

Broken Branches

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

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Dear friends

I write this next issue of newsletter a few weeks earlier than usual because in last issue I forgot (overworked) to mention this year's Life Dinner. Details as follows:

Life Dinner

June 2, 2018

Aurora Receptions,

149 Donald Street, Brunswick East.

Beginning at 6.30 - 11 pm.

Cost \$80 pp.

Remembering that a portion of those sitting at my table will be as a fund raiser for VOA.

Please contact Anne Marie Kiely 0447 352 252 or 03 98160800.

Our Special guest speaker for this year will be Prof. John Whitehall speaking on “Sterilizing our children: Puberty Blocker and cross sex hormones, Robbing families of their future.”

Please contact Anne Marie ASAP even before that.

Please dear friends try and make it this year as this will probably be the last year I will host a table. I would love to meet some of my supporters. More about this later.

His Holiness Pope Francis.

“Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandoned live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the “grave” bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children”

--- *Gaudete et Exsultate Rejoice and Be Glad* #101-102

Dear Friends the Holy Father Pope Francis has for some years been persecuted unmercifully and called many names and titles (false prophet, anti-Christ) by supposedly “good Catholics” which should make us all hang our heads in shame. One pro-life group especially has used social media to carry out a campaign of division since this Pope was

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elected. Pope Francis has even been accused of not being “pro-life” the quote on this page are his thoughts in his latest exhortation. He defends not only those in the womb **first** but then all kinds of suffering human beings.

We work hard to save a child from abortion (rightly so) but then stand by whilst human trafficking of enormous proportions is carried out in our day and age. Trafficking of young little children for the purpose of sexual gratification by wicked/evil individuals and groups? As someone said to me recently “because of their innocence and “virginity” What have we become that we have businesses which would do this to children.

Yes we’ve worked and will continue to work hard to save babies in the womb because we believe that they have a right to their life as a gift given to the parents even if they don’t know it and we have saved the child in the womb only to let that child be exploited, used, abused, starved, beaten? Is being pro-life only about life in the womb but nothing else? Are we pro-lifers sabotaging our language just as surely as the pro aborts and pro choicers who sabotage the word “choice” and “rights” are we going to do the same? With the word “pro-life? Meaning only life in the womb? Are we only interested in life in womb or life of a child in its continuum? Life is life. A child is a child even when they are being raped and then passed on to someone else etc. etc. to do the same.

Child trafficking isn’t to give a needling child a wonderful life and opportunity it is to give some badly damaged individual distorted pleasure.

We all remember an image of a little 3 year old Syrian boy found washed up on sea shore about 2-3 years ago. It broke all our hearts seeing that little one floating face down in the water. Dead. Have we

so quickly forgotten? Was the life of that child whose parents let him live (not aborted him) but then he was lost due to place of his birth and right/wrong political landscape?

What about pro-life and euthanasia where elderly are now fearful of going to hospitals just in case they never leave hospitals alive. Or even the disabled whose life is deemed valueless. Is this not Pro Life?

We all of us write about our horror and euthanasia, indeed at this moment we have the story of a distinguished elderly professor who has gone to Switzerland to have himself done in.

Or even the tragic story of young Alfie Evans whose life was deemed so useless that even with all the world’s attention and offers of help from others professionals, hospitals etc. the courts and hospital and not his parents chose and carried out their decision that the child must Die.

The Holy Father is recognizing these matters as pro-life matters and we must fight to reclaim the entire meaning of value of life beginning at conception, its hospitality in the womb and then deep respect for the humanity from birth to end of life. Life is a continuum it always begins with the union of a sperm and ova and concludes in a human whose life was intended for good and joy and mirror the image of its creator and co-workers (parents).

This little two year old Alfie Evans, just like the little boy washed on sea shore tugged at heartstrings of all throughout the world, i.e. all who followed the story. After being removed from life support he died in the early hours of Saturday morning after having breathed on his own for 24 hrs. In a hollow voice the little one’s father said: “My gladiator lay down his shield and gained his wings at 02:30...absolutely heartbroken. I love you my guy.”

