

Free At Last!

Pro-Life hero Graham Preston of Brisbane shown here after 8 months of jail as a penalty for failure to pay fines incurred by his peaceful protests outside abortuaries

Letter from Graham, printed with permission

Dear Friends,

It is New Year's day today, so happy New Year to everyone and I trust it will be a great year for us all, lived in God's service.

This is just a brief letter to let you know that I'm now happily back home again. There was one little twist in the tail of my time inside though. On the morning of the day before I was due to be released I had started getting my things together when I was called down to the duty office. I was then told, without any explanation, that I had to throw my things together as I was being moved immediately.

Unfortunately this meant I was unable to say good-bye to many of the men except for some who happened to be about at the time. This was very disappointing. I was then driven back to Brisbane to spend my last day and night back in high security at Brisbane Correctional Centre. That wasn't so nice either but it was a good reminder of what the normal jail experience is like (as compared to being on the low security farm). Apparently the move was done simply because it was thought that there may be some media interest in my release and the authorities preferred, for some reason, that that not be covered from Palen Creek.

As it turned out, there was just the one media person, Andrew Smith, (plus Liz and most of my children) present when I walked out of the gate at 11.15am. Andrew is the Australian correspondent for LifeSiteNews and he filmed a short interview back at our home which you can view at http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/video-aussie-father-of-7-released-from-prison-after-8-months-served-for-pro?utm_source=

That was nearly two weeks ago and since then I've hardly had a chance to catch my breath with Christmas, the annual three day vigil outside the Greenslopes abortion 'clinic' and trying to spend time with Liz and each of the children. Although it was a bit grim being back outside the place of death so soon, it was good to be able to be advocating publicly again for the defenceless little ones. As always (this was the 30th year since Anne Rampa, Jim Dowling and a few others commenced the vigils) there was a mixture of abuse and support but only once was

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a sign torn down, only once did someone try to steal the signs during the night and no eggs were thrown at us!

After just a day or two home it felt like I'd hardly been away and that the months inside were almost a dream. It is good to be making the transition without too many difficulties. However I won't be forgetting about jail entirely as I'm intending to visit a number of men I made friends with inside, as soon as I receive clearance to do so. Once again, thank-you for your great support for myself and the family during 2012. This year I have been invited to speak at the Choices of Life annual dinner in Sydney in June. Our prayer time on the last Saturday of the month from 2-3pm resumes in February and all are welcome.

Although I, personally, am not planning any direct action this year we will keep in touch. May God give each of us the wisdom and courage we need to advocate most effectively for the unborn.

Sincerely,
Graham

Listen to Graham Preston's interview on ABC radio with Steve Austin http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2013/01/the-life-of-a-right-to-life-activist.html?site=brisbane&program=612_morning
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Letter from the President



The article in the Age by Mirium Claire, 22/1/13, "A woman's right to choose still a public battlefield" is an illustration that the abortion issue has not gone away.

Why is this so? Simply because abortion is killing. My late mother taught me about the reality of abortion when I was a 17 year old student about to embark on studies to become a pharmacist. She explained to me in what I believe to be very appropriate language, "Abortion is getting rid of someone," going on to point to a child I knew whose mother had been advised by a neighbour to "take a good dose of salts and get rid of it."

Having battled for many years against the burgeoning abortion industry that flourishes in this country, I look at the children, now adults, I know whose mothers might have sought abortion and reflect on the many sad women who have told me of their regret at having an abortion.

I recently attended a beautiful funeral for a baby boy of 23 weeks gestation and couldn't help but feel a deep sense of injustice of those babies of a similar age who are thrown out as garbage. No matter how many statistics Miriam quotes in favour of freely available abortion, one day I believe the world will look back in anger at this wanton disregard for human life.

Margaret Tighe
President

(Letter to the Age, not printed)



Tony Abbott & Abortion

You may be surprised to learn that I sent out this recent news release about Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott and his comments on abortion.

Tony Abbott's Hesitation Waltz on Abortion 14/1/2013

"Despite Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott's consistent anti-abortion voting record in Parliament, he now appears to be doing

a hesitation waltz on the issue, in the mistaken belief that this will somehow help him counter the ridiculous headline-grabbing charge of misogyny levelled at him by the pro-abortion Prime Minister Julia Gillard," said Margaret Tighe, President of Right to Life Australia.

