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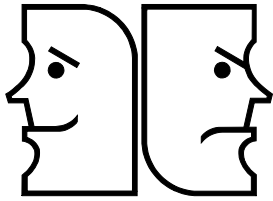
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Welcome Archbishop Joseph Kurtz



His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI announced the appointment of Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D., as the ninth bishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Archbishop Kurtz has been serving as Bishop of Knoxville since 1999. Before becoming Bishop of Knoxville, Bishop Kurtz served as a priest for 27 years in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, in charge of social services, diocesan administration, and parish ministry.



Smile & Grimace

Catholic Radio Station Not Welcome

After learning that a press conference and announcement of the new Archbishop was imminent, WLCR contacted the Archdiocese about attending the press conference. According to Cecelia Price, Communications Director for the Archdiocese, WLCR was not welcome at the conference. Only "credentialed" media were invited.

Thankfully, the new Archbishop did make himself available for a June 14th interview on WLCR. The Archbishop's interview may be heard on the WLCR website <http://www.wlcr.net>

Live Together Before Marriage and "Grow In Grace"?

The Omaha Archdiocese has severed ties with a Jesuit university's family center after two researchers urged the church to allow unmarried couples to live together and have sex and children as long as they are engaged. The Creighton University researcher essay, published in the June issue of U.S. Catholic magazine, said that more unmarried Catholic couples are living together today, and that they doubt the claim that the *couples* are living in sin. *"It would appear closer to the truth that they are growing, perhaps slowly but nonetheless surely, into grace,"* Michael Lawler and Gail Risch wrote.

The essay prompted a letter to the editor from Omaha Archbishop Elden Curtiss. The June letter, a copy of which was provided to The Associated Press by the archdiocese, aimed to discredit the researchers as Catholic theologians and dissociated the university's Center for Marriage and Family from the archdiocese.

Pope Issues Motu Proprio

Pope Benedict XVI has issued an indult for the Tridentine Mass. This allows wider opportunities for priests anywhere to celebrate the

Tridentine Latin Mass without seeking special permission.

Some believe that this is a triumph for traditionalist and could be an indication of the Pope's determination to reinforce conservative Catholic doctrine.

Belgian Bishop Charged With Homophobia... Who's Next?

Bishop Andre Mutien Leonard of Namur has been accused of the crime of "homophobia" for allegedly calling homosexuals "abnormal".

When asked about homosexual marriage, news agency 7Sur7 reports, Bishop Léonard stated that "Marriage is, by definition, the stable union between a man and a woman." He recommended that when describing homosexual unions, another name be used: "anything you want but not marriage," he exclaimed.

The accusation against the bishop was used this April in a European Parliament motion for a final resolution regarding "homophobia." Calling for the **"worldwide decriminalization of homosexuality,"** the motion specifically referred to the bishop's words, saying, "homosexuals are routinely targeted by religious leaders with discriminating language, such as that of the Bishop of Namur who on 4 April this year described homosexuality as 'abnormal' and stated that 'homosexuality is an imperfectly developed stage of human sexuality'." The motion called for an end to discrimination against homosexuals.

According to the Belgian Anti-Discrimination Act of 2003, criminal "discrimination" can refer to, "gender, so-called race, color, descent or national or ethnic origin, sexual preference, marital status, birth, wealth, age, religion or philosophy, present or future state of health, handicap or physical characteristic." In addition, the complainant does not have to prove the act of discrimination, but

rather, **it is the responsibility of the accused to prove his innocence.**

Similar accusations were made in 2004 against Swedish Pastor Ake Green. During one of his sermons, Green said, "What these people need, who live under the slavery of sexual immorality, is an abundant grace. It exists. Therefore we will encourage those who live in this manner to look at the grace of Jesus Christ. We cannot condemn these people. Jesus never belittled anyone. He offered them grace."

Pastor Green was sentenced to one month in jail, but was acquitted of the charges the following year.