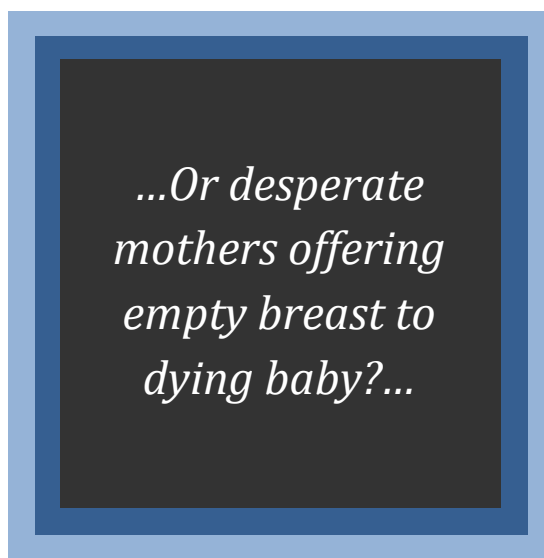
his mother also spoke of his little wings and flying. This is not pro-life work? What is it then?

And this only a matter of short time after the other child Charlie Gard, at the same hospital and same illness, was also doomed to die. This should never have happened. The hospital or the courts or no one but the parents are the guardians of their child. Or has big brother flexing his muscles with the youngest in the womb, disabled, and elderly? Already?

Is this what we can expect in the future? Is this not pro-life matters?

This child Alfie Evans had been granted Italian citizenship to be able to be taken the Vatican-

owned Bambino Gesù children's hospital which had offered to take the child for further diagnosis and treatment, but enter the British courts which repeatedly refused to allow the transfer, ruling that it is not in the child's best interest. So the courts and the hospital and maybe even the janitor at the hospital deemed that it was in the child's best interests but not the parents? Stopping these matters, is this not pro-life? Where were the parent's rights



to determine which way to go with their child? Their child. Or does this mean that already when someone goes into hospital for treatment they lose their rights? This is not life matters? We pro-lifers don't fight this? Is it too hard?

How interesting in the same week a prince was born. The media and world rejoiced (and rightly so) but another young prince (to his parents) was intentionally left/made/forced to die. There is a tragic irony in that isn't there?

The Holy Father Pope Francis, supported and prayed for the child and family and offered to encourage public prayer for them who met with Alfie's father last week, has offered public prayers for Alfie and his family several times, including at a general audience and in several twitter posts. "Moved by the prayers and immense solidarity

shown little Alfie Evans, I renew my appeal that the suffering of his parents may be heard and that their desire to seek new forms of treatment may be granted," he said Monday on Twitter.

But the final and tragic decision was to keep the child at that Hospital and die. One must ask the questions what that hospital had to hide to fight so hard to keep that child there.

All of this saga not pro-life?

He was spared from death in the womb to be insisted that he die by same people who would no doubt have carried out many abortions.

If I were a British mother I would not take my child near that place because immediately you enter the

doors you lose rights over the outcome and treatment of your child.

When the Holy Father speaks about poverty this is considered much much less of a pro-life matter.

Have we forgotten the images of little ones with bloated bellies and hollow eyes? Or even desperate mothers offering an empty breast for comfort to her dying little child?

This is not pro-life? What are we doing when we can say that these matters are not pro-life?

There is an old Mexican proverb which goes like this "A house does not rest on the ground but on a woman"

Perhaps the reason we have lost our "houses" is because woman has forgotten that she it is who builds the house.

I am not speaking of the bricks and mortar and plumbing I am speaking about the humanity in the house.

To her was given the task to build the “house” whilst to her husband was given the task to give the means for her to build the house.

To her is given the house (womb) and in this house all of humanity’s grand designs are thought about and carried out. No great design comes into being before it has been thought about, conceived and then brought into being.

Woman has that within her and sadly today woman is choosing not a grand design but a tool shed. She has declined the offer to build the masterpiece and chosen instead to destroy the existing thought, concept and future home of herself and her husband and her life.

As the proverb says the house “stands” on woman and only she can defeat those who would ransack her house. Only she can defeat the intruders.

Dear friends, after the last issue of the newsletter where I spoke about attending a conference where an abortion provider was present I have received much criticism and some vile comments. Even told if I have changed “camps” and do I inflict my thoughts on my “poor” clients. I must admit that I am compliant to a certain point then my Calabrese comes to the fore and I forget to be “nice.” And I wasn’t. I was also told that another pro-lifer (mentioned name) is doing it right and standing up for the babies whilst I am standing up for an abortionist.