She said, "Pro-life voters are appalled at his constant use of Bill Clinton's mantra that abortion "should be safe legal and rare." Only one thing is for sure, that once abortion is legal the practice of it skyrockets!"

"In taking this approach," said Margaret Tighe, "is he being influenced by his famous female advisor, Peta Credlin, who recently admitted that when applying for the Abbott position, she questioned him on his stance on abortion?"

Mrs Tighe said, "Right to Life Australia has every intention of making abortion an issue at the next Federal Election," adding, "It is essential that Australians are reminded of the scandalous misuse of taxpayers money to pay for the killing by abortion of more than 100 000 Australian babies in the womb annually."

She emphasized, "Abortion is a denial of the most basic of human rights and is anti-women. As we say," she said, "abortion means one dead and one wounded."

Mrs Tighe said, "In 2010 in the Victorian election, Right to Life Australia campaigned successfully in 7 of 9 marginal seats against those who voted for Victoria's infamous Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 which allows abortion up to birth." "Of particular note were the seats of Gippsland East, held by the Independent Craig Ingram whose support Labor needed to win office, and Mount Waverley where Maxine Morand, sponsor of the abortion bill, was on a 0.3% margin." Margaret Tighe continued, "On election night Craig Ingram blamed his loss on the Right to Life campaign against him (ABC interview, John Faine 20/11/10). Maxine Morand suffered an 8% swing against her – this was despite the counter leaflet done against Right to Life's campaign by a pro-abortion coalition in support of her."

We are tired of reading the oft quoted comment by Tony Abbott "abortion should be safe, legal and rare" This from a man who has always voted against abortion in Parliament.

It is obvious that Prime Minister Gillard is using her Emily's List colleagues to continue to brand Abbott as a "misogynist" with people like Health Minister Tanya Plibersek in particular attacking him about where he stands on the abortion drug RU486 which she regards as God's gift to women who want to get rid of their unborn child! The fact is that Tony Abbott voted against the release in Australia of RU486 in February 2006.

Well we lost that vote and RU486 is used increasingly as a lethal weapon in the war on the unborn.

By appearing to prevaricate on this issue in his latest public utterances on abortion, Tony Abbott is taking the bait that is dangled before him by Gillard's pro-abortion colleagues who are desperate to prove their "misogyny" lie by claiming that access to abortion is a must ingredient for women's rights!

Write to Federal opposition Leader Tony Abbott and tell him to stop doing a "hesitation waltz" on abortion. Write also to Prime Minister Gillard telling her that abortion means one dead and one wounded and as such, is anti-women. Address letters to Parliament House, Canberra 2600.

Good News – Bendigo Abortuary Closes

The news of the closure of the Bendigo Health Choices Clinic, with its euphemistic name, is frankly good news for the women of Bendigo and their unborn children.

The Bendigo Weekly's column contrasts the action taken by local member of Parliament, Steve Gibbons, to secure an M.R.I. so that patients including those with cancer don't have to travel to Melbourne for treatment, with the need for an abortion clinic so dishonestly titled the "Bendigo Health Choices Clinic."

Well done Mr Gibbons – your actions will help save lives whereas the lack of an abortion clinic is not a negative. Its closure will save lives. After all, abortion means one dead and one wounded.

I encourage all of you who are served by the Bendigo Base hospital to write to the Board and congratulate them! – Margaret Tighe, President

Is this where the Women's send their overflow?



This photo is of the rooms of Dr Deepali Dhillon, gynaecologist in Nicholson St. Fitzroy. It looks a pretty shabby establishment with its broken fence!

When Right to Life had its office in Nicholson St., we occasionally had a young woman come to our door with a referral from the Women's Hospital in the mistaken belief that we were Dr Dhillon's rooms. We soon discovered that the true nature of the rooms was to carry out abortions!

Recently the Bendigo Weekly carried a story about the lack of abortion providers in Bendigo and of how one young woman, having been sent to the Women's for an abortion was referred to what she called "a shabby office crowded with young women."

Emails please!

Have you given us your email address?
Please do, so we can notify you when action is required.