Planned Parenthood Reports Record Income

During the year 2005-2006 Planned Parenthood reported that 264,943 babies were killed by medical and surgical abortions performed at its clinics. **It also claimed a record income, including a record amount of taxpayer funding.**

Planned Parenthood's total income for the year was \$902.8 million, with a 55.8 million profit.

It would appear that there is really good money in the baby-killing business.

Kudos:



**To Our
Faithful
Members**

July 2007 marks the beginning of our 15th year as an organization. During that time, through you our angels, God has provided for all our needs.

By word of mouth and through the newsletter and website, membership continues to grow and financial support has met our needs.

You have supported the annual meetings which have brought outstanding speakers to our archdiocese.

This deserves a big **SMILE!**

Catholic Doublespeak: Concerning Spalding & Bellarmine Universities

By Timothy Hughes

In the past when the president of a catholic college confronted the president of a secular college, there was a certain degree of unavoidable tension, for each represented a system of thought diametrically opposed to the other.

We Catholics believe in eternal truth. There are certain facts about our existence that have always been true. That are true now, that will be true forever: the existence and providence of God, for instance; the immortality of the soul; freedom of the will; the existence of a moral law; the divinity of the church.

But the non-catholic scholar is what is often called a relativist. He had and has no fixed values. To him, everything is afloat in a sea of change.

- The human soul? - Nonsense man is nothing more than a walking chemical laboratory"
- The moral law? – Custom, instinct, expediency, convention, superstition, a set of scruples – anything but a law, anything but changeless and eternal.
- Freedom of the will? Rubbish! Man reacts to various sets of stimuli quite automatically.

And, incidentally, things have changed so drastically that it is this sort of indoctrination to which you now often expose your teen-agers when you send them to a catholic school.

We hear that we are a pluralistic community. We are told that we must enter into "dialogues" with those around us. This sounds fine until we learn what it means: we are to read articles and listen to speeches knocking our Church. We are to get on in our mixed community by diluting our religion – by smoothing off the sharp distinctions that set Christ's own apart from the rest-becoming less catholic, in other words.

In the year 2007 we hear the following Catholic University talking points.

- *"We're not a Catholic University, but a University in the Catholic tradition."*
- *"We are a diverse community of Learners."*

This is the mentality that Universities such as Bellarmine and Spalding use to justify any type of ridiculous Speaker, Program or Conference.

Recent examples include the following:

➤ **Bellarmino University:**

Bellarmino recently provided a forum for a conference called "*Earth Spirit Rising*." This gathering was sponsored not only by Bellarmine but by numerous orders of Nuns. This gathering featured a famous witch named Starhawk.

This New Age garbage incorporates paganism by means of Mother Earth, which of course is in contrast to the Doctrines of Catholicism.

Bellarmino's answer to several e-mails expressing concern:

Thank you for your recent e-mail about the Earth Spirit Rising Conference on Bellarmine's campus. In our role as a Catholic university, we have a responsibility to provide an environment of openness to allow the free exchange of ideas. In fact, part our mission statement says that Bellarmine provides "an educational environment committed to excellence, academic freedom, and authentic conversations that are not dominated by particular political or other narrow perspectives. Here we seek to foster a thoughtful, informed consideration of serious ideas, values and issues - time-honored and contemporary - across a broad range of compelling concerns that are regional, national and international."

The Earth Spirit Rising Conference is not an endorsement of any particular religion, nor is it a denial of any particular religion, nor is it pagan. It is an interfaith conference and it is being sponsored by a significant number of Catholic entities, including several different orders of nuns and parish churches.

I hope this information clarifies the situation.

Hunt Helm

Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs
Bellarmine University

➤ **Spalding University:**

Spalding not only invited U.S. Representative John Yarmuth to speak to their 2007 graduation class, but honored him by awarding him an Honorary Doctorate. Yarmuth is a member of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood, an organization which performs more abortions nationally than any other group. (See Smile & Grimace in this issue)

What an example to our young people.

