

## BULLETIN INSERTS, JANUARY–MARCH, 2016

**January 3** - The beginning of a new year is a good time to re-commit our gifts and energies to obtaining the protection of new life that is under all-out siege in the womb. Let us pray for a new year in the future when we may celebrate legal protection for the unborn.

**January 10** - *Roe v. Wade* is the Supreme Court decision that gave birth to legalized abortion. It is time to take a new look at that historic ruling:  
Roe is a radical decision and a legally indefensible one. But what really makes Roe unbearably wrong is its consequences. The result of *Roe and Doe* has been the legally authorized killing of nearly sixty million Americans since 1973. *Roe v. Wade* authorized unrestricted private violence against human life on an almost unimaginable scale, and did so, falsely, in the name of the Constitution.” (Law Professor Michael Stokes Paulsen, cited in "The Unbearable Wrongness of *Roe*," *NRL News* 1/16/14)

**January 17** - Faced with the overwhelming impact of *Roe v. Wade*, many of us—maybe even most—flee from the facts. We deny that the living human embryo is ‘truly’ or ‘fully’ human life; ...or we proclaim uncertainty about the facts of human biology; or we proclaim moral agnosticism about the propriety of ‘imposing our views on others’; or we throw up our hands and give up because moral opposition to an entrenched, pervasive social practice is not worth the effort, discomfort, and social costs. The one position not on the table—the one possibility too hard to look at—is that abortion is a grave moral wrong on a par with the greatest human moral atrocities of all time and that we passively, almost willingly, accept it as such.” (Law professor Michael Stokes Paulsen in *NRL News* 1/16/14)

**January 24** - “After nearly four decades, *Roe*’s human death toll stands at nearly sixty million human lives, a total exceeding the Nazi Holocaust, Stalin’s purges, Pol Pot’s killing fields, and the Rwandan genocide, combined. Over the past forty years, one-sixth of the American population has been killed by abortion. One in four African-Americans is killed before birth. Abortion is the leading cause of (unnatural) death in America. (Michael Stokes, Law Professor)

**January 31**- “The right created by the Supreme Court in *Roe* is a constitutional right of some human beings to kill other human beings. I do not mean for my description to be provocative, but simply direct—blunt about facts. One need not presume that the human fetus has a right not to be killed in order to recognize that, as a descriptive matter, *Roe* creates a right for one class of human beings to kill other human beings.” (Law professor Michael S. Paulsen in *NRL News* 1/16/14)

**February 7** – “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me... See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my heavenly Father.” (Matthew 18:5,10) If Jesus forbids the despising of little ones, it is not hard to imagine what he thinks of killing them.

**February 14** - On the topic of men and abortion, syndicated columnist Ruben Navarrette writes, "As I've only realized lately, to be a man, and to declare yourself pro-choice, is to proclaim your neutrality. And, as I've only recently been willing to admit, even to myself, that's another name for "wimping out."

NRL News editor Dave Andrusko comments, "Like too many men, Navarrette accepts that he has no right to speak. Some men do this because they are browbeaten, but many others fall back on this excuse because it gives them freedom to stand on the sidelines and accept no responsibility for what happens to over One Million unborn children each and every year." (*NRL News Online* 8/10/15)

**February 21** – On Planned Parenthood, "Why should the government fund an organization that is so corrupt as to be selling the brains, livers, eyes, legs and other body parts of the babies it kills--not to mention being corrupt enough to kill them in the first place?" (Fr. Frank Pavone, quoted in column in *Catholic San Francisco* by Valerie Schmaltz)

**February 28** - "The tragedy exposed here (by the Planned Parenthood videos) is another sign that the safe, legal, and rare approach to abortion was never a tenable position. The dehumanization of unborn children leads to the dehumanization of those who perform abortions, leading from killing living human beings to treating them explicitly as commodities." (Brother Dominic Bouch, blog post on website of *First Things Journal*)

**March 6** - Gianna Jessen, who miraculously survived a saline abortion, is a powerful, living testimony to the awful realities of the abortion industry and the hypocrisy of the abortion rights movement. "If abortion is about women's rights, then what were mine?" Jessen asked. "There was not a radical feminist standing up and yelling about how my rights were being violated that day; in fact, my life was being snuffed out in the name of women's rights." (*NRL News* 9/8/15)

**March 13** – "Two conclusions should be drawn from this hearing (on defunding Planned Parenthood). First, Planned Parenthood should not just be defunded; it should be shut down entirely. And second, in next year's elections, we need to elect public servants who know the difference between serving the public and killing the public." (Fr. Paul Pavone, Priests for Life)

**March 20** - Another view of the assisted suicide option comes from a father of two who had only one month to live, "Great things come from trials. I've learned the depression doesn't get me anywhere. I consider myself one of the luckiest guys on Earth. What a blessing to have time to prepare, even to mentally prepare, to see what I will see and to be worthy of the other side." (*Fox News*, 9/29/15)

**March 27** – As we celebrate the new life Easter brings, there is a growing trend to send people off to eternal life before they are ready. California Governor Jerry Brown said, "In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death." What he should have been reflecting on instead were the poor, the disabled, the marginalized, and the elderly who are now exposed to grave and lethal new risks of

fraud, abuse, mistake, and coercion.” (Professor O. Carter Snead in *NRL News Online* 10/6/15)

### **SUGGESTED PRAYERS - JANUARY-MARCH, 2016**

**January 3** – For all those struggling to bring the light of truth to a world enmeshed in the anti-life mentality, we pray

**January 10** – That more people will be called to work for justice for those whose right to life is threatened, we pray

**January 17**- For a deeper understanding of the gifts that each individual, born or unborn, contributes to society, we pray

**January 24** – May we continue working for liberty for the captive unborn by protecting their right to life, we pray

**January 31** – That God who formed us in the womb may assist us in increasing respect and gaining protection for unborn life, we pray

**February 7** – For those praying for unborn children, that they may not give up because they don’t see the immediate results they seek, we pray

**February 14** – For those troubled with an untimely pregnancy that they may turn to God for love and support, we pray

**February 21** – For all who work in the abortion industry that they may realize their lives may be transformed by turning to God, we pray

**February 28** – For those in positions of authority that they may realize their first responsibility is to protect the lives of all they are called to serve, we pray

**March 6** – For those in positions of power who support legalized abortion that they may seek the truth by turning to God, we pray

**March 13** – For those who have had abortions that they may seek healing from the God who loves them, we pray

**March 20** – For those charged with the care of the terminally ill and the mentally and physically challenged that they may see Christ in these special people, we pray

**March 27** – That the new life of Easter may inspire us to welcome and cherish new life in the womb, we pray