U.S. correspondent - Kathy Edgeworth

About the only good things one can say about the last election is that the Republicans retained control of the House of Representatives. I happened to be in Chicago at election time and the ads against two pro-life House candidates were unrelenting and unfortunately, in one case, successful. Obamacare will not be repealed and the federal government will start paying for even more abortions, since the rape and health exemptions are loopholes large enough to drive a truck through.

A number of factors influenced the outcome to the last election. When facing a hostile media, one can not afford any mistakes. Mr. Romney talked about the forty-seven percent receiving some form of federal government aid. This frightened many people who fear cutbacks to Social Security and to Medicare. He should have remembered that the vast majority of Americans have no choice about participating in either program. The Superstorm, Sandy, allowed Mr. Obama to appear presidential. Hispanics deserted the party in droves. Some sort of immigration changes will probably pass and the Democrats will undoubtedly get credit for them. A greater percentage of Republicans voted for the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act than Democrats, yet about 90% of African-Americans vote for the Democrats. It is said that had Hispanics voted Republican in the same numbers as in 2004, Mr. Romney would now be President Romney. Ms. Candy Crowley, moderator of the second presidential debate, sided with Mr. Obama which was certainly a breach of journalistic ethics to say the least. The Republican Get out the Vote computers crashed on Election Day, due to inadequate testing. As a retired computing professional, I can say that was absolutely unforgivable.

Unfortunately some of our pro-life candidates are inarticulate and a hostile media seizes on their misstatements and verbal clumsiness and doesn't let go. Two senate seats we should have won, Missouri and Indiana are examples. Pregnancy from rape or incest is horrible. The simple answer, in my opinion, is that since we believe capital punishment is too harsh for the rapist we shouldn't impose it on an unborn child, who is also a victim. Mr. Akin of Missouri lost in large part because of his statements that pregnancy as a result of rape is rare. Mr. Mourdock in Indiana stated that pregnancies as a result of rape were intended by God. In Indiana, as you may know, Sen. Lugar, a pro-lifer, was defeated by Mr. Mourdock in the Republican primary, ironically because he wasn't considered sufficiently conservative. This was, as it turns out, unfortunate. After Mr. Akin's blunders the Democratic Party increasingly tried to make pro-lifers look like extremists and embraced the pro-abortion movement with much more enthusiasm, including a vigorous defense of Planned Parenthood.

On the plus side, Time magazine did a piece on the shift of Americans to a more pro-life view since Roe vs. Wade. The Republican Party does have some good pro-lifers coming of age politically, especially Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

CALL TO ACTION

Federal Bill threatens to overturn Kevin Andrews Act

Victorian Greens Senator Richard Di Natale introduced his *Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2012* on 26 November 2012. It was introduced and read a first time.

This Bill would repeal the *Federal Euthanasia Laws Act 1997*, which means that the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory could legislate for doctor-assisted suicide. After the Northern Territory legalised doctor-assisted suicide, Kevin Andrews brought in the Federal Act which had the effect of overturning the Northern Territory Act. This stopped the doctor-assisted suicides in the Northern Territory.

It provides; "Repeal of Euthanasia Laws Act 1997

1. The whole of the Act Repeal of the Act"

The object of the Act is to "restore" the Rights of the Territory to legislate about doctor-assisted suicide. We call our members to write to their Senators and oppose this bill, in order to protect the old and sick. Doctor-assisted suicide is wrong. Nine reasons, presented to the College des Mediciens du Quebec by Joseph Ayoub, Andre Bourque, Catherine Ferrier, Francois Lehmann and Jose Morais, are (<http://www.cqv.qc.ca/?q=en/node/369>)

1. When the patient and family get proper support, demand for doctor- assisted suicide disappears
2. There is always a way out without doctor-assisted suicide, even in the most complex cases
3. People who have not asked to die will be put to death.
4. Accepting that giving death could be a solution to one problem opens the door to giving death to a hundred others
5. Decriminalisation of doctor-assisted suicide would create unwarranted pressure on the chronically ill
6. A person is not valueless because he or she is chronically dependent on dying
7. Giving patients the right to die means giving doctors the right to kill
8. Doctor-assisted suicide promotes suicide.
9. Doctor-assisted suicide has been prohibited by the medical profession for more than two thousand years.

