

Broken Branches

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

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THE MATIC REPORT:

This report, dear friends is a continuing and expanding and legalizing of infant death and legalising a distortion of all that it means to be human. Of what dignity the human has been endowed with and the total rejection of this dignity.

The European Parliament intends to declare abortion as a "right" and has now done so. Voted in its favour.

The European Parliament is playing war games and its assaults are aimed at the most vulnerable. Its declaration of war is no different than the declaration made by another despot over 50 years ago.

This parliament is declaring that abortion is a "right" but abortion is not and cannot ever be a "right" because abortion means the intentional killing of another human and no one has the "right" to kill another human being. It was established after another declared war on a people for no other reason than that people had a certain belief. We can also cite the fifth commandment handed to Moses on Mt Sinai. "Thou shalt not kill" and abortion means killing of another. Irrespective of size it means slaughter of another. This is a lunacy to make it a "right" to be able to kill and another who is so vulnerable there is no possibility of self-protection.

What makes this all the more horrible is the fact that it has been woman herself, the bearer of life who has demanded and called and harassed, and hounded till this thought even came into being.

On June 7 the European Parliament voted on the so-called "Matic Report" where among other things abortion is to be defined as a "human right." From the perspective of women's health, and will call for abortion without any restrictions. To kill a child without interference, restrictions, just because it can be so and it's legal and permissible under the ruse of right and woman's health.

The report "calls for the removal of barriers" for abortion, like "waiting periods" "the denial of medical care based on personal beliefs" (Religious beliefs-conscience) and importantly pre abortion "counselling" where other options and helps can be offered and the explanation that there will be lifelong effects, or any "third party authorization."

Matic Report was voted in favour and it was considered a "historic day" which would mean the enforcement of abortion-on-demand policies without any restrictions. *"The adoption of the report today is a great achievement for the European Parliament and those involved in the negotiations"* The delivery of "reproductive health" (meaning abortion) was the main position.

Abortion, however, is not the only controversial issue in this Matic report. The Matic report calls for the removal of the right to conscientious objection by the medical profession. The Report's objective is to make it impossible for pro-life doctors and other personnel to oppose and to refuse the killing another human being by abortion. This is another lunacy that a physician who has studied to heal and save life is forced against his/her conscience to kill and have no choice in the matter.

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What lunacy is this cultural war against life which threatens to destroy our society itself. A war is being waged. A war between life and death. A war which attacks the very fundamentals of humanity. A war which again refuses to see dignity as a divine gift.

The culture war is attempting to deny the preciousness which is human life in all its forms and there is nothing which is created which is greater because of its link to the creator. In His "image and likeness"

Organisations like the European parliament have no mandate into introduce the legal death of a cohort of humans simply because it is allowed to do so. Organisations and governments are not mandated to make laws which exterminate human beings. That is barbarity. Governments and its leadership who promote and condone killing cannot then be believed to be of holy and good intentioned for all their peoples.

They cannot be pro-abortion, prochoice, pro death and then be respected as a person/leader of honour. As one who cares about their fellow citizens and even all of humanity. There is no excuse for their favour of this indifference about these deaths. Indeed, failure to protect and defend life in all its character, size, differences strike at the very foundation of creation. The house which God provided for his residence on earth. A human body is the temple of God. A place where he can abide.

The legalisation of murder of infants (irrespective of size) began the swift decline of morality encompassing all manner of demands against life.

Today we know that there is a worldwide sacrificial offerings of infants to a god of death. A god not of life and love but a god which demands only human sacrifice. We have met this kind of god in all societies throughout the history of humanity and very sadly there have always been willing followers of that god who have been willing to offer that sacrifice.

This Matic report posits, frighteningly, that refusing to carry out an abortion or even referring to another who will perform the abortion by a doctor would be perceived as denial of medical care. So, if a doctor were to say NO to abortion, this would mean the endangerment and/or end of his/her career. (We have reference/example here in Australia)

This report calls for abortion and even contraception (imagine the European parliament has so little to do as to get involved in contraception) for girls "regardless of age" and without parental consent.

