

March for the Babies – Great Success

Saturday October 11th saw Melbourne's streets fill with several thousand keen proliferers as they marched again to remind Victorians of the silent holocaust of thousands of unborn babies that have been aborted since the passage of the infamous Abortion Law Reform Act 2008.

Prominent M.P.'s Bernie Finn M.L.C., Michael Gidley M.L.A. Mt Waverley and Jan Kronberg M.L.C. addressed the crowd as well as other prolife speakers.



These photos from the March serve to contrast the good and evil sentiments expressed on that day!

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Change the Law,
Save the babies,
Help the mothers

Victorian Elections and You

Can you help? Firstly – the response to our fundraising appeal will determine the effectiveness of our election campaign.

Secondly, and most important – can you help by volunteering to help with phoning, leafleting or polling booths? Our election Co-Ordinator, Mary Collier wants to hear from you A.S.A.P. Give Mary a call on 03 9385 0100



Katrina Haller with our IT specialist Anton Pergl explaining electoral details with Mary Collier as we plan our Vic state election campaign 2014

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WE HAVE MOVED!

Our office relocation went smoothly in late September 2014. We are located downstairs from our previous offices. We have secured the same phone number (03) 9385-0100 and same address (161a Donald Street, East Brunswick 3057). The move substantially reduced our rental costs, which assists our financial position. Thanks to our faithful volunteers - Mary Price, Bernie Slater and Loraine Twentyman for their faithful assistance. If you are in the area, do visit us and have a coffee. – Mary Collier

Words of Wisdom



Bishop Jarrett

For all those who will vote at the Victorian November 29th election, we are publishing this excellent letter by Catholic Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett of Lismore N.S.W. which was distributed prior to the 2010 Federal election.

It speaks for itself.

"...We enjoy as Australians all the benefits and freedoms of a modern democratic society. Among them is our right to vote into office those candidates who we judge worthy to represent us at

the highest levels of public decision making on our land. It is the people's vote, yours and mine, which will in turn give the successful candidate the vote he or she will exercise in determining matters of policy and law in the parliamentary term ahead.

During the campaign we have had ample opportunity to scrutinise policy proposals on the range of subjects of current concern; management of the economy, asylum seekers, health and education, the environment and so on. We have also been learning more about the ideas and aspirations of the candidates standing in our electorate.

Aside from their policy statements, even more importantly we should be asking ourselves what sort of human and social values characterise our local candidates. What sort of beliefs do they espouse? What sort of values do they hold especially in regard to marriage and the family, in regard to the dignity and sanctity of human life? Is this candidate pro-life? Does he or she reflect the thinking and conduct of a person to whom I am happy, in conscience before God, to confide my vote?

Politicians have differing and variable views as to the great moral issues of our times. Consistent with twenty centuries of clear Christian belief we cannot ignore the enormous moral and social consequence of condoning the deliberate destruction of unborn human life.

Every day in Australia the lives of some 250 defenceless children are extinguished before they have the chance to see the light of day. That averages about one abortion every six minutes, somewhere in our country. There are two abortion clinics in our diocese. This unhappy reality continues because our laws permit easy access to this death-dealing procedure, including its public funding through Medicare.

Most Australians when asked say there are far too many abortions. In dealing with a difficult and complex situation we can – indeed as Catholics must – deny our vote to a candidate known to support abortion on demand – or for that matter any other procedure which is by its nature gravely immoral, such as euthanasia.

On the other hand we should support candidates who will strive to ensure that sufficient funding is made available to Pregnancy Support groups, both Christian and secular, which provide a wonderful and human support for women in time of need and enable them to bring their children happily to birth.

We should pray for our candidates. It requires considerable courage and personal sacrifice to stand for pro-life values in today's political

arena. I conclude by calling on you to being your faith and convictions formed by the gospel to the ballot box...

Yours devotedly in Christ,

– Most Revd Geoffrey Jarrett, Bishop of Lismore.