From a local news report:

Spalding University says it has received little complaint from students, faculty or parents.

The Archdiocese of Louisville said it disagrees with Yarmuth on abortion, but respects the school's right to invite Yarmuth. Spalding was established by nuns in the 19th century but now classifies itself as a "coeducational urban university in the Catholic tradition for students of all traditions." (Despite the negative publicity and the many complaints by outraged Catholics, Archbishop Kelly was present when Yarmuth received his honorary degree.)

Remember:

Spalding and Bellarmine say they are not Catholic Universities, but universities in the "Catholic tradition" (whatever that means.) They prove by their actions that they are not "Catholic". So when it's time to give to the Catholic Higher Education collection, present that check to a real Catholic University.



*Pray the Rosary for our Bishops,
Priests, Deacons, and Church
Leaders*

What People Need to Hear:

An Actual homily given in the Archdiocese of Louisville on the Feast of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi... the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Today we celebrate the feast that defines us as Catholics... **The feast** that commemorates the source and summit of our faith... .

In the 1st Reading the King of Salem... Melchizedek offers thanksgiving for a military victory by Abraham over some pagan kings. He is presented not just as a King, but as a priest of God. Giving praise and thanksgiving he offered God bread and wine.

In the 2nd Reading we heard the words of consecration we hear at every Mass. Jesus Christ commands... This is my Body... This is my Blood... Do this in remembrance of Me!

You should note there were no words uttered like... "If you have the time..." or "If and when you do this... try to remember me."

The Gospel clarifies the message... Jesus desires to feed the multitude... And he is going to do it with just a few loaves and fishes. Did you notice Jesus instructed the 12 Apostles... "Give them some food yourselves!" He did not say "go out there and hire some kids to distribute the bread."

He gave the task to His Apostles... Didn't Jesus tell Peter to feed His lambs and sheep?

Christ's priests are given the same task today. Not for just a few thousand but hundreds of millions all over the world. Christ's priests feed His sheep... They feed us... In Christ's own words... This is my Body and Blood.

Nowhere does it say what is distributed is a symbol... a semblance... No. It is the **real**... and **substantial**... **presence** of Christ.

The Body... Blood.... Soul... and Divinity of the Creator of the Universe... who assumed human form in the person of Jesus Christ... So He could be the model of what he calls **us** to be...

I keep repeating these words in almost every homily... because I'm out in the world and see first-hand ... the cancerous immorality that is destroying our society and nation.

Pope Paul VI's words were prophetic when he said, "The smoke of Satan has entered the Church."

Today on this great feast ...there is a conference taking place... and it is taking place in our diocese, in a supposedly Catholic University. A Wiccan priestess... **A WITCH**, who calls herself "Starhawk", is the leader. She claims to be able to heal soil and cleanse water.

The various groups who are meeting there espouse eugenics, or in other less refined words... **they believe and promote**... providing assistance and incentives for

population control in the poorest nations in the world... Population control is a non-threatening term for abortion and all its evil relatives.

The New Age movement has long been seen in ecological movements that incorporate paganism by means of "Mother Earth" (as opposed to defending it as God's Creation).

Christians argue that only God Himself has the ultimate answers -- and that while protecting the environment is crucial to the good Christian, introducing pagan notions (particularly nature spirits, and especially witchcraft) is contrary to the doctrines of Catholicism -- and condemned in the Holy Scripture.

What makes this conference so horrific is... four local orders of Catholic nuns, one other local Catholic University and local parishes are sponsoring, or at least supporting this program as a balance against the Ignite Your Torch Youth Conference in July... **Because** they say Ignite Your Torch is **too** Catholic!

They probably have that opinion the conference is about devotion to presence of Christ in the Eucharist and faithfulness to the Holy Father in union with the Magisterium.

But... What has all this got to do with the Feast of Corpus Christi???