In an article another erudite pro-lifer wrote about the confusion this conference I attended caused, the wrong message sent to the abortionists that pro-lifers are softening on abortion.

Another writer suggested that I obviously have too much time and money (definitely neither) and a real doozy was that I personally have become too soft because I am a counsellor and have to see stories from all sides. (Actually true).

But this “traitor” (me) has in her time worked hard, very hard for no recompense but knowing that I have been able to help others as I was helped, healed, forgiven, given a second chance at life. Not only by the counselling but also helping 23 mothers keep their baby simply because I had time for them. With this latest one 24, but with this last one all my

work entailed was speaking at length to a young Mum and saying words which touched her feminine self and helping her see that help was available and would be with her all the way through. After this, the “help” by the name of Jane Byrne (fabulous pro-lifer) kept me in touch as she walked with her all the way to the birth of a beautiful boy. (see picture)

Welcome to the world baby Noah, may you and your parents be blessed.



In my life there have been 23 plus this one moments of sheer pleasure knowing that I had something to do with helping a baby live.

This, I hope the Lord is pleased, because of the two which I didn’t help to live but did otherwise.

During all the calls and emails of criticisms I kept thinking that Jesus achieved our redemption by entering into the enemy’s camp and working from within. In a normal unobtrusive way but from within. That is how he works, from within.

It has been my hope that the abortionist (Dr Torres) who was present at that very very good conference will one day have a moment of clarity because she entered a pro-life “within” and see the result of the seed planted there and which will have sprouted forth and she can see the beauty that that seed has produced.

...In the order of things...

In the physical union of a man and a woman in the natural order of things it is the man who gives the seed of life and the woman who receives it. He is the seed she is the earth which receives the seed which is given and grows and we learn from the earth that rest, silence, ecstasy, even deep sleep, and what appears secrecy are the essential nutrients for the germination and growth of that seed into life. A life comes into being in secret. During sleep, as at the beginning. No man or woman gazes into the moment of union, only the Creator is present and breathes at the right moment.

No one can take the place of a mother. Not even the future extra corporeal womb. There is a lunacy in the belief that a mother is not needed but simply a gestational carrier.

Not so. A gestational and carrier and child cannot be covenanted to one another, it is simply a carrier and nothing more. She donates to her child the history of all her generations past and instructions to pass on history to the generations future. This child's future and onwards.

Her covenant role is fulfilled with the child. As the man's covenant is with his wife so the mother's (note I have not said the woman's) is with her child. Within fecundity is the secret of God, hidden in this biological reality. Indeed we can see how much this is true because woman continues to conceive even when she thinks that for her, children have become irrelevant.

That covenant written within her cannot be undone it is so deeply embedded. That is how her original design was conceived in the mind of the Creator to be as the Idea, Design, and finally Creation. She follows her innermost design and her essence is at peace. However to disturb that design brings with it the same Chaos as "In the Beginning" Void. Why? Because of the aimless wandering of the woman who has rejected her own design e.g. those who abort, is a sign of banishment from the garden of peace. Estrangement from self and others.

With each generation the sacredness of human life is diminished and the darkness which encompasses the earth, is sourced profoundly in the heart and

mind of the human person most especially woman, to whom has been given to be "house" of humanity, the future.

A fear seems to have now overcome humanity and now the man and the woman hide from terror behind the technology of selfishness. The man and woman are so

terrified that they are afraid of their own children. Of children. Of the future. Man and woman fear and reject the very thing which can take them back to the Centre of the Garden, this time joy.

Dear friends as I come to end of this much earlier and urgent newsletter, I want to share some news with you. Its important news but both good and maybe not so good.

My husband and I have decided to move back to Perth where I originally come from and where there are nearly 30 members of my family, brothers, sisters and their spouses and nieces and nephews, and children and grandchildren.

We came to this decision just after we went to Perth for Christmas and realised that our grandchildren had grown up (11, 9, 7, yrs.) and we hadn't hadn't been to one of their birthday parties with any of them ever. Very few Christmases and no Easters or even visited them at school or even had them over for sleepovers with us. We talked much about this when we were in Perth and sitting on plane back the decision was made. It will be sad because we also leave two sons behind. They're adults so we hope that they visit us a lot.

We won't be moving till towards the end of the year maybe September, October or early Nov. It depends on when I finish with my clients. I don't want to ask them to go to someone else as it's not fair on them.