Letter from the President



Although many of our supporters do not live in Victoria, the forthcoming Victorian election to be held on November 29th is of vital importance to Australian pro-lifers wherever they live. I say this because Victoria – the second most populous State in Australia – in 2008 completely erased every last trace of protection for the lives of babies in the womb. Only the

A.C.T. had done this previously and Tasmania more recently.

Now there is a move afoot in the N.S.W. parliament in which, although not likely to be debated yet with the N.S.W. election set for March 2015, the first warning shot has been fired by Greens Upper house member Mehreen Faruqi.

Finally it is hard to believe have slid so far down a slippery slope in relation to assaults on human life. We have all this amazing knowledge of life in the womb these days with people proudly showing ultrasound photos of their child in the womb and marvelling at the saving of the lives of premature babies born increasingly early and surviving. Yet we turn a blind eye to the killing by abortion of unwanted babies often older than those whose lives have been expensively saved!

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Daniel Andrews MP co-sponsored the Abortion Law Reform bill as Health Minister in 2008.

The Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews, as Health Minister in the Brumby Government, co-sponsored the iniquitous Victorian Abortion Law Reform Act 2008. In doing so, Mr Andrews had this to say: *"In so many facets of my life, both personal and professional, I am guided by my upbringing, my core values, my beliefs – indeed my faith – but in the consideration of these matters in my capacity as both a member of this place and as the Minister for Health, it is my considered view that I must take a broader approach."*

Victorian Parliament Hansard 9/9/08 page 3322. So much for the famous "conscience vote!"

Right to Life Australia will be mounting a campaign against Mr Andrews in his marginal seat of Mulgrave.



VOTE FOR A PROLIFE FUTURE

VIC ELECTION - 29th November 2014

Victorians - this is your opportunity to elect pro-life politicians. If we are to get pro-life laws we need a majority in both Houses of Parliament, and 29th November 2014 is our opportunity to elect these. Please ask your Liberal and Labor candidates what their

views are on the life issues and – importantly - what they will do about them. In the Legislative Assembly we have listed the candidates who voted against the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 – vote for them. If a candidate voted for the Abortion Law Reform Act 2008, put them last - they do not represent you. Their voting record has disqualified them from winning your vote. Put their name last on the ballot paper.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (Lower House)

Vote for: ✓

<i>Name</i>	<i>Electorate</i>
Gary Blackwood	Narracan
Neil Burgess	Hastings
Robert Clark	Box Hill
Peter Crisp	Mildura
Martin Dixon	Nepean
Christine Fyffe	Evelyn
Matthew Guy	Bulleen
David Hodgett	Kilsyth
Luke Donnellan	Narre Warren North
Marlene Kairouz	Kororoit
James Merlino	Monbulk
Terry Mulder	Polwarth
Denis Napthine	Warrnambool
Russell Northe	Morwell
Michael O'Brien	Malvern
Donna Petrovich	Macedon
Peter Ryan	Gippsland South
Ryan Smith	Warrandyte
Murray Thompson	Sandringham
Bill Tilley	Banambra
Heidi Victoria	Bayswater
Nick Wakeling	Ferntree Gully
Peter Walsh	Swan Hill
Paul Weller	Rodney
Kim Wells	Scoresby

Vote last: ✗

<i>Name</i>	<i>Electorate</i>
Jacinta Allan	Bendigo
Daniel Andrews	Mulgrave
Louise Asher	Brighton
Colin Brooks	Bundoora
Lily D'Ambrosio	Mill Park
John Eren	Lara
Martin Foley	Albert Park
Danielle Green	Yan Yean
Steve Herbert	Eltham
Hong Lim	Clayton
David Morris	Mornington
Don Nardella	Melton
Lisa Neville	Bellarine
Wade Noonan	Williamstown
Tim Pallas	Tarneit
Jude Perera	Cranbourne
Fiona Richardson	Northcote
Robin Scott	Preston
Marsha Thompson	Footscray
Richard Wynne	Richmond

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Upper House)

