

## **Human Life Is Sacred! Because God Created, Redeemed and Sanctified It!**

*In Memory of the 58,+ Million Babies Who Have Died by Abortions in America*

**“Many unnatural acts are being committed in the name of love. This evil is being disguised and tolerated as an intrinsic right like any other. Even some of My priests and consecrated virgins are being caught up into this web of evil, not realizing its terrible consequences.” (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA®, Fostoria, OH, Pg. 40).**

**“Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment....For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God....His conscience is man’s most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths.” ... “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.” “You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1776, #2258, #2271).**

As we mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 2016, the federal law that legalized abortion in the United States of America, we ponder Christ's words noted above from the message of **Our Lady of America®** and the passages from the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** on the Natural Law written in our hearts, as they oppose society's view that abortion and other anti-life behaviors are intrinsic human rights. Since that terrible 1973 civil law, over 58 million innocent pre-born babies have been murdered in the womb. Any other word for this killing is a euphemism and denial of what abortion really is. This silent horror of death in the womb translates to more killings each day than the 3,000 lives lost on 9/11, and to more lives lost to abortion in the United States than the total lives lost on the battlefields of all the wars fought in US history. This genocide of an entire class of people, the pre-born, by the torturous and inhumane methods of abortion repulses us. These babies' deaths are willed by the very parents obligated by nature to care for them, and at the hands of doctors obligated by their Hippocratic oath to deliver and save them and do no harm. Is there any human rights violation greater than this act against the most innocent and defenseless among us? The first of all human rights is the right to life; without it there are no other rights. God is the Author of our human rights written in the nature and laws He established for our good. Since our human rights do not come from man, man cannot deny them to us. Aborted children in the womb are being denied their God-given personhood and human rights simply because they are still in the womb and not out of it. What a specialized discrimination against and brutal disregard for this class of people! Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, the visionary for the message of Our Lady of America®, expressed her belief that the sin of abortion is calling down God's judgment upon America and on the whole world.

Our Founding Fathers recognized God as Creator, the Supreme Authority over our land and all peoples. When God made us in His image, male and female, to become one flesh and bid us increase and multiply, He wished to share His creative power with us in the work of procreation, still the first purpose for marriage, intended for a man and a woman. He designed man and woman's

bodies to fit together in that intimate communion for this purpose, for natural acts are always open to the purpose for which they were created. God established the basic unit of society as a family in a Trinitarian fashion that mirrors His own inner Trinitarian life. As Father and Son are one in knowledge and love, so husband and wife become one flesh in knowledge and love and bring forth new life. This new life reflects the spiration of the Holy Spirit from the love of the Father and the Son. Even the conjugal act is Trinitarian, for while the two parents contribute what is of the flesh, God infuses the immortal soul at the moment of conception, fertilization. It takes three to bring forth a child. It is the immortal soul that makes the child human and unique and confers on him or her personhood and human rights. Every stage of human development from the very first moment to the last is part of one's personhood. This is the cooperative effort of procreation our Creator established in the law of our nature and which He designed to be personal, between the father and the mother of the child, not by surrogacy or scientific manipulation. Our nature itself confirms God's will that every child should have a father and a mother, for God placed half the genetic makeup of a child with the father and the other half with the mother.

God holds the copyright and trademark rights on all of creation. He wrote the Natural and the Moral Law and no one can change them; He is Eternally in the Present. Since He is the Creator and Supreme Authority over all creation, we owe Him our existence and, therefore, our humble obedience, confessing our subservience to Him. Contrary to popular acclaim, our bodies are NOT our own for we do NOT belong to ourselves but to God. Likewise, since we are created social by nature, part of a family, everything we do affects the members of the family; there is no action that is totally private or that does not harm others in some way, diminishing the nobility of our nature when we fail to live up to it. Divine Truth is really quite simple; it is totally one with itself. It is objective and immutable, not subject to the compromises, lies, or half-truths consequent to our subjective interpretations of It in our changing times. We were created by God, for God, and in Him we live and move and have our being, our purpose. We are sacred to Him.

