## Why I'm Voting For Life: An Honest, Open Letter to My Liberal-Leaning Catholic Friends

"In public life, Catholics need to act in support of the teachings of the Catholic Church on human life and dignity.

The Bishops speak out in a common frustration and deep disappointment at some Catholic political leaders who ignore or contradict Catholic moral and social teaching in their campaigns or votes. We do not accept the too common refrain, "I'm personally opposed, but..." or "my votes are public and my faith is private", or, "I vote my constituency, not just my own conscience."

The life and dignity of the human person is fundamental. Without the right to life, no other rights are possible...We believe every human person has a fundamental right to life. **All issues are clearly not of equal worth—life comes first."** -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "Catholics in Political Life" (1).

To my dear friends and family, brothers and sisters in Christ, I write to you today in the hopes that you understand, despite the world's attempts to divide us, that we belong to the same side. It is the side of goodness and kindness, the side of every soul in heaven, and indeed the side of every heart of good will on earth. We belong to the side of Jesus Christ.

Yet there is unmistakably a spiritual battle taking place today and oftentimes we, I myself included, fail to realize it. There is a side of darkness. A side of destruction and death, yes, yet perhaps most cunningly of all, a side of deception. And for the past several decades this deception has slowly crept into our Church walls through our hearts, from the constant influx of the worldly ideas, norms, and opinions that seem to permeate every facet of life. It is a both subtle and overt depiction of **good as evil and evil as good**, and sad to say, its influence has reached even our leaders, our beloved priests.

But I ask, indeed beg you today to take up your arms in this spiritual and moral turned political warfare, through our first and greatest defense: **prayer.** We can no longer afford to accept and embrace whatever our current culture, entertainment, and media outlets are both implying and insisting on what is true. We need enlightenment from the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. And so I ask you in all sincerity: please, even if you think all of your beliefs are fully in line with what a modern Catholic should believe...discern again. Pray the Holy Rosary, fervently and from the heart, so that Our Beautiful Blessed Mother Mary can closely guard and tenderly guide you so as to leave nothing to chance. And in addition to the "weapon" of the Rosary, pull out the Catechism, so as to be 100% sure of the teachings of the Magisterium of our humanly imperfect yet divinely one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. For there is simply far too much at stake, in terms of both lives and souls.

I don't mean for this to be a solely political commentary (we have plenty of those already), but I would like to honestly and openly address the social and moral issues that the Church speaks

up about, even if her voice has been muted and muffled recently. Specifically, I would like to address the "hot button" issue that is really affecting our communities, our nation, and our world more than any other, and is sadly grieving God's own Heart like never before.

I want to address the issue of abortion.

And I want to start out by saying that **if you, your family member, your friend, your coworker or anyone you know has ever had an abortion, that they are loved...infinitely, entirely, and unconditionally loved.** Yes, it is true. I love you. God loves you. Jesus and your Mother Mary love you. And even if the Church on earth has loved you inadequately or imperfectly, all of heaven loves you overwhelmingly and **never, ever judges** but always rushes to in to protect you and minister to you in all humility and gentleness.

I also want to say that there is healing- so, so much healing grace- available for anyone and everyone who has been physically, emotionally, or spiritually injured by this tragedy which has become so tragically commonplace in our society.

If you've had an abortion, please, allow Jesus to heal you, to hold you, to forgive you, and most of all to love you exactly where you're at for exactly who you are.