Vote for: ✓

Bruce Atkinson
Richard Della-Riva
Bernie Finn
Ed O'Donohue
Inga Peulich
Gordon Rich-Phillips

Vote last: ✗

David Davis
Colleen Hartland
Gavin Jennings
Shaun Leane
Wendy Lovell
Jenny Mikakos
Mary Wooldridge

It is important to contact your candidates so they think that the right to life is an issue. If nobody talks to them about it, they think that it is not an issue – that nobody cares about it. We see no protection for unborn children and increasing demands for the killing of our frail, elderly instead of care. What is more fundamental than the right to life of every human being?

To find your electorate, go to www.vec.vic.gov.au and click on "Find My Electorate" then enter your suburb and street, or telephone the Victorian Electoral Commission on 13 23 26.

Kill bill goes to Senate Committee

Reminder: Have you written yet?

Victorian Greens Senator Richard Di Natale has proposed a euthanasia bill which the Senate referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 26 June 2014. The bill allows those with a "terminal illness" to be "medically assisted in dying." The person has to be of sound mind and certification of their illness has to be done by two medical practitioners and a psychiatrist to confirm that the patient is not suffering from a treatable clinical depression in respect of the illness.

This turns upside down the healing role of the medical practitioner, into a killing role, changing the relationship between doctor and patient.

The bill is called "Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Exposure Draft Bill 2014 – A Bill for an Act relating to the provision of

medical services to assist terminally ill people to die with dignity, and for related purposes."

It allows a person with a terminal illness, who is of sound mind, to request a medical practitioner to provide services that allows him or her to end his or her life, and grants immunity to a medical practitioner from criminal, civil and disciplinary proceedings.

It includes the administration of a substance to the person at the person's request. The person need not be suffering pain but may be experiencing "distress" or "indignity." If the person cannot sign a Certificate of Request, another person may sign on behalf of that person. That is, it allows doctors to get away with murder. We need you to write to your Senators, opposing the bill. this is essential if we are to defeat this bill.

We need better patient care, not killing.

Address letters to Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600.

Senators

Victoria

Carr, Senator the Hon Kim
Collins, Senator the Hon Jacinta
Conroy, Senator the Hon Stephen
Di Natale, Senator Richard
Fifield, Senator the Hon Mitch
Madigan, Senator John
Marshall, Senator Gavin Mark
McKenzie, Senator Bridget
Muir, Senator Ricky Lee
Rice, Senator Janet
Ronaldson, Senator Michael
Ryan, the Hon Scott

NSW

Cameron, Senator the Hon Doug
Dastyari, Senator Sam
Faulkner, Senator the Hon John
Fierravanti-Wells, Senator the Hon Concetta
Heffernan, Senator the Hon Bill
Leyonhjelm, Senator David
Nash, Senator the Hon Fiona
O'Neill, Senator Deborah O'Neill,
Payne, Senator the Hon Marise
Rhiannon, Senator Lee
Sinodinos, Senator the Hon Arthur
Williams, Senator John

Queensland

Brandis, Senator The Hon George
Canavan, Senator Matthew
Ketter, Senator Chris
Lazarus, Senator Glenn
Ludwig, Senator the Hon Joseph
Macdonald, Senator the Hon Ian
Mason, the Hon Brett
McGrath, Senator James
McLucas, Senator the Hon Jan
Moore, Senator Claire
O'Sullivan, Senator Barry
Waters, Senator Larissa

Tas

Abetz, Senator the Hon Eric
Bilyk, Senator Catryna
Brown, Senator Carol
Bushby, Senator David
Colbeck, Senator The Hon Richard
Lambie, Senator Jacqui
Milne, Senator Christine
Parry, Senator Stephen
Polley, Senator Helen
Singh, Senator Lisa
Urquhart, Senator Anne
Whish-Wilson, Senator Peter

