in her life she ended up having 4 abortions. Each time because the father of the baby either threatened to take child from her or 3 others left her and she felt she couldn't bring a child into her life as she had nothing to offer.

Several things peaked my interest. The first she had no tears. She said she had cried them all out and in fact "I can't cry anymore" and she had a dull look on her face. A dull voice, a blunting of her emotions and sense of deep loss.

The second thing interested me more. The last words she used. "Anne I live with a haunting memory of all the painful experiences in my life. Those that happened to me and those I did to others (abortions). When I see someone with little children I wonder what mine might have been like. I wonder if I could have been a good mother. I wonder if I could have made it on my own. Today looking back I know I could have made it but I couldn't see it then. I have a haunting image of my four children coming to me. Loving me especially as I didn't want them. How could they want to come to me or even love me?"

As I listened to her I was reminded of the quote by Cicero "The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living" Here Sophie (not her name) was showing how that saying from Cicero plays out. For Sophie the life of those four children she aborted has been placed in her memory and haunts her so she cannot or will not forget.

As Sophie is in a different State from me I suggested a place she might go to so that she can get some help with her grief but she said she was afraid in case someone finds out what she had done. Her shame. I left her with a plea to seek help and the help given can help her to lead her heart towards her children and not be afraid to see herself as their mother or if she has other children in the future that she does not feel unworthy of them. Or have fears that God will punish her for her abortions and take her children from her. I explained to her that that is our kind of thinking not His kind of thinking.

I suggested that it is important to begin to willingly love the babies, name them, love with genuine love and build a relationship with them before releasing them into the household of God where they will await her.

Beginning to love them without guilt will help her to keep their memory alive where they will live securely.

I found her story both painful yet warmed by her haunting memory. It told me that every child will leave a mark in the heart of its mother and she, whether then, now, or future will need to acknowledge the child/ren so that both may live in their own

reality. I explained to her that perhaps she might think of it like thi,s that the children live overseas and one day she would see them when she visits them.

She at this time didn't feel she could speak about the abuse and I agreed with her because these are wounds which cannot be opened and then left to bleed. These wounds require constancy because of the memories and fears and pain evoked.

We promised each other to keep in touch via electronic media, phone, emails, skype and to meet again when I go back to see family. I was reminded of something I read in Viktor Frankel's book Man's Search for meaning

"Love goes very far beyond the physical person of the beloved. It finds its deepest meaning in his spiritual being, his inner self. Whether or not he is actually present, whether or not he is still alive at all, ceases somehow to be of importance."

For Sophie love has been beyond the physical being of the children. Beyond even her own physical and emotional pain. This

love continues alive in her memory, but for now with fear but in due course I hope just a memory in peace.

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Dear friends, since the last issue of the newsletter the Assisted dying/euthanasia law has been passed and now Victoria can "proudly" (not) say that it has embraced three death dealing laws. Abortion to full term, euthanasia/assisted suicide and SSM.

Why would I place SSM in the same category? Because whether we like it or not SSM relationships by their very nature are barren and ending. There can

be no continuation of life in this relationship because it is not designed to give life. Life is meant to continue. Life begins with one cell nine months earlier with all the complexities for the creation of a new human. When we think about the miracle, the splendour of life we can be amazed. For these relationships legal or otherwise life cannot be an encore of their love.

A single cell at fertilization contains within it all the information, gifts, talents, intelligence, appearance and potential that that human being will ever have or become. This information is encapsulated in a tiny cell invisible to the eye yet has written within it this marvellous knowledge and its implementation.

How amazing that each of the 75-100 trillion cells which make up the body of the human has encapsulated the wisdom to cooperate to create a new life, and how tragic that each and every aborted infant is disposed of without this consideration and how tragic that SSM community refuse to understand this and demand legitimisation. I am reminded of the demand for "choice" and "right" to kill a human child and make this "right" normal. SSM also reminds me of "choice" and "right" and this legitimated so that it is also seen as "normal."

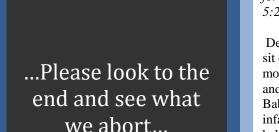
I remember many years ago (I think about 1995) His Eminence Card Trujillo (RIP) saying that Parliaments which open the way for homosexual marriage open the way for the destruction of marriage, and assault on the family which is and has been the stability of society.

How interesting that all it took was 22 years to bring this about. How organised has been the movement to change a natural law.

I find it a further assault on life and the catcheries of the era "choice" and "rights" of those who want to kill themselves and where it's impossible to do so to be able to demand that someone else do it for them on cue.