Maybe you don't believe me. Maybe you agree with me and with the Church that abortion really is the taking of an innocent life. But you do not believe that you can be forgiven, or even loved for who you are based on what you have let happen to you and your child. Please, allow me to quote Saint Mary Magdalene here, who was no stranger to guilt and shame during her life on earth:

"Dear woman, if you think you have committed a graver sin than I, you are wrong. Jesus loves me tenderly and I am a close friend to the Savior. And yet, I would repel you if you knew how I had lived a part of my life. We are all the same in that we are all sinners. Nobody in heaven looks at anyone else with anything but love and understanding. This is because we all understand that given the right set of earthly circumstances, we could make grave mistakes such as you did. Your circumstances contributed to your decision. I know this. Jesus knows this. All of heaven knows this. You must accept this, too. If you were in different circumstances, it is likely you would have made a different decision. But it is over and Jesus makes all things new. Let Him make your soul new and you will give Him far greater joy than you gave Him sorrow. I would not tell you something if it were not true. If you return to Jesus with your heart and ask Him for forgiveness, you will have forgiveness and He will forget your sins. He has certainly forgotten mine."

(For more <u>heartfelt and compassionate words of St. Magdalene to women who have had abortions</u>, as given through "Anne" a Lay Apostle on August 1st, 2005, feel free to watch the following video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TPMsLgZxu8&t=3s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TPMsLgZxu8&t=3s</a>)



That is why one of the unrivaled beauties and graces of the Catholic Church that Christ Himself instituted as His Body on this earth is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He knew we would sin, we would fail, we would make mistakes and fall short of His standard of holiness of life and perfection in love. And out of our weakness comes His Mercy, freely dispensed in the confessional, through His very action and full absolution in the person of the priest.

Indeed, the fullness of freedom is only possible through the fullness of healing. And healing requires both the acceptance of the truth about the consequences of our sin and the acceptance of the superabundance of God's forgiveness. We must apologize to, ask for forgiveness from, and ultimately become reconciled with God, our fellow human beings, and not at all any less importantly, ourselves, all of whom have been hurt by our sins. It is when we honestly and humbly confess our sins and admit our mistakes in this freeing sacrament that Jesus can incinerate them with the burning flames of Divine Love bursting forth from His Sacred Heart.

Perhaps you have never had or even participated in an abortion, and would never consider aborting your unborn child, but you agree with the idea that women should be allowed to chose to do what they want to do with "their bodies" based on their "reproductive health care rights."

In this case, I have something to share with you, lovingly yet solemnly.

God does not create life in the womb only to have that life destroyed and done away with. That is simply never His Will. Never. **Every life that He nestles inside a mother, regardless of the circumstances of the pregnancy, is a unique human being with a specific divine plan.** This is simply an irrefutable truth.

There is now no longer any room for doubt. For modern science has shown us, time and time again, that the creation of a unique human organism, entirely distinct from both of its parents, and already containing all of the DNA determining its specific biological phenotypes, (like race, gender, eye color, etc.) begins at the very moment of fertilization, when sperm meets egg.

Indeed, thousands of biology and embryology textbooks, medical dictionaries, science professors and medical researchers confirm that truly, <u>human life begins at conception</u>:

Day 1 - conception takes place (all unique DNA present)
Day 7 - tiny human implants in mother's uterus

Day 18 - heart begins to beat

Day 28 - eye, ear and respiratory system begin to form

Day 42 - brain waves recorded, skeleton complete

Week 9 - squints, swallows, moves tongue, makes fist

Week 11 - spontaneous breathing movements, has

fingernails, all body systems working

Week 16 - genital organs clearly differentiated, grasps with hands, swims, kicks, turns, somersaults

Week 18 - vocal cords work - can cry

Week 21 - youngest child to survive outside womb after premature birth

Week 23 - 17% chance of viability outside of womb if birth premature\*

Week 24 - 39% of babies survive premature birth\*

Week 25 - 50% of babies survive premature birth\*

Week 8 - all body systems present Photo of unborn baby at 8 weeks:



(\*Source: Quint Boenker Preemie Survival Foundation, 2007 and prolifedallas.org)

Drawing from the 3,000 year Judeo-Christian Tradition, the Catholic Church has regarded human life from its very beginning as blessed and sacred: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5). Additionally, Catholics universally affirm the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And yet, how could Mary be conceived free from original sin without the presence of a soul at the very moment of Conception? Regardless, the Catechism itself teaches that all unborn children from their conception are human beings entitled to all the inviolable rights of the human person and thus declares that, "Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law (see CCC #2270, under the interpretation of the 5th Commandment).