SA

Bernardi, Senator Cory
Birmingham, Senator the Hon Simon
Day, Senator Bob, AO
Edwards, Senator Sean
Fawcett, Senator David Julian
Gallacher, Senator Alex
Hanson-Young, Senator Sarah
McEwen, Senator Anne
Ruston, Senator Anne
Wong, Senator The Hon.
Wright, Senator Penny
Xenophon, Senator Nick

WA

Back, Senator Chris
Bullock, Senator Joe
Cash, Senator the Hon Michaelia
Cormann, Senator the Hon Mathias
Johnston, Senator the Hon David
Lines, Senator Sue
Ludlam, Senator Scott
Reynolds, Senator Linda
Siewert, Senator Rachel
Smith Senator Dean
Steele, Senator Glenn
Wang, Senator Dio

NT

Perris, Senator Nova OAM
Scullion, Senator the Hon Nigel

ACT

Lundy, Senator the Hon Kate
Seselia, Senator Zed

Abortion in the US – Major Election Issue

– Margaret Tighe

Having just returned from a three week holiday in Europe, I was interested to read in USA Today – given to me on the plane - three significant references to the abortion issue in that country – with elections for Congress and state seats scheduled for November.

Clearly abortion is a major issue at elections in the U.S. - as it should be here. Let's face it – we are dealing with a major human rights issue here, yet in this country and elsewhere it is dishonestly portrayed as a religious issue or advance of women's rights!

One article in **USA Today (10/10/14)** complained about the rules that have closed so many clinics in the U.S.

"USA TODAY States adopt health rules as pretext to bar abortions

Last week Texas became the most populous state where the right to an abortion has become almost meaningless for many women. Texas had 41 clinics last year. Today it has eight, after the state imposed onerous regulations that require costly renovations and force providers to affiliate with hospitals.

The impact? Women in parts of the state have to travel as far as 550 miles to the closest provider. For women of means, that's not an insurmountable obstacle. But it can be one for those with low wage jobs, no paid sick days, child care issues or transportation problems. With clinics overloaded, more abortions will occur later, when earlier is safer. Women unable to travel might turn to dangerous alternatives.

Today, clinics are so burdened by restrictions that abortions are hard to obtain in many states and almost impossible to get in some. Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota, for example are each down to a single clinic."

More Good News!

Commenting on the campaign of ardent proabortionist, former Texas State Senator Wendy Davis who filibustered her proabortion views in a 12 hour rant that was hailed by the proabortion movement – a year ago- and who is now running for State governor of Texas, **USA Today, Rick Jervis reported:**

"AUSTIN A few dozen University of Texas students gathered in a second floor ballroom of the Student Activity Centre to await the arrival of state Sen. Wendy Davis, the Democratic contender for the Texas governor's seat.

This is a major pillar of Davis' support base: young college students in one of Texas' most liberal cities. Yet instead of being overwhelmingly supportive, the crowd was peppered with undecided voters who gave her campaign a lukewarm response. "I'm here to find out more about her and make a decision," said Riddhi Patodia, 19, a sophomore studying nutrition.

"I'm your typical swing vote," said Akshans Verma, 19, an electrical engineering sophomore. "I'm still on the fence."

The ambivalence of the UT students underscores the daunting task Davis faces in trying to win over what has been for years a staunchly Republican State. Her opponent Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican, has consistently led in polls and fundraising. A poll released last week by the Texas Lyceum, a non-partisan civic group, showed Davis trailing by 9 percentage points. A Rasmussen Reports survey released last week has her down by 11."

STOP PRESS

THE PRESTON REPORT 16/10/14



The valiant Graham Preston protesting in Hobart Photo by Mishka Gora

Dear Friends,

Court Hearing at Brisbane 13 October: "As expected, the police once again offered no evidence against me. The magistrate gave the prosecutor a hard time and was quite critical about the way the police have gone about moving me on, failing to get it right four times now. Simon, my lawyer, once again applied for costs and even though getting costs in these situations is unusual, he was successful for the second time and was granted \$1000.

