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GIVING VOICE TO THE FATHERS

By Bradley Mattes, MBS

The event was publicized as a first of its kind and made news across the nation. It inflamed pro-abortion activists and has been billed by the media as a “new” concept in the debate over abortion.

Pro-life leaders, counselors, clergy and other interested individuals gathered in San Francisco, California for a history-making event. It was the first ever conference examining the issue of men and abortion. The gathering, called *Reclaiming Fatherhood: A Multifaceted Examination of Men Dealing With Abortion*.

Never before has such an impressive list of speakers and experts congregated for the sole purpose of assisting the fathers of aborted babies — dads who will never be able to hold their babies or some day teach them the fine art of hitting a baseball. These may be men who supported the decision to abort their offspring, opposed the abortion with every fiber of their being, or were never even aware of the pregnancy until after their unborn baby had died in the abortion mill.

Vicki Thorn, the Executive Director and founder of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing, organized the conference. Vicki has a long history of providing hope and healing to women who have chosen abortion. She has also become involved with reaching men. The event was co-sponsored

by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Funding for the conference was secured just months before the gathering. The fact that Vicki and her staff were able to assemble such an impressive faculty was a testimony to their diligent efforts and the dedication of the speakers. Attendees came from throughout the nation, as well as various other countries. The excellent level of participation underscored the need for such an event.

Perhaps the most poignant part of the conference was at the beginning when a few fathers briefly shared their stories of pain and grieving. During this time, the only sound in the cavernous room was the words of each father’s testimony and tributes to their unborn children lost to abortion.

With four abortions in his past, and immediately after finding out his wife was pregnant, Mark Morrow confessed, “I suddenly realized that I had four dead children. I hadn’t given it a thought. Now it all came crashing down on me — look what you’ve done.”

Another father, Jason Baier, spoke of the visual image he had of his child — a boy with blond hair, green eyes, chubby cheeks and a sweet smile. Jason found out about the abortion afterward from his fiancé’s sister. He said, “I couldn’t get the thought out of my head about what I had

lost.” At first, Jason struggled with emotions he didn’t understand. “How can I miss something I never even held?”

The list of presenters was a who’s who of experts in the field of men and abortion. Some of the speakers included:

Vincent M. Rue, Ph.D. who, as a practicing psychotherapist, provided the first clinical evidence of post-abortion trauma and has testified before Congress. Dr. Rue and Dr. Coyle reviewed the limited research on the effects of abortion on men. In an additional presentation entitled, *Trauma and Abortion: When Men Hollow*, Vince eloquently spoke to a post-abortive father’s pain and suffering.

Catherine T. Colye, RN, MSN, Ph.D. has developed a healing program for men who have been affected by abortion. She is also the author of the book, *Men and Abortion: A Path to Healing*, which has become a valuable tool for those who counsel men. Her presentation called *Forgiveness Therapy with Post-Abortion Men* highlighted proven counseling techniques for an often-thorny aspect of healing for men.

Tom Golden, LCSW teaches mental health professionals around the world about the unique male path to healing from stress, grief and trauma. He authored the book, *Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of*

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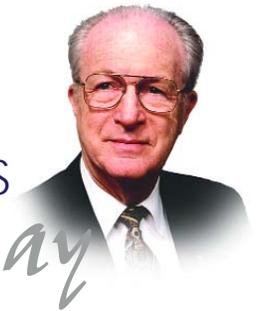
HENRY HYDE

A Pro-Life Giant and Cherished Friend

LIFE ISSUES

Today

with J.C. Willke, MD



We have lost a great hero. There is no question that Henry Hyde will go down in history as one of the central figures in the pro-life movement of the 20th century. He was one of a kind. He will be simply irreplaceable.

He served in the US House of Representatives for thirty-two years, but that wasn't long enough, and now he is gone. His death is a major loss to the entire pro-life movement. Henry and I worked closely together since he first introduced the *Hyde Amendment* in 1976. Probably no other person in public office, here or abroad, has had the influence and certainly no one commanded the respect that he did.