Given what scientific research, divine revelation, and indeed the voice of our own reason and conscience tells us, is it any wonder why Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "I am sure that all people know deep down inside that the little child in the mother's womb is a human being from the moment of conception, created in the image of God to love and be loved. Let us pray that nobody will be afraid to protect that little child, to help that little child to be born. Jesus said: 'If you receive a little child in my name, you receive me.'

Therefore, if you are a Catholic Christian who believes both the scientific evidence and Church teaching that life begins at conception, yet you cast your vote in favor of a pro-abortion politician, to you my friends, for the sake of the lives of the littlest and least among us, for the sake of the souls of so, so many, including all those involved in the violent act of abortion, as well your own soul and those you have any influence over...l ask you to please, please prayerfully and profoundly reconsider. For as the Archbishop of St. Louis, Raymond Burk, warns:

"There is no element of the common good that could justify voting for a candidate who also endorses, without restriction or limitation, the deliberate killing of the innocent, abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia or human cloning...These elements are so fundamental to the common good that they cannot be subordinated to any other cause, no matter how good...procured abortion is intrinsically evil, and as such, can never be justified in any circumstance" (1).

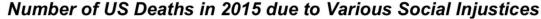
Albert Einstein once said that, "The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on it and do nothing." In the same way, *the womb* has become a dangerous place, not only because of those who perform abortions directly, but because of all those who support it through their tolerance, their indifference, and yes, their vote. As Our Blessed Mother said on November 5th, 2016: "You do not have to participate in abortion to support it. It is enough to vote for a candidate who supports abortion to lend support to this sin" (2).

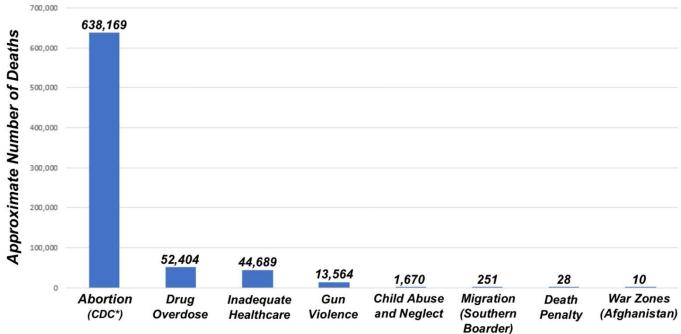
Now, I know many modern-day good and practicing Catholics will point out that life at all stages, from conception to natural death, is immeasurably cherished by God and deserves the utmost protection under the Law. And truly, this "consistent life ethic" or "seamless garment" as it is sometimes called, insists that we do everything possible to fight not only against abortion, but euthanasia, the death penalty, human trafficking, poverty, terrorism, war and any form violence as well. To quote the historic words from the first ever Presidential Address at the 2020 March for Life on January 22nd, the newly declared National Day of the Sanctity of Human Life:

"Every person — the born and unborn, the poor, the downcast, the disabled, the infirm, and the elderly — has inherent value. Although each journey is different, no life is without worth or is inconsequential; the rights of all people must be defended."

Yet at the expense of sounding overly political or partisan, abortion not just another "life issue" on the spectrum of life issues. Without the very right to life, the first and foremost of all basic human rights, there cannot be any life at all, let alone "life issues." The enemy of all that is good, through the secular mass media, press, and entertainment, misrepresent the fullness of the Truth by redirecting our attention to the events, issues, and opinions of often hidden, biased agendas and by barraging us with worldly, fear-inducing, or even overtly sinful images and ideas. Yet if we are honest and courageous enough to uncover his cunning distractions and distortions, we will come why, as Bernard Nathanson, M.D., the abortionist doctor turned pro-life advocate who presided over more than 60,000 abortions himself once said, "Abortion is the worst holocaust in the history of the US."