What I won't do is take on new clients for this year. Though I must admit that I have taken on two which seemed to me to be important. (Faith, Dee). The other 5 calls I had I have referred elsewhere.

I will be sad to be leaving Melbourne as I have many beautiful colleagues and friends but would like to spend some time with grandies and my brothers and sisters and family.

Letters

Dear Anne,

Thank you Anne, for another excellent issue of Broken Branches. Each time I receive an issue, I pause to consider Broken Branches and you have seen so many more than I – my prayers go with you.

I felt sad for Rebecca – so young yet so broken ... RIP. Your extended article on post abortion grief is one of the best you have written. As for the euthanizing of disabled children ... all predicted 50 years ago by Bl Pope Paul VI ... When will we ever learn?

God bless,
Br Christopher

Hi Anne,

Just letting you know that I did receive the latest Broken Branches. All seems to be working with the emails for me anyway. Also congratulations on your summing up of the Abortion Rethink Conference. It was a challenging time but, God willing, one which will bear much fruit. Just as you have stepped out at times to say the tough things that need to be said, the Conference addressed issues which needed addressing and involved people who could, and hopefully did, benefit from hearing about the issues women are facing.

God Bless,
Beth (NSW)

Who attacked you Anne? I thought the 'pro-lifers' attacked the conference organisers!

Well, you have very broad shoulders Anne - having shared the incredible burdens of ladies who have had abortions - so the insults of misguided 'pro-lifers' should be a piece of cake. I could not have shared those burdens! It would be hell. There is a massive deception in the pro-life leaders of today - many seem to think that abortionists, being murderers, are beyond salvation. Many of these pro-life leaders have become lords unto themselves. But as your newsletter demonstrates, abortionists do have souls and they can find repentance and mercy; and then become very powerful pro-lifers. You have done well in allowing for that - as did the organisers.

Christ said Love your enemies.

I suggested you visit the great state of Queensland - and you did. So, I hope, in the long run, you gained by it.

Well done Anne, you did well at the Brisbane conference.
Can't fathom the criticisms!

I think the pro-life problem is pride.

Love,
Deidra (NSW)

Hi Anne

It is not often I find myself smiling when I read your material, in fact it's usual that I feel like crying with the experiences you relay but when reading an issue a few back now, I laughed so hard that I just had to write and tell you about it. A man had written to you saying that he did not wish to receive your newsletter anymore as in his opinion you had begun now to move into "murky waters." That set me off laughing! Oh Anne you have been working in murky waters of deep human emotion ever since you started this ministry! You have walked alongside so many with such courage and determination for them. I pray you keep moving in those murky waters Anne, as your diligent, patient and faithful example is truly healing and inspiring. Those murky waters are clearing, person by person!

Also in reading your last newsletter, April/May 2018, I give thanks to God that you were given the opportunity to speak in person to an abortionist when you made your presentation at the Abortion Rethink Conference. We (your supporters) regularly hear your message but how often would an abortionist hear your message of the devastation that abortion brings to mothers and families? Your content and style of delivery would certainly have made an impression and I hope sometime soon we'll be reading another story about that abortionist in QLD which is similar to the one from ex-abortionist Kathi Aultmann.

With love and prayers,
Donna F.

However, I DO NOT plan to stop doing this work in Perth. I intend to continue to do the same and more. I want to try and bring attention to the sexual abuse of children issue and the type of counselling for this issue.

After going to the conference in Queensland a few weeks back (the contentious one) I met a few counsellors who do post abortion work so I know that there are others but I don't know anyone who wants to tackle the sexual abuse of children in family and friendship circles. This is still considered a "disgusting topic" so I want to tackle this "disgusting" topic because this "disgusting" topic causes much grief, suffering, self-harm, anorexia, depression, suicides, abortions. I believe it should be mandatory knowledge for teachers and anyone who works with children because children may not be able to speak about what is happening to them, (because of threats) but they give out clues because children cannot keep a secret. So I want to work to bring this to the surface. Someone said to me recently "Anne you don't tackle easy problems do you?" Well I think I do what the Lord asks of me. At least that's my belief.

I know that there are post abortive women in Perth and work in this area. The last issue of newsletter told the story of Rebecca and her death. I know know know if I was there and we could have had time together I know it wouldn't have happened. I don't practice magic but I know when I can help so that such a tragedy doesn't happen.