That was on Monday and the "clinic" was due to open next Wednesday. My friend Jim and I arrived at 8.50am. The lights were on but at 9.30 a woman, whom I don't recall seeing before, turned the lights out and locked the door and left. No one had gone in while we were there so we decided to leave too.

... We sincerely want to thank each of you who stands with us in different ways. You are much appreciated."

On 6/9/14, Graham wrote, "Yesterday Jim and I arrived outside the abortion "clinic" near the Hobart city centre at 7.45am. After about 30 minutes four police arrived and a policewoman told us there had already been many complaints about us being there. She asked us to move away but did not give us a formal direction.

We had the baby photo and the "Every one has the right to life, Article 3 Universal Declaration of Human Rights" signs. I explained to her about the charges being dropped the day before and she said she knew about that and again asked us to move. I replied that it was important to speak up for the right to life of all human beings and that we weren't going to leave.

She said she would call her sergeant and get back to us. After about five minutes she came back, and rather to my surprise said that the sergeant had said that so long as we did not obstruct the entrance we did not have to leave! So the police left and we stayed for much of the day."

Sincerely, Graham

Vale Mary O'Connor

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent death in August of Mrs Mary O'Connor of Warrnambool.

Mary O'Connor, and her late husband John who predeceased her, were great Right to Lifers for many years.

They involved themselves in the work of Right to Life beginning in approximately 1980. They engaged in fundraising, arranging events, inviting speakers to Warrnambool, took part in protests, frequently travelling to Melbourne - some three hours drive away - to join our protests. They were even jailed once for failing to pay fines incurred by trespassing outside an abortuary.

A major part of Mary and John's activity was to participate in our annual Life Walk which had its beginning in Warrnambool. This involved approximately 100 people walking about 260 km in a week from various parts of the country, to Melbourne - a great fundraising venture.

After John's death, Mary continued to help with the annual Walks, always travelling with the team of helpers.

Perhaps the most effective work that Mary did was to establish a Pregnancy Counselling centre in Warrnambool which reached out

to many young women facing unplanned pregnancies. She was particularly good at counselling as she also worked for Lifeline.

May she rest in peace. - Margaret Tighe



This is a great shot of Mary O'Connor manning the phone at the Warrnambool Pregnancy Counselling Centre (naturally the grandchildren in the photo were not present when Mary was on duty!)



*After you die, help someone to live
Remember our life-saving work in your Will
The Right to Life Australia
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Sex-selective abortion shame evident in India Slaughter of innocents

THE ratio of female to male infants continues to decline in India and a recent report by the United Nations warned that urgent action is needed to reverse the trend.

The report, *Sex Ratios and Gender Biased Sex Selection: History, Debates and Future Directions*, was published by the organisation UN Women.

The ratio has gone from 976 girls to 1000 boys in 1961, to 927 girls in 2001, and to 918 girls in 2011.

Estimates of how many deaths attributable to sex-selective abortion and neglect of newborn girls varied widely, the report explained.

One estimate for the period of 1981-2005 is 10 million.

More recent data, from the 2011 census, shows that in some of the states in the north and the west of India, who have the worst sex ratios, the problem has eased.

Other areas of India, however, showed a decline in the ratio of girls to boys, revealing that the increased mortality of girls has spread more widely across the country.

In the history section of the report it explained how in the early 1980s amniocentesis testing began in some cities to discover the sex of a foetus. Then, some of those discovered to be female would be aborted.

The modern technology that allows girls to be aborted before birth has only made worse a situation that has long existed.

The report described how English colonial authorities were shocked at the lack of care for infant girls and there are records of female infanticide going back to 1789.

Even with the use of abortion there is evidence of female infanticide up to very recent times.

"There appears to be no more poignant image of what is wrong with Indian society than the millions of little girls that are not being allowed to be born," the report commented.

The report was critical of the continuing discrimination against women, even at a time when in many other areas India has made notable social and economic progress.

One of the factors behind the aversion to having girls in a family is the need to pay a substantial dowry at the time of marriage.