Note: The number of reported abortions in the following graph, which come from the CDC, is likely a much more conservative estimate of the actual number of abortions which took place in the US in 2015, given that the Guttmacher Institute, the Research Arm for Planned Parenthood, estimated that there were 926,190 in 2014, just one year before.





Sources (Left to Right): \*Centers for Disease Control, American Journal of Public Health, Gun Violence Archive, National Children's Alliance, US Border Patrol, Death Penalty Information Center, New York Times

Indeed, worldwide there are 55,000,000 killed by abortion every year, which amounts to 105 abortions every minute (3). In the US alone, there are over 3,000 abortions per day (3). This means that 3,000 mothers are being seriously emotionally and even physically wounded (a study in the British Medical Journal found that women who chose abortion were six times more likely to commit suicide than those who gave birth) and 3,000 fathers silently deprived of their children every single day....all while the massive abortion lobby and industry continue to make millions of dollars in profit, much of which becomes funds for promoting and politicizing abortion, and thus perpetuating the cycle of death and destruction.

And even though these troubling statistics adversely affect everyone, minorities are hit the hardest. A research analysis published by the American Public Health Association in 2017 concluded that nearly 1 in 4 American women will have an abortion by the age of 45 (4). Yet, according to the CDC, African Americans have abortions at three times the rate of white women and twice the rate of all other races combined (5). Sadly, this widespread unjust discrimination isn't limited to just race. "Of the babies diagnosed with down syndrome, 67% are aborted in the United States. Our world is truly being stripped of love, joy, and beauty" (6)! Retired OB-GYN and former abortionist, Dr. Kathi Aultman described the chilling paradox of the culture we live in: "If it's wanted, it's a baby. If it's not, it's a fetus."

Yet should this really come as a surprise to us when the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, was a proponent of the Eugenics movement? Indeed, Sanger wanted to purify humanity of those who she describes as "biological and racial mistakes" through birth control, sterilization, and abortion. In her 1920 book, "Women and the New Race," she even wrote "The

most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infants is to kill it" (7). Over 60 years later, at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta proclaimed that, "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" Are you beginning to see the clash of worldviews between the culture of death and the culture of life?

As Catholic Christians, we simply cannot sit back idly as innocent life after innocent life continues to be snuffed out, while the news headlines, the sporting events, the reality TV shows, and indeed the rest of the world simply go on, without seeming to care or even notice. It is time to act. That is why, in the upcoming 2020 election, we must take an uncompromising and unapologetic stand against legalized abortion and vote for life.

Sadly, the Democratic Presidential candidate, Joe Biden, fully supports unrestricted abortion throughout all 9 months for any reason, and would use our taxpayer dollars to fund it, both within the United States and abroad. Additionally, his party platform and proposed policies are at odds with multiple other non-negotiable teachings of the Catholic Church: euthanasia or "physician-assisted suicide" (which is now legal in 10 states), fetal stem cell research, human cloning, same-sex "marriage," contraception and artificial birth control, third-party reproduction (via sperm or ovum donation and a surrogate uterus), in vitro fertilization or "test tube babies" (Note: IVF intentionally ends the life of hundreds of thousands of embryonic human beings annually, by "discarding" embryonic children due to detection of diseases or disabilities. In fact, it is estimated that less than 8% of embryonic children conceived in the IVF lab will survive until birth (8)), and most recently and tragically: infanticide.

Yes, it is the startling truth. Not only has the <u>Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act</u>, which would have prohibited most abortions starting at 20 weeks (or five months) into pregnancy been rejected by nearly all of the democrats of the US Senate multiple times. But **in February of** this year, the <u>Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act</u>, which would have required abortionists to transfer infants who survive abortions to hospitals, to be given the same degree of care as any wanted newborn, was voted against by 41 of the 45 democrats in the US Senate.