At the time of the passage of the Andrews Euthanasia Laws Act, the A.C.T. was poised to legalise euthanasia. Imagine the impact this would have had! It is essential that the Bill of Di Natale be rejected!



DON'T DELAY ACT TODAY!

Write or email your Senators opposing the *Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill*

2012 and ask them to vote against it.

Write to your Senators: Address: Parliament House, Canberra

Email: senator.surname@aph.gov.au
e.g. seantordinatale@aph.gov.au

Victoria: Richard Di Natale, Kim Carr, Jacinta Collins, Stephen Conroy, David Feeney, Mitchell Fifield. Helen Kroger, Bridget McKenzie, John Madigan, Gavin Marshall, Michael Ronaldson, Scott Ryan

N.S.W: Mark Arbib, Douglas Cameron, Helen Coonan, John Faulkner, Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, William Heffernan, Fiona Nash, Marise Payne, Lee Rhiannon, Ursula Stephens, Matthew Thistlethwaite, John Williams

A.C.T. Gary Humphries, Kate Lundy

N.T. Patricia Crossin, Nigel Scullion

Qld: Ronald Boswell, Suzanne Boyce, George Brandis, Mark Furner, John Hogg, Barnaby Joyce, Joseph Ludwig, Ian McDonald, Jan McLucas, Brett Mason, Claire Moore, Larissa Waters

S.A. Cory Bernardi, Simon Birmingham, Sean Edwards, Donald Farrell, David Fawcett, Mary Fisher, Alexander Gallacher, Sarah Hanson-Young, Anne McEwan, Penny Wong, Penelope Wright, Nicholas Xenophon

Tas: Eric Abetz, Catryna Bilyk, Carol Brown. Robert Brown, David Bushby, Richard Colbeck, Christine Milne, Stephen Parry, Helen Polley, Lisa Singh, Nicholas Sherry, Anne Urquhart

W.A. Judith Adams, Christopher Back, Thomas Bishop, Michaelia Cash, Mathias Cormann, Alan Eggleston, Christopher Evans, David Johnston, Scott Ludlam, Louise Pratt, Rachel Siewert, Glenn Sterle

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Dying the Liverpool Way in the U.K.

By Dr Gillian Craig, retired U.K. geriatrician, an abridged version

End of Life Care? Or Ending-Life Care?

Medical practice has become polluted with politics. Faced with an ageing population and limited resources, the weakest go to the wall. The lives of children with learning disabilities, mentally incapacitated adults and the frail elderly are now at risk.

The Liverpool Care pathway was produced by a working group of 8 people, mostly Liverpoolians, chaired by Professor Ellershaw. It was produced without wide consultation. Care homes are being targeted, the aim being, "to reduce emergency admissions and reduce transfers of patients from care homes to hospitals at end of life." Failure to maintain hydration results in death from dehydration within about a week. Water is a basic human need.

A person who is sedated and subjected to the Liverpool regime is likely to die of dehydration within 6 or 7 days. The guidelines fail to mention the work of Dr Robin Fainsinger and Professor Eduardo Bruera who pioneered the use of subcutaneous hydration in palliative care. They offered subcutaneous hydration to all dying cancer patients who are dehydrated or at risk of becoming so, and by so doing reduced the incidence of distressing terminal delirium by 66%. That fact alone should be sufficient to persuade people that hydration matters. Subcutaneous hydration can be given at home.

If the Liverpool Care Pathway is used in care homes throughout the country, I predict that there will be many deaths due to inappropriate sedation without hydration. Sick elderly people tend to stop drinking and get dehydrated rapidly. If nothing is done they will die of dehydration in 6-7 days whether they have a terminal illness or not.

If you don't know a patient very well, you can't just say they are dying, and we will treat them as if they are dying, because then they will inevitably die.

Dr Craig said that in 1981 a rigorous study of 1000 hospital post mortems showed that the main clinical diagnosis was not confirmed or was only a subsidiary cause of death in 39% of cases. In half of these cases, a different treatment would have been given had the diagnosis been known. Diagnostic errors rose from 22% in the under 45's to 53% in the over 75's. In 1991 a Royal College Working Party Report indicated that 25% of patients who were thought to have died of cancer had died of something else, such as infections or clots in the lungs. Given diagnostic fallibility we

must not be too ready to stop active treatment. To say that a person is dying and to treat them the Liverpool Way without careful clinical assessment and a sure diagnosis could shorten life significantly. Old people are entitled to receive high quality medical care in hospitals, hospices and community settings.