Other areas in this report posit LGTB and Gender indoctrination from primary school age and without the need for informing or requiring parental consent, and further the carrying out of "sex change" procedures, including for minors, all paid for by public health systems, meaning we all pay whether we want to or not.

The Matic Report is the most progressive and aggressive and I would say violent document or project ever presented and passed by the European Parliament and this begs the question, "what do these organisations stand for?" Death?

It appears that the European Parliament is under intense pressure from powerful international pro-abortion anti life lobby groups to support and conform itself to the abortion and human design change agenda. So where are the powerful pro-life lobby groups ready to fight these groups and propose life in all its glories as a better alternative? Where are they?

For further reading on this go to:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2021-0169_EN.pdf

<https://politicalnetworkforvalues.org/en/2021/05/the-political-network-for-values-denounces-the-radical-matic-report-and-calls-the-members-of-the-committee-to-recover-the-core-values-of-the-european-union/>

As I read this report it brought back to mind a conference I attended in Rome (speaker) about 13 years ago where one of the delegates, a member of the same European Parliament, said to me whilst we sat together over lunch. “Anne there is movement afoot to pass laws which give the woman a “right” to a dead baby” At the time it seemed ludicrous and yet this is what we have today not only a right to a dead baby but a

right to change the design of a child of any age without a parent’s knowledge of consent. Surveying the abortion, life horizon, I can see how insidiously her words came to pass. Slowly, little by little. One small win at a time till we have come to a point where international laws are passed to ensure that babies, children are mutilated, killed with impunity.

As someone said to me this past several weeks, “Anne you can’t fix the world it doesn’t want to be fixed when 95% of world doesn’t care about these things” Indeed it’s starting to look that way.

Another distressing event occurred recently. A young Texan Miss at her graduation ceremony took the opportunity to make a strong speech about abortion. That is, the right to an abortion. Paxton Smith was her name.

She delivered her valedictorian speech in an impassioned manner which appeared to have moved many people.

Her words had an aura of at times pathos but also a demand or “right” which she already demands as her own. Also, an aura of some past pain, and spoke with such passion (or even contrived passion?) that one had to wonder who had been whispering in her ear, because indeed there had been some schooling in the area of abortion.



She spoke with such vehemence about abortion being necessary in order to fulfil one’s dreams. Somewhere along the line this young woman’s ideas and thought and beliefs setting out towards life and adulthood had fallen on rocky soil. Indeed, very rocky.

As I listened to her, I was reminded of Greta Thunberg a young barely out of school girl with her podium

thumping speech at world leaders at UN about climate change and having her future stolen from her by our generation. Someone who is barely out of nappies (or diapers as some countries say). So again, with young Paxton Smith we have a young barely out of school miss who advises/tells/encourages abortion for her colleagues, friends and women in general.

As I listened to her, I wondered if she had ever seen a tiny baby. Had she ever seen a brand-new baby? Had she ever seen a preemie? Had she ever held and nursed a newborn? and if so, would she have made such an impassioned plea for abortion.

Or maybe has this young lady listened to so much media talk about the so-called benefits and safety of abortion, without hearing about the

consequences, that she bought the whole story as we Australians say “hook, line and sinker.”

We know that the media is very much in favour of the woman’s right to abortion and heavily promotes it but no media will bring to vision the effects of abortion both on baby and later mother, after the event. No media will ever interview someone whose had an abortion and regretted it. and her grief. Her shame. Her sense of having murdered a baby. At times even self-annihilation because she couldn’t cope with what she had done. Or even just listened to the story of a deeply wounded woman whose abortion changed her life and sent her on a downward spiral.

The media will not report the negative results and behaviours after an abortion. The depression. The shame, the fears, the substance abuses. The broken relationships. The brokenness of her own life. And at times when it all gets too much because she can’t live with herself, the self-annihilation (suicide-Kerry, Bec, et al) The media is not interested in these issues after the fact and still after many years of trying I have not been able to get a “daily” newspaper interested in really doing an in-depth and TRUE story about life before, during and after abortion.