They have a "choice" to self-kill that doesn't need a law but to make, or force, someone else to do it for them does need a law. This is the death demon. This is the confusion which our society has become enmeshed in. How the times have changed! This used to be called murder or at least manslaughter. Today it's a law, and it's a choice and it's a right.

Something about calling evil good and good evil.



"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Is: 5:20)

Dear Friends. Can I please ask you to sit quietly for a minute and listen to this most beautiful song? Wait to the end and look at the child who represents Baby Jesus. As I looked at the newborn infant Jesus I realised that he was just a baby like any new baby. Vulnerable dependent, beautiful and we today in our society have globally legalised their death at will.

He is the prototype of every human being. God created all human beings in the image of His own forthcoming son,

Jesus. In the image of how his son would look like when he would

At birth every infant irrespective of their later life, achievements or even notoriety looks the same. Even the most horrible criminal is beautiful and innocent at birth. This is why Lucifer couldn't bow before a child so vulnerable because he considered his own strength and at one time beauty and he, unlike those in this u tube clip, could not bow before such poverty, such dependence in front of his own perceived shining beauty.

When I look at the infant in the u tube film clip I realise that we (especially women) are all somewhat blind. Use nice words, sanitised words, imageless words, and platitudes and even I, who's worked in this field for so long, have realised that I also at times have almost forgotten what abortion means. The word has become something I use every day and it's become part of my vocabulary and don't stop think. I need to stop and think again.

I speak so much about abortion and the term "abortion" which means the actual killing of an infant which just looks like any infant, as this infant born just over 2000 years ago. Please look at this u tube its enlightening. Look at the image of the baby. Please look to the end and see what we abort.

So much makes sense. If we remove the image of "baby" through using the term "abortion" (imageless) tissue, cells, menstrual extraction, even embryo and foetus (good medical words but not mum and dad words) then slowly it becomes possible to lose its meaning. And if the word "abortion" is made (as has been) "normal" then the green light given expunges the real meaning of abortion from our memory and vocabulary.

The truth in the words abortion, euthanasia, SSM has been excised and what is left is imageless, nice feelings and politically correct behaviours.

The image in this u tube clip is not Christmas card genre. It's an image of a real little new baby and the angels, and witnesses which surrounded his birth and these must also be present at all births. The shepherds and wise men are today the nurses and doctors present to witness the birth (or not) and the angels surround the birth of the child and the battle which must be waged from conception and gestation and even at birth, whether a child will live or die.

Please dear friends I realise Christmas has come and gone but if you have a computer or can get hold of one have a look at this. Wait till the end to see the baby I am talking about and realise that each and every single child looks the same at birth. Looks like the infant created in the image and likeness of his Father and mother, and all human beings are from the template of this child and yet like Herod, today we also slaughter them.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5mdybeyLVc&sns=em

Nearly 20,000,000 viewers have seen this clip.

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## **Planned Parenthood**

In a recent interview the CEO of Planned Parenthood, Ms Cecile Richards encouraged women to boast about their abortions in order to thwart their President's (Mr Trump) pro-life policies.

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In this interview Ms. Richards complained that the Trump administration is trying to protect unborn babies from abortion. How distressed she appears that her President is protecting future American citizens from death by torture. Her angst is not only against the President but also about his choices for members in his cabinet who are also pro-life.

Ms. Richards believes and hopes that women who have had an abortion will and should come forward and help the cause of Planned Parenthood and its anti-baby machinations. She calls abortive women to be proud of their abortions and speak out publically about their pride in their action. How wicked. And how convenient to tie the abortion rights, demands, conversation to the current "Me too campaign" which exposes sexual abuse of women by men of power.

The conversation went along the lines of sameness in both the "me too campaign" and shame and stigma (not true) and "reproductive health" (means abortion) in the reproductive health movement, in that for years women have been ashamed of sharing their stories about their abortion. My goodness women now are

encouraged to tell their stories of killing their own baby. Or taking their baby to die and be proud of this? And this is called healthcare?

She continued further;

"The danger is what this administration is doing — and Vice President Mike Pence is the orchestra master on this — of putting people into places of authority that will now repeal and take away women's rights, where we have actually no public discourse. You can look at Health and Human Services now. It has been completely stocked with people who are against not only Planned Parenthood, not only against safe and legal abortion, they're against birth control now." (Wow and this is disastrous? Safe and legal to kill children?) This is one messed up woman and one who apparently has 3 children whom she says she adores and "are the centre of my life" and one abortion which she is proud of. This is the woman who wants other women to abort their children and speak about that openly so that she has company.