Food and Water - Basic Care or "medical treatment?"

Dr Craig quoted Earl Howe who said that the issue is:

1. Whether food and water should be regarded as separate and distinct from conventional medical treatment,
2. Whether the right of every patient, however ill, to receive food and water, should be protected in law.

S.A. push for assisted suicide

Bob Such plans to introduce another Assisted Suicide Bill. His last one was defeated, so he is now amending it to try to get it through the South Australian Parliament. It provides, "Ending Life With Dignity Bill 2013

A Bill for

An Act to provide for the administration of medical procedures to assist death of a limited number of persons who are terminally ill, suffering unbearable pain and who have expressed a desire for the procedures subject to appropriate safeguards; and for other purposes."

It will enable medical practitioners and other persons to assist in carrying out a request for assisted suicide. South Australia members – lobby against this Bill – it is getting their foot in the door and once death walks in, it leaves its muddy bootprints everywhere. Write, email or better, go to see your Parliamentary representatives and urge them to vote no to this dangerous Bill.

S.A. HEALTH MINISTER RESIGNS

Last week, South Australian Health Minister, John Hill resigned from Parliament. On 26 November he introduced a Bill covering advanced-care directives. This defined food and hydration as health care. His Bill would have allowed doctors and nurses to implement requests for doctor-assisted suicide, by withdrawing food and hydration, in their advanced-care directives. Let's hope that his Bill is not picked up by another member of Parliament.



Good News!

Labor for Life

For those of you who have not heard of us, please do join us in Labor for Life and tell your friends who are Labor inclined and pro-life or questioning the right to life so we can educate them how precious human rights are from conception. <https://www.facebook.com/LaborforLife> just in case you know of any

Australians who are pro-life and Labor. If you are a Labor supporter or interested in what we are about please 'like' our page and feel free to email laborfor@live.com.au for further information. Let's save lives. Our mission is to connect pro-life members of the Australian Labor Party and provide information within our membership group, as relevant and keep members informed of pro-life policy and legislative issues as they arise across Australia.



Kate Lavinia McDonald and wife Bec, born 24 January 2013 at Echuca. Daughter of one of our Committee members, Ewan McDonald.



The Hypocrisy of the Federal Government in their attitude to the Unborn

Most Australians are aware of the harm caused by smoking – the deaths from lung cancer and heart disease etc. Therefore we are pleased that the government has taken steps to reduce cigarette smoking. Ironically on the new plain packages is the statement, "Smoking harms unborn babies."

How is it then that the Federal government uses our taxes to pay for the killing of the unborn by abortion. Clearly abortion harms unborn babies!

W.A. Election

Western Australia goes to the polls on Saturday 9th March 2013. We ask all our Western Australian members to ask their candidates what their views are on the life issues and what they are prepared to do to protect the weakest and most vulnerable members of our human family – the unborn, the sick elderly and those with a disability. Every member of the human family has the right to life, regardless of their place of residence, stage of development or disability. Being part of the culture of death disqualifies a "representative" from getting our vote – they do not represent us. Use your vote to support pro-life candidates and work against anti-life candidates.

INFORMATION FROM OUR MEMBERS

In December 2012, one of our members attended a specialist medical appointment at a large Melbourne private hospital. During the procedure the member and the sonographer, who performed the ultrasound, chatted, and the work of the Right to Life came up in the conversation. The sonographer told our member that she performed many ultrasounds on pregnant women in Melbourne for couples who wanted to know the gender of their child.

The sonographer said they told her they did not want a girl. The sonographer said that she knew why they wanted to know the gender of their child and did not want to tell them. In Victoria medical practitioners do not have the right of conscientious objection.

Do you have a story to tell us?

Email us on rtl@rtlaust.com

Silver Circle



Here are the winners for Dec 2012

1st. Prize (\$100) - No. 257 - Miss Florence Hoey, East Hawthorn VIC.

2nd. Prize (\$40) - No. 199 - Mrs Catherine Coles, Toowoomba QLD, VIC.