Yet, the report warned against an overly simplistic interpretation of the causes behind the preference for sons. It is a mistake to simply invoke sex discrimination or patriarchy, as some have done.

There are disparities between daughters and daughters-in-law and among men, especially for those who are poor or unemployed as they face difficulties given that families with daughters seek to marry them to men of higher socio-economic status.

The bias against baby girls is not limited to sex-selective abortion. Normally girls have a lower mortality rate than boys, but India is among the very few countries in the world where the infant mortality rate for girls is higher than it is for boys.

A section on the various legal measures taken by the government to prohibit the use of ultrasound machines to determine the sex of foetuses said the measures had had only limited success.

Government policy in a number of states penalises families who have more than two children.

Among other measures the offending families are excluded from a number of government programs.

The report admitted this constitutes a violation of human rights.

It furthermore stated that this limitation was an incentive for female

sex-selective abortion. "Indeed, among the more common rationalisations offered by doctors who agree to perform sex determination and sex-selective abortions is precisely their belief that they are helping to bring down population growth," the report said.

It also detailed how some of the programs meant to help baby girls have contributed to the violation of human rights.

For example one program promoted in several states offered financial incentives for baby girls, with ongoing payments according to the completion of the various states of schooling.

The conditions of the program included a requirement the family have no sons and that after the birth of a girl the mother be sterilised.

The imbalance between the number of boys and girls being born was not limited to India, the report noted.

It gave a brief overview of the situation in other countries, particularly China.

It did seem, the report said, that the preference for sons was on the rise in some other Asian countries.

It is also a phenomenon in some of the countries of the Caucasus in Europe.

In a concluding section the report called for more research into this problem.

In particular there is a need for more research into the role of education, the part played by clinics and doctors pushing new technologies, and the access of women to the job market.

The report draws attention to a grave problem, but leaves unanswered the question as to how much responsibility the United Nations itself has in terms of the role it has played in the push for family planning and fewer children.

Zenit

NZ General Election 20/9/2014



VETERAN PROLIFERS John Collier and Herman Jansen, both over 80, designed, built and funded their own 3.6m x 2.4 m trailer with mobile billboard. For over a week, John Collier drove the billboard throughout the electorate of Christchurch Central in the recent NZ General election (held on 20 September 2014). A few hair-raising moments occurred when the trailer uncoupled and the board swayed onto the road, but passing Cantabrians, used to pitching in during the earthquakes, assisted them to get the "show back on the road"! John decided to target both the Labour and Greens candidates who are pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia. Neither of these two candidates were successful, and the sitting MP Nicky Wagner, who beat the Labour candidate by a very slim 47 vote margin at the 2011 election, won the seat with a 2168 vote margin over the Labour candidate Tony Milne. A simple, effective sign which clearly had an impact. Well done John and Herman.

– Mary Collier

AGM Results

I am very pleased to announce the results of the Right to Life Annual General Meeting 2014, which returned the "Tighe Team" to office for the 2014-2015 year.

Members of the Committee of Management are:

President: **Margaret Tighe**
 Vice-President: **Dr Toni Turnbull**
 Secretary: **Mary Collier**
 Treasurer: **John Dynan**

Committee: Paul Johnson, Ewan McDonald, Lidia Koniuszko, Dr Katrina Haller, David Cutler.

The results were: 569 votes for the Tighe Team and 114 votes for Dr James Team.

Thank you to those who showed us their confidence in us to keep Right to Life Australia on track as a non-party political, non-denominational political lobby group.

I look forward to making an impact in the imminent Victorian Election in November 2014 and in other national campaigns to uphold the value of every human life.

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

Voluntary Euthanasia Party wants balance of power

Voluntary Euthanasia (@VE_Party) tweeted at 6:08 PM on Sat, Oct 04, 2014: We've done it! 5 Leg Council seats set for Vic Nov election - Our preferences = guarantee to refer #euthanasia to Vic Law Reform Commission (https://twitter.com/VE_Party/status/518319239380213760)

Death of S.A. Euthanasia Campaigner

Dr Bob Such, the Independent Member for Fisher in the S.A. Parliament, recently died of a brain tumour. Dr Such had unsuccessfully moved nine bills in the S.A. Parliament, aimed at legalising euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide.