Does her understanding of women's rights extend so much that she fights so that women must have right and want to kill their children? To have the right to the death of their child? Have the right to a "dead baby" And then boast about it.

Ms. Richards and Planned Parenthood are known to silence the women whose abortion stories do not fit with their ideology. Women who grieve over their abortions. Whose decision has not been self and life affirming? Women who have endured mental health trauma because of their decision to abort. Women whose story isn't like hers, and who are not "proud" of their abortions.

Groups like Project Rachel, Rachel's Vineyard, Heartbeat International, Silent No More, Right to Life, Helpers of God's precious Infants, and even Victims of Abortion (me) in many countries we know the stories of women who have regretted aborting their babies (I experientially know) see lead story. Women who are "proud" of their abortions even temporarily at some time "remember" and all then changes. And the great sadness and tragedy in all this is the fact that our groups including mine do not get media coverage except to call us nutters and thus we struggle to find funds to keep going.

Since this writing Ms. Cecile Richards CEO of Planned Parenthood has announced her resignation. After overseeing the murder/death of over 60 million infants she's resigned. I suppose we should be going Yeah!!!! but my heart has been left wondering. Why was the killing of so many babies important to her life?

This interview which I sat through made me angry. Most especially that we have a media who gives air time to monstrous women who sell the idea that killing infants is a right and is a "reproductive health" issue even though women have been having babies since the beginning of time. Today it's a reproductive health issue? Come on lady!

Woman's body has been designed to help grow a baby and then in due course to deliver it. Pregnancy is not an illness, it is a function, privilege and beauty of all living beings.

The media has promoted abortion, euthanasia, SSM yet no media outlet would do same for other side.

Dear friends I need to warn you that if you do watch this interview it will not only let you see what we are dealing with but Broken Branches | 5

like me will make you very angry that God's most beautiful and creative work "Woman" has again rebelled.

I'm tempted to say "Eve rising again"

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#### **Humane Vitae**

50 Years on

Humanae Vitae (1968) the papal encyclical of Pope Paul VI "On Human Life" and focuses on the sacredness of human life and contraception. It reminds me very much about the biblical story of the institution of the monarchy by the Israelites.

When the people of Israel demanded a king "to govern us like other nations" (1 Sam 8:5), God warned that a human king would not be a just king but would enslave them, their sons and daughters and take what belonged to them so that their lives would ultimately become unbearable. (1 Sam 8)

The people of Israel refused to listen to the words of God, spoken through the prophet Samuel, so God relented and permitted an earthly king to be enthroned and of course His words of words came to pass.

While the monarchy of David and Solomon were reputedly glorious, they also set the scene for the future destruction of the people of Israel. The division of the kingdom (North and South) in the tenth century was followed by the exile into Babylon and the enslavement of the people in the sixth century, and the destruction of the first temple. The division began a series of events leading to complete and utter control of the people by different ruling dynasties; i.e. Persians, Greeks, Romans. Each new ruling dynasty changing, controlling and weakening the already tenuous life and spirituality of the people of the covenant. To my way of understanding, Humanae Vitae has the same prophetic dimensions.

Humanae Vitae was issued in 1968. However, cultural changes towards marriage and family and children had become obvious during the 1950's and 1960's. Whilst the seeds of this change were planted much earlier with Malthus and Darwin's theory of evolution, the middle of the twentieth century saw the rationale gain momentum. This period was a period of discontent, post-World War II confusion, followed by the Korean War and then the Vietnam War. The explosion of the sexual revolution occurred at the same time and was followed by the emergence of the drug

From this milieu emerged the prophetic *Humanae Vitae*.

Humanae Vitae was a warning direct from God. We know the Holy Spirit inspired it because humanity's immediate response was to rebel against the document. This papal document unleashed a fury against the Holy Father (similar to this day's Amoris Laetitia-and Pope Francis. Interestingly both on sexuality and marriage) and the Church and this fury was found both within the church and outside the church. To look back from the vantage point of fifty years, it is clear to see how prophetic the words were. "It is also to be feared that the man, growing used to the employment of anticonceptive practices, may finally lose respect for the woman and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer his respected and beloved companion." (H.V. 17)

The anti-conceptive devices (pill, sterilisation practices) opened up the door to enslavement. No longer was sexuality something sacred, the uniting of two bodies into one, but a leisure time activity to be engaged in by all irrespective of state in life. The anticonceptive devices and practices opened the doors to a liberalised sexuality that promised to bring previously unknown freedom for pleasures to those who had felt burdened by past sexual mores. Further, they opened the doors to rampant teenage sexuality, an explosion of STD's, followed by unplanned pregnancies leading to an enormous and monstrous escalation in abortion rates thus the prophecies of enslavement had begun to be fulfilled.