**God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Gen 1:27)**

**"I have loved you with an everlasting love..." "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jer 1:5) [The psalmist says:] "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, Your eyes foresaw my actions; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be. How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them." (New America Bible, Psalm 139: 13-17)**

God is all holy and all good, and all He created is holy and good. But, because He gave us free will to choose to reciprocate His love, we also have the ability to reject Him. Rejection brought sin into the world, first with the angels under Lucifer, and then with Adam and Eve, our first parents. Sin brought a loss of original grace and goodness, spiritual blindness, hardening of our hearts, and a stubborn will in opposition to God that is rooted in pride, a pride that tricks us into believing we can be god, our own authority over life and death. But God so loved the world He sent His only Begotten Son into our world as the new Adam, to assume our gravely disfigured nature and re-create and sanctify it again in the image of God. By His Blood Jesus ransomed us from slavery to sin and Satan and exalted our flesh in His Sacred Humanity, and by sharing God's nature with us in His sanctifying Indwelling Presence. He paid the price for our salvation; we belong to Him. **"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are Mine." (Isaiah 43:1)**

Many Church Fathers concluded that the test to the angels had been the presentation of the Incarnation, God in human form, and the Immaculate Conception of Mary. They believe the angelic intellect was so brilliant the angels could see in advance the consequences of their actions. How, then, could they turn against God? Their free will and pride led to their refusal to adore God in a nature so vastly inferior to their own, or to honor a mere woman as greater than them in the courts of heaven. Blessed Mary of Agreda in **The Mystical City of God** describes how Lucifer asked permission of God to tempt Jesus and His Mother, but when he failed against them, he turned his revenge upon mankind, jealous of the love God has shown us in exalting our lowly nature to such heights in the Sacred Humanity, and in showing mankind such mercy in the promise of a Savior after man's fall. This is Satan's plan to steal from us what he himself lost, the vision and glory of God. We can only understand the Pro-Life battle in terms of this ancient and constant spiritual warfare of Satan against Christ and His Church. We are not dealing with mere men here but with the powers and principalities of the nether world.

**[Says Satan:] "I will sow new sects and errors, and set up laws contrary to those of the Most High in all things. I will raise up from among men false prophets and leaders, who will spread these doctrines... I will sow discord, excite wars, and set up nations against each other. I will raise up proud and haughty men to extend the dominion of sin..." (Blessed Mary of Agreda, The Mystical City of God, Pgs. 118-119)**

**[The message of Our Lady of America© carries similar warnings.] "There are those in high places in the Church who disobey and refuse respect to my Son's Vicar on earth. These betray the teachings inspired by the Divine Spirit sent by my Son to be with the Church 'til the end of time.... There are those who teach false doctrines, and those who repudiate the Holy Sacraments. They are filled with intellectual pride. And so refusing to follow my humble Son, they are being destroyed together with those who misguidedly follow them down the path of error and falsehood. Pray for these poor ones who do not realize the misery and wretchedness they are in and to which they have and are leading others." (Diary, Pg. 43)**

God's ways are not our ways. There is nothing that makes that point more clearly than abortion statistics. The Guttmacher Institute, previously affiliated with Planned Parenthood, the biggest provider and promoter of abortion, and whose figures come more directly from surveys of abortionists themselves, reported in July 2014 that half of pregnancies among American women are unintended and four out of 10 will end in abortion. Women in their 20's account for more than half of all abortions. Women who have never married and are not cohabitating account for 45% of all abortions. About 61% of abortions are obtained by women who have one or more children. It further states that 37% of women obtaining abortions identify as Protestants and, sadly, that 28% identify as Catholics. Catholic teaching considers abortion an intrinsic evil, a sin against both the Natural and the Moral Law. (Ref: [http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb\\_induced\\_abortion.html](http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html) )

In the message of Our Lady of America©, Jesus states that what is most lacking in the world is FAITH! Without Faith we deny the Truth of God, the reality of sin, and also the reality of grace. Since nothing can live in a vacuum, if we shut out God, evil spirits enter in where He is absent. Let us arm ourselves for battle against so many forces standing in fatal opposition to God by knowing clearly what our Catholic Church teaches.

**Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2270.)**

**Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of**

**human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded. (St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, Par. #2)**

A plethora of **unnatural acts** that violate man's **native excellence**, the divine purpose, worth and dignity the Creator bestowed upon our human nature, are outlined as follows:

**Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body and mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others like them are infamies indeed. They poison society, and they do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator. (Gaudium et Spes, The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #27, Reverence for the Human Person)**

The abortion agenda is filled with fallacies, the lies of Satan, too many to discuss here. Those who know God and seek to do His Will understand children are a gift from God and a great responsibility to them, but the grace God imparts to them in the sacrament of Matrimony enables them to lay down their lives every day in service to their children, and to God who has identified Himself with what we do for others. Some even quite literally lay down their lives in refusing to accept the world's view over God's.

**"Behold, children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward." (Psalm 127:3) "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deut 30:19) "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1Pet 1:15-16)**

**"... do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body."(1Cor 6:19-20) "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." (1Cor 3:16-17)**

Italian Gianna Beretta Molla, born October 4, 1922, married in 1954, was a wife, mother, pediatrician and lay Catholic activist who understood God's ways better than most. She had three children and then two miscarriages. In 1961 she became pregnant with her fourth child but developed a fibroma on her uterus in the second month of pregnancy. Doctors gave her three choices: abortion to save her life at the expense of the child's, while leaving the possibility of future children; a complete hysterectomy which would save her life but at the expense of the child's and future pregnancies; or removal of the fibroma with the chance of having other grave complications. Church teaching would allow a hysterectomy but not an abortion. Gianna chose to preserve the child's life with the removal of the fibroma. Complications followed the surgery as feared. Gianna knew it might come to a choice between her life or the baby's and she made it clear to family and doctors that the baby's life must be saved. On April 21, 1962, Good Friday, Gianna's baby was delivered by Caesarean section but Gianna died seven days later of septic peritonitis. She had laid down her life so her child might live. Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994

and officially canonized a saint on May 16, 2004. Gianna's husband Pietro and their last child, named Gianna after her mother, were present at the canonization ceremony. Her feast day is April 28. Gianna is a splendid example of lay sanctity lived out in the ordinary life of the Sacrament of Matrimony and should be an inspiration to all of us.

Satan's lies are very seductive and we are very weak, but even should we fall in this matter, our God has shown Himself to be infinitely merciful to all who ask for forgiveness. His grace can work miracles of conversion in our lives. We see such marvelous grace in the life of Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe in the landmark case. Norma has since changed sides from pro-abortion to Pro-Life and in 1997 started the Roe No More Pro-Life outreach organization to help defend the rights and personhood of the pre-born. **"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins." (Is 43:25)**

What are we doing? At least let us gather up the blood of these millions of holy innocents and join it to the Blood of the Eternal High Priest at every Mass in atonement for the sins of mankind, especially for those who have obtained, performed, assisted at, legislated for, or profited in any way, from the abortion of an innocent child, and for our own sins in neglecting to be more involved in this call to be holy in choosing life. May the united blood of these children with our Savior's bring forgiveness, healing and new life to all who have fallen into this web of evil, calling unnatural acts intrinsic rights. Let us pray to our Immaculate Mother for the conversion of our country and our people to God's laws and God's ways, to be people who choose Life!

**O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.**

**Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehood that lead to the evil of abortion and threatens the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness**

**Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen (Men of the Sacred Hearts, info@menofthesacredhearts.org).**

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