The *Hyde Amendment* bans public funding of abortions through Medicaid. The year before it was passed, the federal government had paid for over three hundred thousand abortions for low-income women. Afterward, this number literally dropped to zero. That was thirty-two years ago, and the *Hyde Amendment* has been in place ever since, annually renewed each year by Congress. No one can estimate how many lives have been saved. Since that time, the total number of abortions done have exceeded one million every year. If we estimate that there would be perhaps ten per cent more if the government were footing the bill, we would come up with several million lives saved. This is awesome, but it is a fact. No other action of any individual or group, since that time, can claim an accomplishment even close to this. When President Clinton assumed office, the *Hyde Amendment* was threatened. In order to save it, Henry and our other resident hero, Congressman Chris Smith, allowed assault rape and incest exceptions to be added. With this concession, the *Hyde Amendment* stayed in place, and has remained unchanged since that time, while the number of abortions

done under that rape and incest clause has been infinitesimal compared to the total lives it saved.

In April of 2006, Life Issues Institute presented Henry with our *Hero At Heart* award, given to select individuals who demonstrate outstanding courage or compassion on behalf of innocent life.

Congressman Chris Smith, upon whom we now hang the mantle of being the most influential pro-life lawmaker in Washington, has said, "Henry Hyde was one of the rarest, most accomplished and most distinguished members of Congress ever to serve. He was a class act. He was a man of deep and abiding faith, generous to a fault, with an incisive mind that worked seamlessly with his incredible sense of humor. Having served with this brilliant, one of a kind lawmaker, I know the world will truly miss him. Still we take comfort in knowing that Henry Hyde's kind, compassionate and generous wit and ability will live on in the many laws he wrote to protect and enhance the lives of others."

He was simply an extraordinary person. Championing, as he did a very controversial subject, i.e. protection for the unborn, nevertheless he had almost no enemies. He was gracious and respectful to everyone, including those who disagreed with him most vehemently. When he stood up to speak on the floor of the House, there was quiet as all eyes turned to him and everyone listened. Many was the time when there was a close vote coming and Henry stood and pleaded our side of the case. Often then, our side triumphed.

He was a gifted orator, a brilliant word craftsman and a wise and thoughtful legislator. Henry held the undying respect on both sides of the aisle. He was man of total integrity, fair and respectful. President Bush presented him, shortly before his death, with the Presidential Medal of

Freedom, calling him a powerful "defender of life," and said that he was perhaps the most patriotic American he has ever met. Henry spoke with wit, passion and deep convictions, particularly about the right to life of the unborn.

An example of his eloquence was in 2000 when he spoke in support of the ban on partial-birth abortions. He stated that this was a question, not of religion or public policy, but of basic human dignity. "We are knee deep," he said, "in a culture of death. Look at this advanced democracy in this year of 2000. Is it our crowning achievement that we have learned to treat people as things? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and culture of death. God put us in the world to do noble things, to love, to cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them. Today we must choose sides."

I will remember with real satisfaction over a decade ago when Steve Chabot was first elected from my own congressional district in Cincinnati. There was an opening on the House Judiciary Committee. I talked to Henry and suggested that Steve be appointed to that position. He took my advice. Steve turned out to be one of the leading pro-life members of Congress, being the prime sponsor and lead supporter of a number of crucial pro-life bills that have been passed. On any number of occasions, Henry later thanked me for suggesting Steve, telling me once that we hit a homerun in putting him on the committee.

Time goes on, and Henry has gone to his well-deserved reward.

Well done Henry, you have been a good and faithful servant. 🌀

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the *Masculine Side of Healing*. Tom explained the unique methods of effective male grief counseling and how they differ from women. His gentle demeanor, peppered with humor, was a popular part of the conference.

Warren L. Williams, MBA is one of the nation's most experienced counselors of grieving fathers. He authored a manual to teach others how to counsel post-abortive fathers called, *Fatherhood Lost*, and has written a companion Bible study for men, *Missing Arrows* — both available at no cost through Life Issues Institute.

Warren shared his knowledge with helping men face their abortion experience and enabling them to ultimately move on.