Having studied Humanae Vitae, very intently I have become convinced that this is a document of inestimable value with the timing of its promulgation perfect. Its release was timely. The 1960's with its spirit of rebellion and change needed stabilising.

Into the changes from past moral definites, the Holy Spirit attempted to infuse and reawaken the knowledge and notion that God was still in control. The Holy Spirit was using the document to alert modern society that the new morality was seeking to eliminate and dethrone God the author of life and enthrone the creature (in control of sexuality) as "king". He was giving the warning that to remove the sacred from the Creator would lead to idolatry of the worst kind.

Humanae Vitae arrived at the most appropriate time. It arrived to curb the exploding sexual revolution; it attempted to warn about the future breakdown of family (we see this today) It warned that fertility control in the hands of individuals would lead to mass destruction of unborn life. It warned that relationships between male and female would forever change. A barrier would be between them. It warned that to contracept and cheapen life at its very genesis would lead in a short time to the call to cheapen life at the end of its span (legalised euthanasia). It warned that marriages and children would be placed in jeopardy by a society whose sexual morality was confused and weakened. (SSM) It warned that anticonceptive devices and practices meant a big NO to God and to children and to future society. It meant that it would lead to further degradation of man and woman and marriage. It would lead to calls for recognition of irregular unions. It would lead to breakdown of society.

Humanae Vitae sought to warn that there was a plan to re-invent humanity and the culture of the human species. The re-invention required that old mores had to be discredited and abandoned and a new understanding of the benefits of liberal sexuality both inside, outside, and parallel to marriage (SSM) were to be seen as good and desirable. In this new re-invented society children were to be sexually active and free from constraints especially from parents, and contraception and abortion were to be free and available in order to complete the picture. Indeed as we review the past 50 years it is possible to see that this diabolical plan has not only found root but has mushroomed into a deadly cocktail leading to the culture of death.

It was into this change both spiritual and secular that Humanae Vitae was announced on the world stage. Humanae Vitae was the document that came out against the social engineers. It attempted to sound the warning bells about possible future disasters. Very sadly it was a document not embraced either by the Catholic world or society in general. Hence the rampant spread of unbridled sexuality, unholy sexuality, contraception of unimaginable order, abortions in unparalled numbers, overt demands for homosexual acceptance as a "normal" lifestyle leading to demands for same sex

# Sollers

Friends.

There are always hidden champions - indeed Saints - in our communities.

There are always the humble workers for The Almighty, mostly hidden from the public view but powerful, beautiful persons, reaching out for those in dire situations; seeking to raise the distressed and marginalised and the hurt, to renewed dignity and new life.

One of these persons is **Anne Lastman** who spends her life helping those ladies and their families, who are afflicted by the awful blight of abortion which breaks down their lives and

I mention this good lady so that you will consider supporting her in her Work by purchasing books written by her and thus, contributing to her Work.

Go to <a href="http://www.victimsofabortion.com.au/">http://www.victimsofabortion.com.au/</a> to secure your copies of these inspiring books.

I know that many good citizens are seeking ways to best spend their charitable contributions and I can thoroughly recommend this as absolutely worthwhile.

I would presume that you will also desire to spread the word about this work by advising your friends (and anyone else) about this unique opportunity to do something WORTHWHILE.

Allan Choveaux

Dear Allan, thank you I am humbled by your kind words. I hope that this year I will be able to complete third book.

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Dear Anne,

Thanks for your great effort putting things in the right

No worries about people supporting your counseling in abortion but feeling discomfort about SSM.

Keep going, the two subjects are so tied...some people are still in darkness.

Have a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year 2018. A warm hug, 😊

#### Daniela

Thank you Daniela, I'm not so much worried as I am disappointed. See main part of newsletter for comments. Dear Anne,

We wish to help things along with this donation.. Please continue to write and speak out about SSM. Those who should be doing so are shamefully almost silent.

Ron & Jane.

Thank you Ron and Jane I will try and continue as long as "MY Boss" (Lord) permits me too. When He says no more Anne then I will learn to play golf. (Smile, forgot how to do smiley) thank you also for your kind donation. I appreciate your care.

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Cara Anne,

Grazie for your work. Thank you for doing this on our behalf. And thank you also for speaking out about the ills in our day. It can be very hard to be under constant attack but you are supported. Take good care and wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and we hope you do get to go to see your family.

Cara Laura,

Thank you. Yves we did get to see the family in Perth. I we had three weeks with them and it was sooooo lovely seeing my grandies. I hadn't seen them in three years. I realised how much I have missed in their lives.