Here are the winners for Jan 2013

1st. Prize (\$100) - No. 129 - Mrs Sandra Johnson, Mulgrave VIC.

2nd. Prize (\$40) - No. 234 - Mrs C Bagguley, Maffra VIC 3860

If you would like to join, please contact

Christine Wong
christine.wong@goodshp.com.au



40 Days for Life – Can you join them?

13 February – 24 March 2013

Melbourne "Fertility Control Clinic"

118 Wellington Pde.

East Melbourne 7.30a.m.-7.30p.m. Fone 0406 322 694

www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne

"Maroondah Dr Marie Clinic"

411 Dorset Rd Croydon

Dianne 0406 322 695

www.40daysforlife.com/croydon

Sydney

1 Randle St Surry Hills

6a.m. – 8p.m.

www.40daysforlife.com/sydney

Tweed Heads

Options Clinic

127 Wharf St. Tweed Heads

Phone 02 6677 7537, 02 6672 5082

www.40daysforlife.com/tweedheads

Brisbane

"Dr Marie" Marie Stopes International
(formerly Planned Parenthood of Australia)

8 Campbell Street

Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Qld, 4006

or 07 3149 3289.

40daysbrisbane@gmail.com

Hobart

Specialist Gynaecology Centre

1a Victoria St

Hobart

Erinn McDonnell 0407 694 137

fortydaysforlife@hotmail.com

Perth

Nanyara Abortion Clinic

corner of Acton and Cleaver Terrace

Rivervale

www.40daysforlife.com/perth

Croydon Clinic Witness

A group of people witness outside the Croydon clinic from 7.15 a.m. until 9.15 a.m. every Tuesday morning and from 7.45 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. every Thursday morning. With extra members this witness could include Wednesdays. This has been going on since 1998. If you can witness, please contact Anne O'Dwyer on 0419 540 323.

Croydon Clinic Witness

Vic Parliamentary Banner

Dave Forster is co-ordinating the banners outside the Victorian Parliament House on the sitting weeks of Parliament. Would you like to be part of it this year?

Last year they developed a great protest team of very faithful banner holders. This year will be the same: gather at the top of the hill in Macarthur St, behind Parliament House, at 8.00 am and hold the banners until 9.30 am. There will be teams for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let Dave know which day(s) suits you.

At the start of the year, the banners will be short and require ten people each day, so please don't feel you are not needed. This year, if we don't have the people we can't put up the banners as we are not allowed to lean them on the fence.

In addition, this year we are going to need many extra people as time progresses and the banners get longer. So consider whether you can recruit others to come and join in. It is not a very onerous task but we do need the numbers to be able to make it happen. Last year, most of those who completed the year were not on our list at the start of the year. Hopefully, we can prod our politicians into doing something to rein in the excesses of our present abortion laws.

There will be teams for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let Dave know which day(s) suits you. Are you in it? Phone 9360 4921 or 0409 954 623.

The Truth about Get-Up Margaret Tighe

I was interested to read in the Sunday Age (5/1/13) an analysis of the political activist group Get-Up

Get-Up has always been presented to us as a group that really has an impact on matters political, leaning towards left wing issues.

Joining the group is free and just requires an email address. With 624,202 members to be reached by email, they can certainly activate to a lot of people.

However of much interest is the revelation that it is not the young who support them the most but those in the 56 to 65 age group. The young – those under 25 – comprise 7% and those over 65 comprise 18%.



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.

- **Helen Keller**



Belgium's Socialist leader Thierry Giet. His party have tabled a new legal amendment that, if passed, will allow the euthanasia of people with specific illnesses Photo: GETTY IMAGES

ALARMING DEVELOPMENT - DEAF TWINS KILLED DUE TO FUTURE BLINDNESS

According to "The Telegraph" 16 January 2013- "Belgian identical twins in unique mercy killing," Belgium is increasing the groups that can be killed legally by doctors.

It is very sad to see people who are not terminally ill nor in physical pain, and now children and Alzheimer's sufferers being added to the groups where death is seen as a solution to a problem.

After the identical 45-year old deaf twins were killed, because they were told that they would soon go blind, the Belgium legislature tabled an amendment that will allow children and Alzheimer's sufferers to be killed by a doctor administering a lethal injection. Currently in Belgium, euthanasia only applies to those over the age of 18.

