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We rejoice that our prayers have been answered in the overturning of the infamous case that the Supreme Court used to create a right to abortion in 1973. Yet the Florida constitution, under a privacy amendment voted in 1980, supports and promotes aborting preborn lives throughout all 9 months of their development. *What can you do to protect preborn lives?*

**First, it's important to be well informed.** Know the science of human development so you can respond with facts to your family and friends.

At the moment of conception, human life begins when a new unique, individual and separate human person comes into being from the combination of the 23 chromosomes donated by each human parent. At that moment, the person's personality and every physical characteristic are determined. The baby's body is an individual body, because a male baby can be inside the mother's body and preborn babies often have blood types different than their mothers.

This human person continues to develop even before its heart is beating between 18 to 21 days. Viability of a preborn baby outside the mother's body can occur as early as 6 days after conception as a frozen embryo, who can be born decades later! Most killing of preborn babies occurs between 6 to 11 weeks gestation after a baby's major organ systems are present and brain waves are detectable. Their death is without their consent and they are killed in brutal and violent ways – by poisoning, dismemberment, and having the spinal cord severed at birth.

Abortion kills more persons per year than all diseases and accidents combined and is the leading cause of death of all races of people in the US, occurring disproportionately more in the black population. *Abortion has killed over 63 million legal American citizens to date* (the population of Italy) and is the cause of more deaths than all the wars ever fought. Abortion discriminates against an entire section of humanity—preborn human babies. When you are pro-life, you are an abolitionist against the worst human rights oppression in history.

**To be pro-life is to be pro-woman.** The four exceptions cited by “good” people, even Christian people, as reasons why abortion should remain legal are these: 1) rape 2) incest 3) fetal deformity and 4) health of the mother. But women do not benefit in any of these reasons given as to why abortion should be acceptable.

First, consider that the baby is always killed in abortion and that more female babies are killed than males due to gender selection.

Second, rape is a terrible crime and deserves punishment to the fullest extent of the law, with every available help to the victim. Women tell us that abortion further traumatizes the victim of rape whereas giving life to the child conceived through rape brings healing; something good came from that terrible experience. Should the preborn baby be punished in the case of rape

in place of its father? In what other crime does a victim—in this case an innocent, preborn baby—take the punishment for the perpetrator?

Pregnancy being the evidence of the crime of incest is the only way the girl can get away from the person victimizing her. When the evidence—the preborn human person—is destroyed by abortion, the girl is given right back to the abuser. This is why “abortion is the friend of criminals” when men who abuse women through rape, incest, prostitution, and sex slavery are given a pass for their crimes.

Third, in the case of fetal deformity, it sounds compassionate to say, “Aborting the child now spares it so much suffering after it’s born.” Not true. There are adoptive families who want children with special needs. Every baby is wanted by someone, regardless of the manner of conception or condition at birth. There are over a half million families waiting for babies to adopt each year. There are not enough babies to adopt because of abortion.

Most families whose biological children have special needs find these children to be a blessing, not a burden. And the children themselves say they are glad to be alive! Parents who abort a baby given a diagnosis incompatible with life regret not having and holding their child for the hours the child might have lived. There are medical centers now that specialize in correcting deformities by fetal surgery!

Lastly, hundreds of pro-life obstetricians attest that there is never a medical reason for an abortion to save the life of the mother (surgery for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy is not an abortion). Obviously if the mother’s health is in jeopardy, an emergency c-section is the standard of healthcare, and most of the time, both the mother and the child’s lives can be saved, unlike an abortion that takes 3 days and may further compromise the mother’s health and intentionally kill the child.

**Know what God says about abortion.** He is the source of human life. It is a lie from Satan that women must sacrifice their children to have equality with men. God created men and women equal in value and dignity to share in God’s creative process, but different in physical ways. God blessed both Adam and Eve and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number (Genesis 1:28). *“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth”* (Psalms 139:15). In Jeremiah 1:5, God says, *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...”*. Jesus said *He is the way, the truth and the life* (John 14:6). Each of us existed before God created a world for us to live in!

Fertility and pregnancy are normal functions of the female body, not aberrations. With the advent of contraception and a consequent increase of sexual activity by both sexes, more babies are conceived than are desired. A society that relies on contraception to condone sexual promiscuity depends on abortion when contraception fails. *“Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him”* (Psalms 127:3). Jesus told the disciples, *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven”* (Matthew 18:10); and, *“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me* (Mark 9:37); and, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these”* (Mark 10:13-15).

Forty percent of families who abort their children say they are Christian. Christians are aborting their witness out of existence. Encourage the Christian young people in your life to remain sexually pure, to be fruitful after marriage welcoming children as a blessing, and training their children in the Christian faith.

When an unplanned pregnancy occurs, help is available. There are four times as many pregnancy help centers as abortion mills, with welcoming staff and volunteers and free practical resources to assist families experiencing an emotional crisis due to pregnancy. Care Net of Indian River County relies on churches for funding and donations. Give generously to Care Net and let secular society support the many other community non-profits. There are volunteer opportunities at Care Net for anyone's skill set. Take a Stand for Life at our annual pro-life community awareness event each January and join with other peaceful, praying Christians at the abortion mill in Fort Pierce to pray for an hour during the 40 Days for Life Spring and Fall prayer vigils.

The final action you can take against abortion is to **be politically responsible by voting for pro-life candidates** at all levels of government, who agree with our Lord that every life is sacred and worthy of protection, without exception.

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