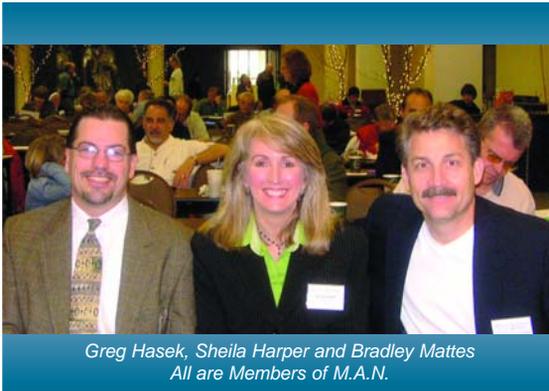
Gregory Hasek, MA/MFT, LPC is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a professor at George Fox University. Greg, who counsels men for sex addiction, said it is often linked to a past abortion experience. His presentation, *Medicating the Pain of Lost Fatherhood*, explained how men frequently seek relief from the pain of abortion in all the wrong places.

These speakers, as well as others at the conference, share a passion for helping fathers who have lost children to abortion. They understand the human toll these men, and society as a whole, are paying for abortion-on-demand. Attendees undoubtedly left with an increased knowledge and zeal to minister to men.

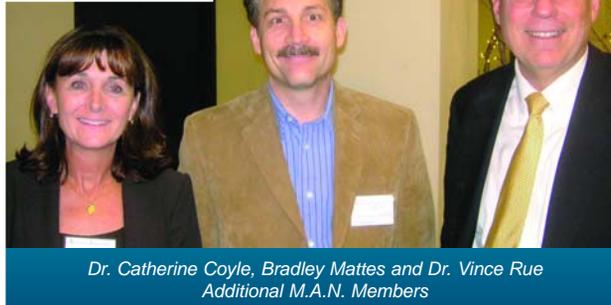
The conference has aroused the curiosity of the media and ignited an expected angry outcry from feminists and the abortion industry. The first day, a local San Francisco TV station covered the event and interviewed various speakers and attendees. We held our collective breath, wondering how this outreach to men would be portrayed to people throughout the city. To

everyone's pleasant surprise, the coverage was relatively positive and fair. Since then, many newspaper and Internet websites have given the conference attention. A recent addition to the list was the *Los Angeles Times* with a January 8 article entitled, *Changing Abortion's Pronoun*, which has generated considerable awareness and discussion.

Not all the responses to the conference have been affirming. Many of the bloggers representing the views of hard-core,



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pro-abortion sentiment spewed hatred and obscenity-laden vitriol, far too inappropriate to replicate here. It's possible that many who expressed rage and anger are in their own minds desperately seeking to defend a prior abortion decision. If and when the emotional wall of denial crumbles, we will be there to help them pick up the pieces of their lives.

It's not a surprise that the *LA Times* article referred to the plight of grieving fathers as "a new voice...emerging in the abortion debate." Most of the public has never even considered the fact that a father of an aborted baby might suffer negative psychological effects. For that matter, a good percentage of the pro-life movement has yet to experience this revelation.

However in reality, work in the

field of men and abortion has been ongoing for some time. In the June 1996 issue of *Life Issues Connector* I wrote about the reasons for post-abortion stress in men and its common symptoms. In addition, the article conveyed some practical guidelines for counseling these hurting fathers. At the time, awareness regarding this issue was nearly non-existent.

Life Issues Institute's decision to explore this growing crisis was precipitated by contact from several post-abortive men over a period of months, who poured out their heart and soul in letters and emails. It occurred to Dr. Willke and myself that we had been missing a very important victim of the abortion process.

During early anecdotal research, I crossed paths with some of the true pioneers of those working to help men cope with the loss of a child through abortion. Several of them seemed to be operating as islands of hope, loosely networked to others of the same passion. There are two individuals who deserve much credit for helping to establish a foundation on which to

build awareness and assistance to fathers after abortion.

Rev. Wayne Brauning wrote his doctoral thesis called *Men and Abortion a*

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Dynamite Happenings In Kansas

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The abortion pot is boiling in Kansas and it may soon overflow. At this writing, developments continue, so let's take a look at some of what is happening there.