This young lady Paxton Smith spoke passionately about her beliefs but like all other pro-abortion promoters her vision and knowledge sounded so very limited almost like she had rote learned what was being spoken by pro-abortion lobbyists and feminists whose agenda is simply killing babies when unwanted. Disposing of them like useless matter.

This young lady has not thought about what she was actually saying, and that is, the false belief that a woman cannot have a pregnancy and child without the fear of losing herself or her dreams. This is an untruth.

In our modern world and with all government assistance available and other organisations and their assistance available, the abortion of a child is only carried out because others’ have decreed and pronounced that that child, her child, is an inconvenience to her. And yes, indeed her pregnancy and the child in her body will change all things for her but all the changes are wonderful. Never to be regretted.

Not one mother of the 23 babies I helped to save has said to me I regret having had my boy/girl. NOT ONE. There is great joy and at times tears at the memory of what she might have done.

I have sat with a Mum who held her baby breastfeeding him and looking loving at her little one and copious tears rolled down her face and onto him. How symbolic I thought. Her tears are washing away the “abortion” word she spoke over him at the beginning and her regret at even having thought about doing it.

I knew the reason for her tears and allowed her for a while because she needed to do that and then gently said: “but Sally (not her real name) you didn’t do it. That’s the important thing. You didn’t do it. You listened to the Lord, we talked and talked and he was born. You and he are very blessed. Just say a prayer every day for those who feel they can’t make it without having the abortion and go through with it.”

The changes in her own psychology, her understanding, her emotions, her maturity will be seen in her a genuine beauty because her spirit shines. Her baby makes her spirit shine.

I recall seeing on our TV screens about 3-4 years ago an interview with four young women (15-17yrs). The interview was trying to show the changes when a young teen becomes pregnant and chooses life for her baby and the things she supposedly misses out on because of her choice.

As I sat glued to screen to see the outcomes, I forgot to listen to their words but I did look intently at the faces of 4 young girls and what surprised me so much were the very real differences between the young mother and her baby and her 3 school friends. The young mother had a maturity which the others definitely did not. The three girls were giggly and could only speak about “boys” and things they did whilst the young mum kept looking lovingly at her little baby. There were no signs of her feeling that she had or was missing out on anything. These four girls all the same age, same school (young mother had help with babysitting and continued her study) same hopes for and about the future but the young mother added into her future a little boy she longingly and lovingly looked at during the interview.

For this young mother, her future included her son. Wherever that future led her, her son went too.

I have remembered that interview for many reasons but probably most importantly because the girl was so young. Because she chose life knowing the difficulties. Seeing the differences and emotional maturity between her and her friends. Her loving looks at her baby and I remember thinking that that child would grow up knowing he was loved and everything would turn out to be OK for her and for him.

Because she had trusted herself, those around her even God were there to help her she will be all that she was meant to be.

Young Miss Paxton Smith didn't see such an eventuality and proposed that the baby should be killed. That's her answer to a difficult moment. Because in a lifetime it is a "moment" That's the answer which will bring immediate resolving of a difficulty but a lifelong looking back and sighing and whispering "I could have done it" "In hindsight I know I could have done it. I shouldn't have killed my baby. It wasn't worth it...(Clare)

Individuals like Miss Paxton Smith who are still very immature and perhaps made more so by circumstances and a need for the 15 minutes of fame (Andy Warhol) to feel validated, forget that for the most part, life is good and can be very long and to carry such a burden of intentional death of one's own child throughout adult life until death, is very heavy load to bear.

Words of Michelle (former client)

"Mum never forgot her abortion until the day she died at age 79 she spoke about the "one" We her 5 children were around her always but she wanted to go "home" to meet and to "mother" him whom she had sent away without even looking at him."