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Dear Anne.

I have for many years received your very good bulletin however, I now wish to be deleted you have changed from what you started out doing to matters which are not related to abortion and its grief. I wish you well and will continue to pray for you but don't want to receive from you any more,

Regards Anthony S.

Dear Anthony I have removed your name from list. What I speak and write about are all life matters. Death matters. Blessings on your life.

marriage, (achieved) and the slow and insidious disintegration of the family.

I began this by saying that the document *Humanae Vitae* reminded me of, and had the same prophetic quality as the first book of Samuel where God warned the people both then and present times that doing a specific act would result in unforeseen breakdown and destruction. In both cases the warnings were not heeded and the outcome can only be described as tragic. In our times we have been able to see that in one generation trying to usurp control over life (contraception, abortion, euthanasia) from God would lead to societal suffering and wanton death. The prophetic words in Samuel 1, took centuries to unfold; however, sin appears to have escalated at an exponential pace in our generation. Today in just 50 years (one biblical generation) we have witnessed the prophetic words of *Humanae Vitae* being fulfilled.

The message of *Humanae Vitae* was not made known (it was deemed unpalatable even by clergy) or believed. However, the prophetic words "(the man) may finally lose respect for the woman and no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer his beloved and respected companion" (H.V. 17) have found fulfilment.

Indeed the anti-conceptive practices have contributed to the male losing respect for the woman and woman losing respect for the male. Today this is evident in all areas of life, most specifically in the area of abortion, family breakdowns, legalisation of previously unheard of demands (SSM, assisted suicide, teaching of very young children about sexuality a previously unheard demand by governments. Especially this intrusion into family.) Truly the man and woman have put a barrier between them and children suffer, or at other end of life demanded legal assisted death.

The psychological, physical and spiritual death brought about by the rejection of *Humane Vitae* is the legacy of society's failure to embrace Humanae Vitae and the knowledge it sought to impart and thus failure to accept the warning that human beings were attempting to again rebuild the Tower Babel.

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Dear friends I've now had 89 cancellations because of my writing about SSM. I guess I've upset many people and it has been suggested I've lost my way but personally I also see SSM and assisted suicide, euthanasia, as life issues.

Thank you to the supporters who answered to my call for help in funding office I appreciate your care for me and this work. It at times becomes a struggle but just right when all seems "OK time to finish" the Lord answers. But goodness His timing is stress inducing.

Whilst I would love to say that I never worry about the financial aspect of this work, I do worry all the time. Anyway, again, thank you.

Thank you for the lovely cards and gifts sent to me I appreciate your care.

I would also like to draw your attention to a very serious error I made in the "Appeal." I left out a digit in the bank Account number which of course meant that anyone, especially new person, who tried to send donation would have had their donation returned.

I was able to correct the email newsletters but the hard copies I couldn't do anything about except maybe to reprint but this would have cost a lot more.

Herewith correct Number: Commonwealth Bank Account Name: Victims of Abortion:

BSB 063 888

Account No: 1011 0168

Thank you to Tim and Jan for letting me know about this difficulty.

Those who have in past donated in this way are Ok I think, it would have affected only new donors if there were any. Thank you to those who persevered and sent their donation by mail. I appreciated your understanding.

Please continue to pray for Jasmine, Francine, Elise, Sadie. Frances, Belle, Christopher, Anna, Joanne, Josephine (much S/A please, wants to die) Jodie, Sophie, (Pls pray for her even though I can't see her but just talk to her phone) Trish, Hailey, Violet, Natasha, Natalie, Rebecca please very much. I ask also to please pray much for me, epilepsy going haywire. The seizures have increased markedly and even changed from petit mals to more serious ones.

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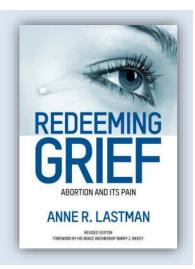
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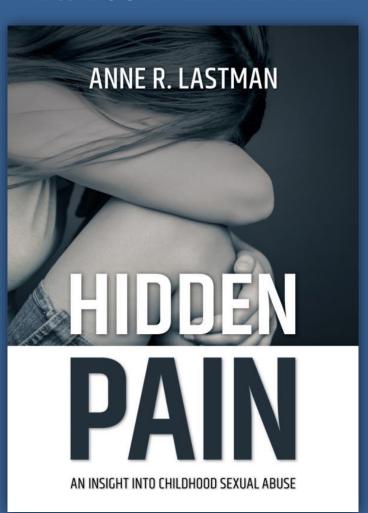
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