Pope Benedict stated in 2005, "The misery is not produced by people who bring up children to learn faithfulness and love, respect for life and self-restraint, but by those who try to talk us out of morality..."

They have produced exactly what they claim to be preventing... a selfish society in which everyone lives his own life and is responsible for nothing and no one."

Pope Paul VI warned that "separating the two meanings of sexual relations ... love giving and life giving would contribute to marital infidelity and a general lowering of morality."

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How did we get in the state we are in today???

In the 60's and 70's... contraception led to casual sex which led to the spread of illegal abortion onward to legalized abortion, unprecedented divorce and the onset of AIDS and then newly discovered sexually transmitted diseases...

In the 80's & 90's the previous decade's excesses led to the acceptance of illegitimacy... premarital cohabitation... followed by a host of other social and personal ills... such as the Gay/Lesbian agenda...

Now in the new century, the attempt to toss out procreation as the intrinsic purpose for sex... has been the central theme on behalf of the gay lifestyle and same sex marriage...

As licentious sex became the norm... our belief structure declined... because they were and still are not compatible.

As the belief structure began to decline Jesus Christ became less real.

Of the professed Catholics in America... only **43%** believe in the real and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Compared to 65% in the 70's... and over 80% in the 50's and 60's...and **90%** in the 40's!

We now know how we got into the state we are in today... But there are questions we need to ask ourselves first...

Can we commit to those things that can change this watering down of our faith...?

When we kneel and pray (that is... **IF** we pray)... do we just pray for ourselves or do we pray for those in need?

Do we pray for those we don't like or can't get along with? Even those we can't stand?

Are we either afraid or ashamed to say **AMEN** when we receive Christ in the Eucharist?

Or is it we don't believe we are truly receiving the real and substantial body and blood of Christ?

Would we rather be on the golf course or fishing...

Ooor even sitting at home reading the Sunday paper than coming to give thanksgiving and adoration to our Creator and Savior at Sunday Mass?

How many of us still feel that standing is proper posture in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

Do we... as Catholic families pray at home as a family? Do we hold hands and wave them as we pray the Our Father as a family at home? Or is it just in church?

How often do we pray for our priests?

How often have we received communion when we know we have serious sins that should be confessed?

If we sit in the pew during the Eucharist...Are we afraid others will assume... we are really bad sinners?

Our present Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI wrote recently "We live in a culture that has lost its sense of sin."

As we try to live the meaning of the Eucharist, we can readily identify with the disciples.

As we face overwhelming problems in our own world, there is so much violence and injustice that we often feel paralyzed by the enormity of the challenge. Like the disciples, who were worried about having only a few loaves and fishes, we feel that we have meager resources for dealing with these problems.

Massachusetts Gay Marriage to Remain Legal

BOSTON, June 14 — Same-sex marriage will continue to be legal in [Massachusetts](#), after proponents in both houses won a pitched months-long battle to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

"In Massachusetts today, the freedom to marry is secure," Gov. Deval Patrick said after the legislature voted 151 to 45 against the amendment, which needed 50 favorable votes to come before voters in a referendum in November 2008.

The vote means that opponents would have to start from Square 1 to sponsor a new amendment, which could not get on the ballot before 2012. Massachusetts is the only state where same-sex marriage is legal, although five states allow civil unions or the equivalent.

Where Do Massachusetts Catholic Legislators Stand?

Rejecting the political desires of so many people were the prominent Catholic elite in Massachusetts politics. Although the legislature remains two-thirds Catholic, 92% of state senators and 67% of Catholic state representatives voted against traditional marriage. Of the members of the Knights of Columbus in the legislature, **74%** voted against traditional marriage, as did **all** members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians serving in the House or Senate.

Nonetheless, Jesus tells us also to take what little we have and to do what we can with it.

Be not afraid... There is hope... there is a remedy to the madness around us... It is the Eucharist...

The BODY... BLOOD... SOUL... And DIVINITY of our Lord and Our God Jesus Christ.