Her tunnel vision of women's abilities and talents have been lost to young Miss Paxton, in her rush to push the abortion agenda. She has been convinced that by being pro-abortion all that that says is that girls/women can be so heartless that they can take their own baby to be killed because it's the normal of the era. Not that she can be strong and that she can cope but that it's all too much so the best option and solution is to get rid of the problem meaning getting rid of baby.

Miss Paxton Smith is to be prayed for please.

Dear friends if you have a computer, please have a look at this. I don't quite know what to make of it but needless to say I am very concerned. I have never been anti- I've just prayed. But if this is real then I am worried.

Convert children?

It was always about the kids.

<https://youtu.be/ruX3Vhv98nI>

Gay men's choir video unvarnished

Lyrics:

"You think that we'll corrupt your kids if our agenda goes unchecked. Just this once ... you're correct. We'll convert your children, happens bit by bit, quietly and subtly. We'll convert your children, reaching one and all. There's really no escaping it. We're coming for your children! We're coming for your children! We're coming for your children!"

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

<https://youtu.be/ruX3Vhv98nI>

Thanks John W. for sending this to me.

Words of Pope Francis

"Everything has been prepared in God's plan. He weaves our history, the story of each one of us: He weaves our history and, if we correspond with trust to His plan of salvation, we will become aware of it. The calling always implies a mission to which we are destined; that is why we are asked to prepare ourselves seriously, knowing that it is God Himself who sends us, it is God Himself who supports us with His grace. Brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be led by this awareness: the primacy of grace transforms existence and makes it worthy of being placed at the service of the Gospel. The primacy of grace covers all sins, changes hearts, changes lives, and makes us see new paths. Let us not forget this."

Pope Francis

General audience June 30, 2021

Letters

Dear Anne,

A long overdue letter, I hope that you are keeping "sane" in this crazy world with conversion therapy, SSM, and other innovations and of course legalised abortions, euthanasia, God is in Charge so we can expect good things to happen if people hang on and keep praying Enclosed donation to help with your work. Keep up the good work Anne.
His peace and blessings of Holy Mother

Love..... Bridget.... Vic

Dear Bridget, thank you and please keep praying we all need those especially the confused world we live in now. We know where confusion comes from especially as we know that there is no peace in confusion..... Anne

Dear Anne,

Reading about all the illnesses and traumas you have been through and you're still doing your marvellous work - I think you are amazing and really blessed by the Lord.

Bless you dear
Frances M.. NSW

Donation enclosed...

Dear Frances thank you for your kind words and thank you so much for staying with me throughout my work. Without loyal and consistent people like you I wouldn't have been able to make it. God bless you dear Frances. Anne

Dear Anne,

Thank you for all the work you have done. You are an inspiration. May you be able to continue for time to come.

God bless you dear.
Kate L. (Vic)

*Thanks, Kate, for your kind words and your kind donation.
Anne*

Dearest Anne,

Have just read your 25th anniversary issue of your bulletin. OH Anne I didn't realise how much work you do. And I'm sure that most people and readers didn't know either.

I wait expectantly for each issue to arrive and I sit down with my coffee and read it all in one sitting. Anne, your personal story is so amazing and I don't know how you kept going with all those illnesses you've had. Cancer? Major surgery in your spine? Epilepsy? And you still keep going. OH dear you are blessed.

Love and blessings. Maria S. (WA)

Dear Maria,

Thank you for the words you wrote (I left out the personal stuff) I am glad you enjoy newsletter and maybe sometime in future we could meet for coffee (as you live near me.)

Dear Anne,

I would like to thank you for the work you do and for the many years that you have been sending me your newsletter but I must now ask that you remove me from your list not because I don't like it but because I am elderly and barely able to read anymore. I am stopping all the newsletters I receive because I am also getting tired of reading such sad news all the time. Every evening as I look at news, I think that maybe it will be too hard to recover from such tragedies and disasters and now this virus.

Thank you dear and take care of yourself. You only have one you.

God bless

Irene L. Qld.