Every year, an estimated 11,500 premature babies are killed in the United States in third trimester abortions, and there are thousands of living "abortion survivors" who were born alive, even after the abortionist's failed attempt to dismember, burn, or poison them (one of whom I have met and personally befriended) (9). Thankfully, the Marinist Poll from last year found that 80% of Americans want to limit abortions no later than three months, or 12 weeks, into pregnancy (10). Yet despite all of this, Joe Biden recently publicly stated that if elected he would instruct the Justice Department to block all restrictions on abortion.

Meanwhile, since his election in 2016, President Trump has deprived the abortion industry of billions of dollars. For example, he has signed legislation that has effectively:

cut taxpayer funding for any facility that performs abortions or refers clients to them

- protected taxpayer money (upwards of \$8.8 billion) from funding the abortion industry overseas;
- required insurers specify to their customers whether the plan they are buying covers abortion, and
- permitted states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X family planning.

In addition, President Trump also created a new office in the federal government for Conscience and Religious Freedom to protect medical professionals like doctors and nurses from being forced to participate in abortions in any way. (As it stands, All OB-GYN residents are required to do abortions unless they opt-out because of conscience, but that is discouraged). Perhaps this is why Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life, told the Daily Signal, "[Trump] has done more for the pro-life movement than any president when it comes to enacting policy." (To read more of President Trump's many Pro-Life accomplishments, visit <a href="https://www.priestsforlife.org/elections/trump-prolife-accomplishments.aspx">https://www.priestsforlife.org/elections/trump-prolife-accomplishments.aspx</a>, which is being constantly updated by Priests for Life.)

Now, President Trump is not perfect, by any means. He is bold. Very bold. And outspoken. Very outspoken. I will personally admit that I sometimes have to cringe a little when I hear him make some of his humorously "off the cuff" comments. But he is also bold, outspoken, and very direct about the corruption in Washington, the biases in the media, and yes, the issue of abortion itself, not just in the legislation he passes but in the way he calls out the abortion industry, the pro-abortion politicians, and the gruesome abortion procedure. (No wonder he is infuriating many of the wealthy and influential elites such as former democratic presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg and one-world globalist George Soros, who are both multi-million dollar donors to Planned Parenthood).

Clearly, Trump is not the most agreeable, charming, politically correct, or even "presidential" candidate. And yet, I reject the constant, cynical, and sometimes downright dirty narratives that portray Donald Trump as a (insert divisive label here). This is because, as evidenced by Sacred Scripture and human history, God can and often does use even the most broken and imperfect vessels, like the pagan King Cyrus the Great, the Jewish Psalmist David, and even the Christian-convert Emperor Constantine, to lead His people and carry out His designs. For God, no person is irredeemable, no past is irreconcilable, no sin is unforgivable. And Indeed, there are many reputable Protestant and Catholic prophesies regarding President Trump, including the Hermit of Loreto (author of the Pieta Prayer Book), who predicted, in the 1980's, that ... "Donald J. Trump will lead America back to God" (11).

One of the series of heavenly messages that I have personally discerned and been faithfully following since 2017 is Holy Ministries in Elyria, Ohio. The Messages of Holy and Divine Love, which have been given by Jesus, the Blessed Mother, various angels and saints, and most recently, God the Father, through visionary Maureen-Sweeney Kyle began in 1985. (I have written a Defense of Holy Love Ministries and Messages, which have been carefully discerned and openly endorsed by multiple bishops and priests around the world, on my website here: <a href="https://liveandliveon.com/the-messages-of-holy-and-divine-love-qa/">https://liveandliveon.com/the-messages-of-holy-and-divine-love-qa/</a>). Consider, for example, the

following message, which Our Lady gave to Maureen on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the day after President Trump was first elected into office:

"I have come to congratulate you and your country on your choice for the next President. Many innocent lives in the womb will be spared now. Religious freedoms will be restored and preserved. Your Supreme Court will maintain loyalty to the Constitution. Progress will be made in becoming independent of foreign oil. Your country will regain its dignity, power and respect amongst friend and foe alike. I am very pleased. I could not tell you who to vote for. I could only make your choices more clear." "Continue to pray for your president-elect" (2).