It is the food of the angels...

It is in the reception of Christ in Holy Communion, and in spending quality time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration that bears the greatest fruits.

Where there is Eucharistic Adoration there are abundant vocations...more priest mean more access to all the sacraments also... where there are priests, there are more opportunities to receive the Eucharist and to be exposed to the Real Presence.

Whoever receives the Eucharist in a state of grace receives infinite graces to withstand the crosses we are called to bear...

Remember the words? "I am the living bread which comes down from heaven... if any one eats of this bread he will live forever... and the bread I shall give for the life of the world is my **flesh**."

There is a true joy in the heart of the one who embraces Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters... **THAT'S** what Corpus Christi is all about! **AMEN**

New Archbishop Named For Louisville

The 25-year reign of Archbishop Thomas Kelly, OP, of Louisville, Ky., is drawing to a close with Pope Benedict XVI's acceptance of his resignation and the appointment of Bishop Joseph Kurtz of Knoxville, Tenn., as his successor.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, made the announcement June 12.

Kelly is one of the last remaining of the "Bernardin boys" — the crew of revolutionary young (now elderly) bishops that includes Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, N. Y., and Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester, N.Y. His tenure in the Archdiocese of Louisville was marked by an overly generous toleration of liturgical abuses and theological dissenters, and a studied indifference to Vatican rules and regulations and attempts to reorient the Church to the legitimate interpretations of Vatican II. He at times displayed intolerance to the orthodox faithful of the archdiocese whose complaints were dismissed as "mean-spiritedness." As a dossier prepared by a coalition of Catholic lay organizations informed the Holy See in a 2004 "White Paper" observed, Kelly's reign exemplifies the "failed liberal leadership that has resulted in the doctrinal, liturgical, and moral disorders that have climaxed in the sexual abuse cases that have disgraced American Catholicism."

Thomas Cajetan Kelly was born July 14, 1931, in Rochester, N. Y. He studied at Regis High School in New York City, Ithaca High School in Ithaca, and for two years at Providence College in Rhode Island before joining the Dominicans in 1951. He was ordained a priest on June 5, 1958. After obtaining his licentiate in theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., and a doctorate in canon law from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, with additional graduate work at the University of Vienna and Cambridge University, he served from 1962 to 1965 as secretary in the office of the provincial of the Dominicans' New York province.

In 1965, Kelly joined the staff of Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Jean Jadot in Washington until he became associate general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and United States Catholic Conference (now United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on June 1, 1971. He was appointed general secretary in 1977 and remained in that post until 1981, even after he was named an auxiliary bishop of Washington in August 1977.

As the late Msgr. George Kelly (no relation) once observed, Kelly's term at the NCCB/USCC was characterized by the large number of theological dissenters who were called in as experts for various conference projects and papers. But it was during the trial of the notorious Dallas pederast priest Rudy Kos that the low point of Kelly's tenure emerged.

In 1976, as assistant general secretary of the conference, Kelly approved the annulment of Kos' marriage so that he could enter Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas. Fr. Thomas Doyle, OP, told the court at one of the sex abuse trials against the Diocese of Dallas, the annulment Kelly approved was invalid for at least four reasons: Kos lied in the evidence he presented; his ex-wife, who charged the marriage was never consummated and that Kos was a pedophile, was never interviewed; the ex-wife was never informed that the annulment process was initiated; and the Dallas priest who supervised the annulment process acted as both judge and defender of the bond.

During Archbishop Kelly's 25 years in Louisville, the archdiocese disintegrated on every front. Priestly morale dropped, especially during the early exposes of clerical sex abuse in which it was reported that 6% of the priests who served in Louisville since the 1950s were accused molesters. Parents complained bitterly that religious education programs were full of errors and heresy; that the diocesan-mandated sex education programs were corrupting their children; that the archdiocese was promoting homosexuality while at the same time subverting lay pro-life and pro-family initiatives.