Dear Irene, thank you for your many years being with me and your kind words and support. Rest peacefully, really God is in charge. While it all looks bleak now, He is in charge.

I have removed your name from list.

The above words by the Holy Father Pope Francis led me to think about my work and the very different way which it came to pass.

Post abortion grief counsellor? Never thought about it.

Sexual abuse counsellor never thought about it. Indeed, these were furthest from even my understanding but as the Holy Father says *“He weaves our history and if we correspond with trust to His plan of salvation, we will become aware of it.”*

These words speak to me so strongly and they have touched my heart because I didn't even know I was following His plan but indeed that's what it was.

What I have clearly understood is that God makes lemonade from the bitterest lemons if only we would allow him to. Look at these beautiful words *“the primacy of grace covers all sins, changes hearts, (I've seen this so many times-including mine) changes lives and makes us see new paths.”*

A woman healed of abortion grief shines with grace. She walks with the Lord remembering His loving care for her. She remembers her sin but then remembers her encounter with the one who rescued her. She met Him in the middle of her shame, and He loved her still.

Dear friends,

As I come to the end of another newsletter, I can say that it has been hard these past 12 months. Hard because of the difficulty when seeing clients. Hard because of the border closures I have been unable to see my Melbourne clients as often as I should have, or even see my new grandbaby, and even though we have kept very much in touch it's been difficult.

It's been really hard because \$\$\$ support has ground to an almost stand still and that particular

tin, (which you know about) has been empty for some time now. It has been due to the generosity of small handful of individuals (and family funds) which has helped me just to keep open.

The expenses haven't changed but the way of meeting the expenses have. (Printing, postage, utilities, rent, other office expenses)

I have taken on another two new clients but I really don't know where it will go.

Thank you to anonymous who posted a donation in Elsternwick Vic. I can't thank you in person so I thank you this way.

Thank you also to Tim, Margaret, Paul C, Clare, Ron. Mary. Frances M. and several new people who I don't know.

God bless you so much.

Please continue to pray for Fran, Sarah, Belle, Sharyn, Bec, Natalie, Matthew, Julie, Chris, Thea Stephanie, and Melissa P (both new) And for me too please. (health)

I don't know what to read into the lack of support so I will wait for a while longer and then decide.

If you can please purchase a book or even both



Or even lots and give them away to priests, pastors, or anyone who can benefit.

All funds go back into VOA

Keep well and Covid safe. Till next time.

God bless you.



Anne Lastman

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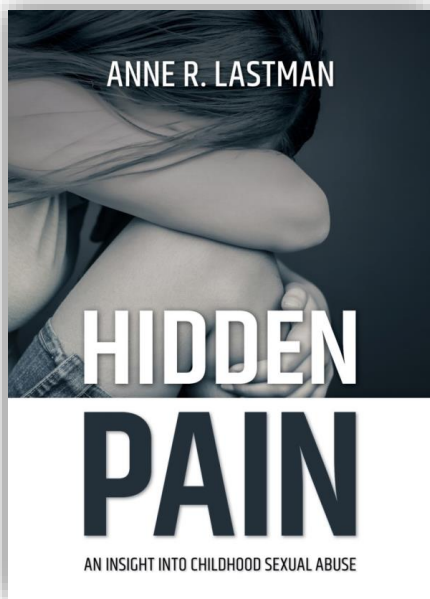
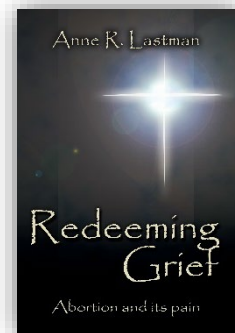
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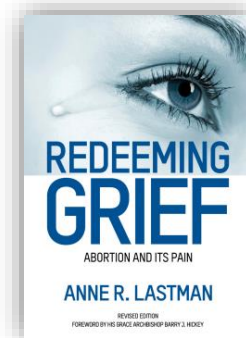
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