When we get to Perth I will take a month or so off to set up house and then start to look for an office so that by late January early February I will be able to start again. I hope to make myself known to pregnancy centres and priests and whoever else I can to let them know the work I do.

I thought I would tell you from now and I hope that you will still consider supporting me. The only thing which will change will be the address, the rest

will be the same but probably more intensive especially in the beginning. I will continue to write newsletter as is except change of PO Box number. Mobile number won't change. So all will be the same.

This is why I encouraged those who can come to life dinner this year it would be nice to see you. As always for dinner contact Anne Marie Kiley (0447 352252 or 03 98160800) and say you want to sit at my table (Victims of Abortion Table).

Anyway I hope you will stay with me when I move. It's been my pleasure to serve my God, my clients on your and my behalf. Hope we can continue.

Please continue to pray for me the health issues (cancer/epilepsy and other feminine issues) continue and please pray for all my present girls specially the two new ones. (Faith needs lots and lots of ongoing prayer. Dee also)

I have already spoken to my current clients and asked if they would like me to refer them to someone else. All said no. They are happy to stay with me till I go and then call me if the need arises.

Thank you to and all who sent donation this month. It helped me much. To all my very precious friends who sent donations directly through Bank. Thank you. When I thought I was without breath I checked and took a deep breath and smiled.

Till next newsletter keep well and I will keep you informed about how things going. For a few months still it's nothing new.

God Bless



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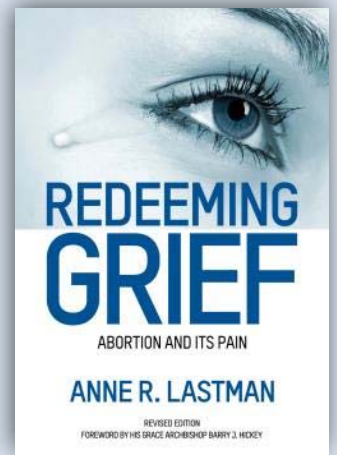
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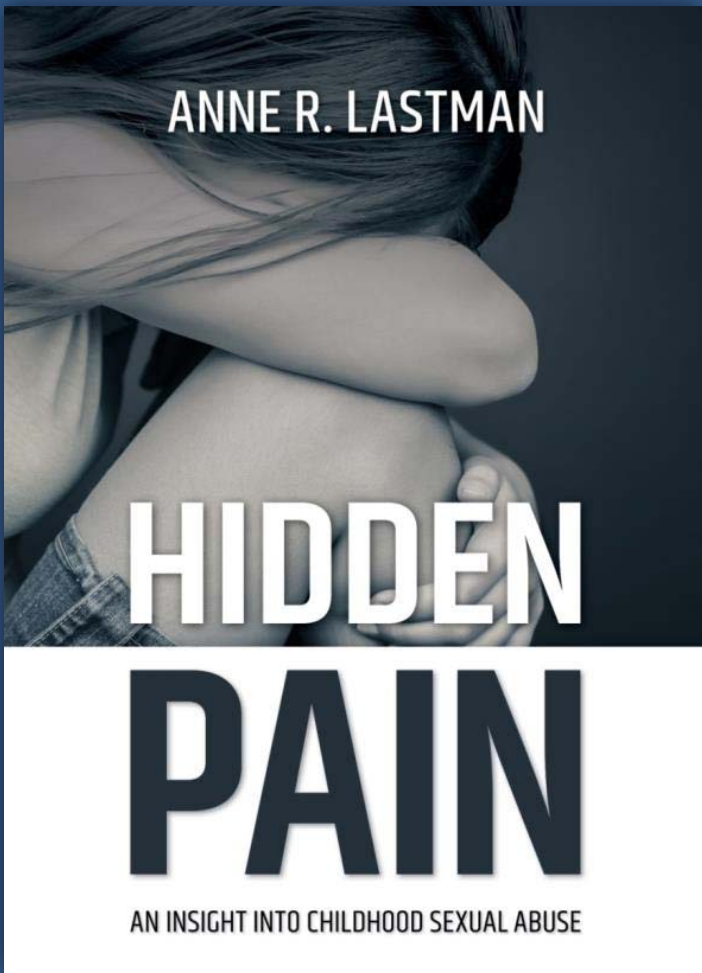
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