Priestly Formation

Kelly's successor, Joseph Edward Kurtz, was born August 18, 1946, in Mahanoy City, Pa., and was ordained for the Diocese of Allentown, Pa., in 1972. He served in parish assignments and taught at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton, Pa. From 1985 to 1991 he was moderator of the Department of Social Welfare of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. Archbishop Kurtz was serving as Allentown director of Catholic Charities and pastor of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church in Bethlehem, Pa., when he was appointed bishop of Knoxville, October 26, 1999. Archbishop Kurtz is chairman of the Committee on Marriage and Family Life, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). As Catholic blogger and Philadelphia native Rocco Palmo reported: "Kurtz is the first archbishop to hail from Pennsylvania's youngest diocese, carved in 1961 from the five 'upstate' counties of Philadelphia as the fief of fiefs underwent the last of the divisions that marked its halcyon age. "But he's just one of an emergent diaspora from the Lehigh Valley active in national and international Church circles, a group predominated by clerics in high demand

for their skills in priestly formation. " Its members include the upstate's former judicial vicar, now Bishop Ronald Gainer of Lexington; Msgr. Andrew Baker, the senior American on the staff of the Congregation for Bishops; Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan, Baker's forerunner in mitre-making and currently rector of the Twin Cities' St. Paul Seminary; the canonist Msgr. Nevin Klingler, the number two official at Columbus' Pontifical College Josephinum; and Fr. J. Michael Beers, (who was) recently recruited by the nation's vocation king, Bishop Robert Carlson of Saginaw, to lead a new house formation in the Michigan diocese (where barely two years into his tenure, Carlson ordained five transitional deacons last weekend. " The Archdiocese of Louisville was established from the historic Diocese of Bardstown, Ky., which originally contained all the land from the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River, and was established on April 8, 1808, and transferred to Louisville on February 13, 1841. It was created an archdiocese December 10, 1937. The archdiocese comprises 24 counties in central Kentucky and has a Catholic population of nearly 200,000 in a total population of about 1,180,000.

2007 Church Teaches Forum: "Am I My Brother's Keeper"?

July 20th - 21st

Mass on Friday evening will be at 5pm. **Bishop Robert Finn** will be the homilist. At the Friday evening 7pm banquet, His Excellency, **Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz** will address: *A resume of Some Contemporary Issues in the Church and Their Solutions.*

On Saturday:

Bishop Finn: *Protecting Human Life- the Authentic Lay Vocation*

Archbishop Raymond Burke: *The Mystery of Human Suffering and Euthanasia*

Fr. Tadeusz Pacholezyk: *The Science and Ethics of Stem-Cells and Cloning*

Fr. Arnsperger: *The Priest-Sentinel & Prophet of the Sanctity of Human Life*

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Modern "Table Prayer" - Invalid Mass?

Our parents taught us your ancient story, filled us with longing for a land where justice reigns: bread for the hungry, rest for the weary, a god compassionate and tender with our pain.

Choir:

We felt your thunder, saw signs and wonders, we staked our future that your word was true, God of the promise, God of the journey, we call to you:

All: (Refrain)

The prophets brought us your sacred vision, through deserts living streams would flow upon our land, the sword be banished, the bow lie broken, and peace make neighbors of the lion and the lamb,

Choir:

We saw you beckon, left all and followed, became your people, pace by stony pace; God of the exile, God of our dreaming, we seek your face.

All.: (Refrain)

Presider:

Now we remember one who loves you, who spoke your name upon our bread, who shared his table with the outcast, and every human hunger fed.

His word is wisdom for the ages, the voice of God in human sound; his touch is healing for the wounded, the hand of God to loose the bound.

His final night among the living he sat at table with his friends;

he blest his god; he faced his future: he shared the cup, he broke the bread. ,

"Take, eat this bread, it is my body; Take, drink this cup, it is my blood; Whenever you hand down my story, remember me, and share my love."