If you are anything like me, and it took you a little while and a lot of research to unite with Americans of all faiths behind Donald Trump's strong leadership and legislative efforts, I really recommend watching the following video. It is an interview with Catholic apologist Jesse Romero about his new book: "A Catholic Vote for Trump: The Only Choice for Republicans, Democrats, and Independents Alike." In it, Romero addresses common objections to Trump, such as questions like, "Why do you support Donald Trump as Mexican-American?" (5:19) "What about Trump's former immoral lifestyle or his sometimes belittling or rash manner of speaking?" (9:06), "Don't you think Trump is just using the Republican party and Christian vote to gain power?" (14:40), "What do you have to say about Trump's insistence on 'building a Wall' and even Pope Francis' comments regarding building walls instead of bridges?" (19:12):



Even if you disagree with our President's personality, past decisions, or public comments, remember that it is his policies, principles, and platform which are ultimately making a difference in your life and the lives of us millions of citizens, born and unborn alike. Indeed, our president kept his promise to only appoint pro-life Justices to the Supreme Court in appointing Justice Neil Gorsuch and Justice Brett Kavanaugh. He has also placed another 191 conservative judges on the circuit and district courts around the country. And as Dr. George Delgado, the medical director of Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) and Culture of Life Family Health Care stated on May 13<sup>th</sup> of this year: "There's a very real possibility that if Roe vs. Wade gets brought to the Court for examination that it will be overturned, either with the current Court or if one other justice is appointed."

Truly, there is a very high likelihood that, if Trump is re-elected in 2020, Roe vs. Wade will finally be overturned! Indeed, several states have already been passing new laws to regulate abortion for when this does happen, such as the "heartbeat bills" proposed in Ohio, Georgia, Louisiana, and Missouri. According to Planned Parenthood's own website, a total of 20 states have new or existing abortion bans that would be able to go into effect if the Supreme Court overturns the 1973 decision: "FACT: If Roe vs. Wade is further overturned or further eroded, one-third of all women of reproductive age in America [25 million women] could lose the ability to access abortion in their state." Truly, in all its 47 years of hard-fought battles through courageous public advocacy, compassionate social outreach, and heartfelt communal prayer, this is the most exciting time for the pro-life movement in the United States of America!

Perhaps you think that overturning Roe vs. Wade would cause women to procure dangerous, "back-alley" abortions. In the following video, former abortionist and Planned Parenthood owner dispels that notion with the facts. (For example, according to the CDC, more women died from legal abortions than illegal abortions in 1973, the year abortion was nationally legalized):



In his book, "Persuasive Pro-Life: How to Talk About Our Cultures Toughest Issue," Catholic Apologist Trent Horn, states that, "Every year thousands of women in the United States are unable to get an abortion because it is too expensive. Sometimes abortion providers simply refuse to perform abortions for women who are too far along in their pregnancies (12). But the vast majority of these women do not break the law in order to pay for their abortions, nor do they try to perform an abortion on themselves (13). Instead, they give birth to their child. If most women do not break the law to obtain expensive or hard-to-get abortions, then shouldn't we expect that, in general, women would not break the law in order to obtain illegal abortions?"

Here, I'd like to add that I've actually met a woman who, even though she considered herself pro-life most of her life, was at one point seriously considering abortion. However, she didn't have enough money to buy the abortion at the time (the average cost of an abortion

through Planned Parenthood is \$500). So she decided to "Google" it, and when she saw what an unborn child looked like in the womb at her number of weeks in the pregnancy, she changed her mind. Thus, she decided to keep and raise her beautiful and joyful little daughter, who she herself described as the "light of her life."