At the last S.A. election, Dr Such sustained a determined campaign against him by the S.A. Right to Life Association which, whilst not removing him from Parliament, resulted in an 8% swing against him. Michael Hall, President of the Right to Life Association, South Australia, said, "It is ironic that he was proposing that people with a terminal illness be euthanased, then he himself was diagnosed with a terminal illness. He was on sick leave until his death. He has been in Parliament for 25 years, mostly as an Independent, and was well respected by his constituents. He just had a blind spot with respect to euthanasia. However some of his associates – Stephanie Key and Duncan McFetridge - said they will keep on pursuing a Euthanasia bill."

*"Laws can't change
the heart, but they can
stop the heartless"*

– *Martin Luther King*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

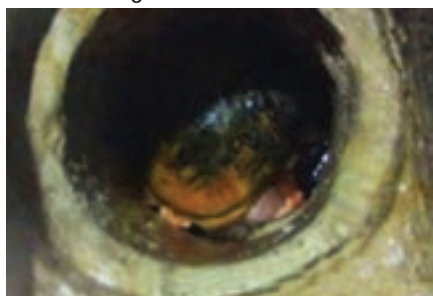
	1st Prize (\$100)	2nd Prize (\$40)
Aug. 2014	No. 33 - John And Marlene O'Brien Gullong NSW.	No. 45 - Pat Washington VIC.
Sept. 2014	No. 97 - Bill Cleary Box Hill North VIC.	No. 51 - Eileen Garoni Myrtleford VIC.
Please join for \$24 per year - contact christine.wong@goodshp.com.au		



News from around the World

CHINA - 34th Anniversary of China's Barbaric One Child Policy Today: Open Letter to Chinese President Xi Jinping

Posted on September 25, 2014 by Reggie Littlejohn of Women's Rights Without Frontiers



The newborn baby girl wedged inside the pipe from a university toilet. Photo: Europics

Today is the 34th anniversary of the official institution of China's barbaric One Child Policy, which has caused incalculable suffering to hundreds of millions of women and families of China. It is time for this policy to end. It will not work to replace it by a 'two-child policy' as some of your advisors may be suggesting. Your government has boasted that it has "prevented" more than 400 million births through this policy. These births have been prevented through forced abortions, involuntary sterilizations, confiscatory "terror fines," gendercide and infanticide – all in violation of international human rights law.

The One Child Policy causes more violence against women and girls than any other official policy on earth. The One Child Policy is China's war on women. Any discussion of women's rights, or human rights, would be a charade if forced abortion in China is not front and center.

We are aware that the cases that make it to the West are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg. For every family that posts their experience of heartbreak on the internet – and thereby risks persecution by the Chinese Communist Party – there are thousands or millions who suffer silently.

In Linyi City, Shandong Province – the hometown of blind activist Chen Guangcheng – a student at Linyi University gave birth to a baby girl in a University lavatory, left her baby stuffed down the toilet pipe, and fled the scene. A reported comment on social media site Weibo stated, "I find the image of a young woman giving birth in the loo, cleaning herself up and then going back to her room to carry on studying a particularly worrying one and a sign of the sort of throwaway society that we live in nowadays." "Chinese baby girl abandoned in university lavatory by her mother is rescued." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11105358/Chinese-baby-girl-abandoned-in-university-lavatory-by-her-mother-is-rescued.html>.