According to a long-time parishioner, the above was the Eucharistic Prayer used on Sunday, May 20th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Louisville. The parishioner does not claim to be an expert on liturgy, but he does question the validity of the words of consecration: *"Take, eat this bread, it is my body; Take, drink this cup, it is my blood; Whenever you hand down my story, remember me, and share my love."*

Perhaps a priest, deacon, or liturgist reading this article would be kind enough to contact us and inform us of the validity of changing the words in the Eucharistic Prayer to those used above. The words of the "Our Father" were also changed, but the parishioner was far less concerned about changes other than those in the words of consecration.

The Mass was celebrated on the Feast of the Ascension and the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Reverend Nicholas Rice.

The Eucharistic Prayer & Acclamations for this Mass were contained in a separate program entitled "Tableprayer".



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Silent No More

Contributed by Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner

The *Silent No More* awareness campaign is an effort that continues to grow as women who have had abortions speak out nationwide, saying, "I regret my abortion." This campaign is not a separate organization, but rather a project of Priests for Life and NOEL (a national Episcopalian pro-life group.) The *Silent No More* campaign is an effort to make the public aware of the devastation abortion brings to women, men, and their families. The emotional and physical pain of abortion will no longer be hidden in secrecy and silence but, rather, exposed and healed. This effort is a key to making abortion unthinkable and persuading society that women deserve better than abortion. Through work in abortion recovery and their personal abortion experiences, the founders of this project saw the ongoing need to let the public hear from the many women who regret their abortions and do not believe abortion is a good thing for women. The campaign has grown primarily through a network of pregnancy resource centers, abortion recovery support organizations, and pro-life groups. This campaign has three main goals: 1) make the public aware that abortion is harmful emotionally, physically, and spiritually to women and others, 2) reach out to women who are hurting from an abortion and let them know that help is available, and 3) invite women to join in speaking the truth about abortion's negative consequences. The campaign is a non-denominational Christian effort and has no political or legal agenda. Abortion must be addressed on many fronts - including the legal, political, and ethical arenas - but the national *Silent No More* awareness campaign is designed to address abortion by touching the hearts of people. Abortion should be unthinkable as an option for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Evidence of the damage abortion does to women, men, and others will help persuade society that women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy deserve better help than legalized abortion. Public awareness will be raised through: 1) gatherings nationwide that feature the voices of those who regret their abortion and who share their pain and healing experiences, 2) an hour of reflection and healing and memorial services, where women and others who are hurting from abortion can find compassionate support and understanding counsel, and 3) the publication of articles, placement of op-ed essays, and letters to editors.

WE MUST BE AWARE:

- Abortion creates emotional and behavioral problems for women.
- Abortion creates physical problems for women.
- Women still die from abortion.
- Abortion affects women spiritually.
- Women are pressured and coerced by family, friends, employers, institutions of learning and sexual predators into having abortions.

- Abortion negatively affects a woman's future relationship with men and children.
- Abortion is a band-aid that allows society to abandon women.
- Abortion is a form of racism against poor and ethnic women.
- Abortion has led to increased violence against pregnant women.
- Abortion is final.

Actress, model, and author Jennifer O'Neill, who has personally experienced abortion, gives speaking engagements and is the Campaign's national celebrity spokesperson. Events take place nationwide because everyone needs to hear the truth. Why? Because many people believe abortion is something women need and freely choose, but it is actually a painful experience that many come to regret. Women are told abortion is a simple choice and therefore are not prepared when they experience the negative consequences afterwards. These voices have been locked in silence due to pain, shame, denial, and fear of judgment. It is time for those who have experienced the tragedy of abortion to speak the truth. Women who are no longer silent about their pain and healing will help others who are still suffering in silence realize that hope and help are available.

Information on *Silent No More* can be obtained on their web site www.silentnomoreawareness.org.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..



O glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection

to serve God more and more faithfully every day.