Now, I certainly don't doubt that there will be women who decide to travel even great distances to have abortions. But I also propose this question: If our President is re-elected and Roe vs. Wade is overturned, how many women will decide to obey the law and allow their unborn children to have a chance to live? In other words, how little baby girls and boys of unique and unrepeatable personalities, passions, and potentials- the future doctors and engineers, politicians and priests, mothers and fathers of our country- will be spared from death by abortion? Thus, how many otherwise slaughtered human beings will be able to pursue, like you and I, the path to happiness, holiness, and ultimately the Good Lord's perfect and personal plan for their lives? For in the Eyes of God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Lover of all life, one is not too many. Indeed, the great theologian and doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas tells that a single soul is worth more than the entire universe.

This is also why, in addition to bravely speaking up and kindly reaching out, we need to constantly and deeply immerse ourselves in prayer. After all, single 'Hail Mary' said with a loving heart carries with it the power to flood other hearts with grace...those in purgatory who need relief, those on their deathbed who need conversion, and those who are contemplating abortion, who need the strength, light, and courage to say "YES" to the life of their unborn child. In particular, the Rosary of the Unborn, is the "weapon of weapons" in these times, for Our Lady has promised that every single Hail Mary prayed from a loving heart rescues an unborn child from death by abortion. He has even revealed, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, that, "If you knew the power of the rosary which you hold in your hands, if you knew the power of the rosary that you hold in your hands and that you pray with your hearts, you would never put it down. It would always be with you and the prayers would always be on your lips" (2).



As the little children of a God who is utterly enamored with every part of us, none of our decisions are insignificant and all deeply affect Our Father's Heart and all His many children, even

through the centuries. Truly, our vote, like our every action and word, prayer and sacrifice, once cast, is irrevocable...irretrievable...irreversible. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Our Blessed Mother Mary, Refuge of Holy Love explained: "This life in this world is passing like a leaf in the wind. It is what you hold in your heart at the moment of your death which determines your eternity. Do not let it be the support of abortion" (2).

Indeed, when future generations look back, they will mourn the depth of darkness, disobedience, and death of our modern times. Yet they will also marvel at those who, despite all of the confusion, compromise, and controversy, chose to stand against evil, for the sake of all those that had no vote, no voice, no chance, and no choice...It may cost us our comfort and convenience, our popularity and praise, and indeed even our very lives! Yet, I truly believe that there is no more urgent task, no more important cause, no more necessary step for our country and our world than abolishing abortion, "the sin of the century which is and will be responsible for the greatest loss of life and souls" (2).

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter. Please, take these words, these statistics, and these heavenly messages to prayer and consider sharing them with others. In all quietness, allow the Lord to whisper the Truth to your heart... For in the intimate silence of heartfelt prayer, "you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free" (John 8:32).

I love you, my brothers and sisters, no matter what you decide. But I sincerely hope and pray that we can fight today's battle for life, and celebrate tomorrow's victory over abortion, together.

Yours in the Infinite Love and Mercy of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary, and the Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph,

Greg (aka "Little Gregory") <a href="https://liveandliveon.com/">https://liveandliveon.com/</a>

"... we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only faced with but necessarily in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." -Pope Saint John Paul II the Great in his Papal Encyclical, Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life).

The following PDF is a Nonpartisan Comparison of Current Party Platforms:

https://mfv.sfo2.digitaloceanspaces.com/PDF/2019-Party-Platforms.pdf



## Crusade Prayer (74) For Gift of Discernment

O Mother of God, help me to prepare my soul for the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Take me as a child, by the hand, and lead me on the road towards the gift of discernment through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Open my heart and teach me to surrender in body, mind and soul. Rid me of the sin of pride and pray that I will be forgiven for all past sins so that my soul is purified and that I am made whole so that I can receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

I thank you, Mother of Salvation, for your intercession, and I await with love in my heart for this Gift for which I yearn with joy. Amen.

Our Lady has asked us to pray the <u>Crusade Prayers</u> for 15 minutes a day to plead for Divine Mercy. Learn more about the <u>Crusade Prayers</u> in the battle for saving as many souls as possible <u>here!</u>

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