The One Child Policy Is the Driving Force Behind Gendercide in China; It Cannot Be Cured By Instituting a Two-Child Policy

According to one U.N. estimate, there are up to 200 million women missing in the world today due to

sex selective abortion. Millions of baby girls all over China are at risk of abortion or abandonment, simply because they are girls. There are 188 boys to girls. This astonishing gender imbalance can only be achieved through gendercide, the sex-selective abortion of baby girls. Instituting a two-child policy will not end gendercide. Indeed, areas in which two children currently are allowed are especially vulnerable to gendercide. According to the 2009 British Medical Journal study of 2005 national census data, in nine Chinese provinces, for "second order births" where the first child is a girl, 160 boys were born for every 100 girls. In two provinces, Jiangsu and Anhui, for the second child, there were 190 boys for every hundred girls born. This study stated, "Sex selective abortion accounts for almost all the excess males." Because of this gendercide, there are an estimated 37 million Chinese men who will never marry because their future wives were terminated before they were born. This gender imbalance is a powerful, driving force behind trafficking in women and sexual slavery, not only in China, but in neighboring nations as well.

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women's "Agreed Conclusions" for 2013 Condemn Coercive Family Planning.

World opinion stands against China's coercive family planning. The UNCSW's topic for 2013 was "Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls." There is no greater violence against women than forced abortion, up to the ninth month of pregnancy. Women themselves sometimes die as a result of these violent procedures. There is no greater violence against girls than gendercide, which has claimed up to 200 million lives of girls selected for abortion solely because they are girls.

Forced Abortion Is Official Government Rape

The Chinese forced abortion policy is systematic, institutionalized violence against women. Because of the sheer numbers involved, it is the most massive women's rights issue in the world today, and it must be stopped.

President Xi Jinping, you are uniquely positioned to end the greatest human rights atrocity on earth today. Since you are able to accomplish this, you are morally obligated to do so. Let this be the legacy of your presidency: to transform Chinese law and culture so that women can truly "hold up half the sky."

Sincerely, Reggie Littlejohn

UK - "My Unborn Baby Saved My Life"

Pregnancy Destroys Mom's Cancerous Tumor by Steven Ertelt | London, England | LifeNews.com | 4/12/13 (abridged)

An extraordinarily story out of England today has a mother talking about how her unborn child saved her life. Nicola Weller went to hospital for surgery to remove a tumor from her womb after somehow becoming pregnant even though she was on an IUD. The scan showed she was pregnant and Weller was shocked... Doctors discovered the pregnancy hormones had caused the tumor to disintegrate, meaning she did not require any treatment for it.

Weller eventually gave birth to a perfectly healthy baby boy named Brandon in September 2010 and there has been no sign of the tumor returning.

This is the miracle baby who saved his mother's life – by destroying a cancerous tumour that was growing in her womb.



Nicola Weller and Brandon

Doctors feared for Nicola Weller's life when they discovered a tumour in her womb after she had complained about a swelling under her ribs. She was referred for a hospital scan 12 weeks later prior to an operation to remove it, but when they carried out the scan, doctors made the most startling discovery.

Weller, 29, was unknowingly seven weeks pregnant ... – and the pregnancy hormones had caused the tumour to disintegrate.

Mrs Weller, a recruitment specialist, said: 'It was absolutely unbelievable. I hadn't planned to get pregnant and I'd had the contraceptive coil fitted. 'So getting pregnant was a miracle in itself – but to find that my unborn baby had caused this tumour to disappear was a further miracle. All that was left on the scan was a few blobs of blood floating around. There was no other sign of it.

'My baby ended up saving my life. Without him I may not have been here today.'

POLAND - Protest held outside Polish embassy in defence of pro-life doctor

3 September 2014: A demonstration has been held outside the Polish embassy in London to protest against the dismissal of Professor Bogdan Chazan from his post at Holy Family Children's Hospital in Warsaw. The protest was organised by SPUC.



Magdalena Ozimic from Poland, said: "We live in terrible anti-life times when even in Poland, where a huge majority declare themselves Catholic, the Prime Minister stands for killing the innocent. As a young adult I wanted to become a doctor, believing I would be saving people's lives. Unfortunately nowadays, young people who want to save lives may have to think carefully before embarking on a medical career.