In the case of the deaf twins, "The Telegraph" reports that neither "was terminally ill nor suffering physical pain."

This just shows how the slippery slope goes. -The twins were 45 years old, from the Antwerp region, and killed on 14th December 2012 by a lethal injection.

Once killing is seen as a solution to a problem, the groups able to be killed increase. First it is those who are terminally ill, then those in physical pain, then those unable to bear the thought of going blind in the future, now children and Alzheimer's sufferers. The culture of death has been embraced by Belgium and the groups designated for killing continue to expand.

New Zealand

Family Planning Declares War on Women [korr@ihug.co.nz] Ken Orr Spokesperson Right to Life 13 Jan 2013 (abridged)

Family Planning is embarking on a national campaign to have abortion decriminalised in New Zealand. The NZFPA media release stated, "that the time has come to have abortion removed from the Crimes Act 1961 and managed as a health matter."

They intend to make it no longer a crime to kill an innocent and defenceless child in the womb. They rejected the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion that found that human life began at conception and that the unborn child as the weakest and most defenceless member of the human family deserved respect and legal protection. Parliament accepted in 1977 the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

The government should now cease funding the New Zealand Family Planning Association [NZFPA], a threat to women and their unborn. It is also the biggest abortion referral agency in New Zealand. The Association in 2009 received more than \$11 in government funding.

Besides removing legal protection for the right to life of unborn children, the weakest and most defenceless members of the human family, it would also expose vulnerable women with an unplanned pregnancy to increased coercion, exploitation and abandonment by the father of the child. The NZFPA supported girls under the age of 16 having an abortion without the parents knowledge or consent. They regularly smuggle girls out of school to have an abortion without the knowledge of parents.

Ireland Mon Jan 21

30,000 pro-lifers rally in Dublin: tell Irish PM, 'Keep your promise. No abortion in Ireland. Hilary White

(LifeSiteNews.com) - Tens of thousands thronged the streets of Dublin outside the country's parliament on Friday night to demand that the Fine Gael/Labour coalition government keep a campaign promise to keep Ireland abortion-free. Demonstrators came from around the country for the vigil and rally, the highlight of which was a phone call to the Prime Minister's office in which 30,000 people chorused, "Enda, Keep Your Promise."

"We've reminded Fine Gael that abortion is not a treatment for suicide, and that the govern-

ment needs to look at the evidence given before the Oireachtas Committee which confirms that fact," vigil organizer de Faoite said.

Pro Life Campaign legal advisor, Caroline Simons, said that the idea women need abortion to prevent suicide was "completely demolished" by expert testimony at parliamentary hearings last week. Simons told the crowd, "The psychiatrists who addressed the hearings were unanimous that abortion is not a treatment for suicidal ideation. There is no evidence whatever that suggests that abortion reduces the mental health risks of unwanted or mistimed pregnancy. But there is evidence that abortion increases the risk of future mental health problems for a significant number of women."

USA - WASHINGTON, D.C.,

January 25, 2013 (LifeSiteNews)

Huddled under winter coats, hats and scarves, hundreds of thousands of pro-life activists gathered on the Mall in Washington D.C. this morning to send a clear message to politicians in the Capitol, and the whole country: 40 years is too long, abortion must end! But despite the frigid January temperatures, the crowd, made up largely of teens and young adults, was boisterous, with many groups chanting pro-life slogans and singing hymns as they walked.

This year's March marked the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, since which an estimated 55 million babies have been killed by abortion in America.

Last year's march was estimated at around 400,000 participants, likely putting this year's at the half million mark, or even beyond. The popularity of the event could be seen on social media, with the March for Life trending on Twitter for a time in the early afternoon, and Facebook exploding with photos and status updates from attendees.

Rick Santorum and Rand Paul addressed the crowd and were certain they are on the right side of history. "One day, we will be here and triumph, because love and truth always triumph," said former Pennsylvania Senator Santorum, who made a strong showing for the Republican presidential nomination last year.

Senator Rand Paul asked "Can a nation long endure that does not respect the sanctity of life?"

Can a nation conceived in liberty carry its head high if its denies protection the youngest and most vulnerable of its citizens?"