For years now, the central figure on the abortion scene has been George Tiller (aka: Tiller the Killer), the late-term abortionist in Wichita. It is known that he receives referrals for very late-term abortions (third trimester) from all over the country and abroad. Such patients are housed at a nearby motel during the two days it takes to dilate their cervixes with inserted dehydrated material. All attempts to stop or limit him have been unsuccessful. Part of the reason, in the last few years, has been an aggressive effort to protect him by a strongly activist, pro-abortion governor, Kathleen Sebelius and other officials whose election campaigns Tiller has heavily financed.

Operation Rescue has maintained a sidewalk presence outside of his killing center for years. Recently, Choices Medical Clinic, Inc. purchased the property next door, which has facilitated pro-life exposure to incoming clients.

Kansas state Attorney General, Phil Kline, had initiated action against Tiller, as well as a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. Kline was defeated in the last election by the District Attorney of Johnson County, the result being that the two men switched offices. Prior to the election switch, Paul Morrison, the county District Attorney, had publicly attacked Mr. Kline for pursuing these parties.

While Attorney General, Kline had asked how dozens of abortions could be done on girls as young as eleven or twelve without a single count of sexual assault on a child being pursued. He also charged that Planned Parenthood purposely performed illegal, late-term abortions in violation of Kansas law, unlawfully falsified documents in order to conceal this fact, and failed to comply with the required state guidelines on medical reporting. The evidence for such charges was a number of patient records from Planned Parenthood and Tiller's operation. Several weeks before state Attorney General Kline left office, he obtained these records with personal information redacted. He then filed thirty charges against abortionist Tiller, and turned the case over to an independent prosecutor. After taking over the office of Attorney General, Paul Morrison fired the prosecutor, dismissed the charges and filed a much weaker substitute case involving nineteen misdemeanors. Kline was then appointed to Morrison's previous position as District Attorney of Johnson County.

In his new office, Phil Kline filed one hundred and

seven criminal charges against the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Overland Park, Kansas. These complaints include twenty-three felony and eighty-four misdemeanor charges relating to alleged illegal abortions performed there.

To further complicate the case, Morrison refused to call a grand jury to investigate Kline's charges. Pro-life organizers in Kansas then used a little known legal approach. They collected enough citizen signatures to require the appointment of the grand juries. This effort was challenged but the courts Okayed it, and as of this writing grand juries are hearing both of these cases.

It has recently been revealed that Attorney General Morrison had been engaged in a two-year sexual liaison with a certain Linda Carter, a former employee in the Johnson County District Attorney's office. Ms. Carter now has filed a civil rights claim with the Federal Equal Employee Opportunity Commission alleging that Morrison had used their sexual trysting to try to obtain insider information about the criminal investigations by Kline into alleged illegal activities at both Tiller's and Planned Parenthood's facilities. As a result of the publicity about this lengthily sexual affair, Mr. Morrison has submitted his resignation as Attorney General of Kansas.

To attempt to summarize these multi-faceted happenings, let's note that at the time of this writing, there are two grand jury investigations proceeding in Kansas, one against George Tiller's late-term abortion facility, and one against the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Overland Park, Kansas. George Tiller is the most notorious late-term abortionist in the United States. The charges against him are serious and have the potential for criminal prosecution. The best result we would hope for is that he would be put out of business.

Finally, Planned Parenthood has literally been getting away with murder, and for many years. We feel that they have probably breached the law on both ends of the age spectrum. They have been complicit in abortions to minors without parental consent, and complicit in abortions beyond the legal age limit of the unborn baby. This is now also before a grand jury. We don't have the answers yet, but it could be that this will have not just local or state implications, but also an impact nationwide.

Stay tuned. 🌀

Wet Mascara —

a Compelling Message for Teen Abstinence

The following account is from a seventeen-year-old girl who advocates abstinence until marriage. Her message is hard to argue against and has been shared with many young people. It's been so popular that Dr. Willke wanted to share it with our readers.

"I guess that 2 am on an autumn night is as good a time as any for an emotional breakdown — which is why my pillow is wet and the mascara, so carefully applied to impress you, Richard, is spread across my nose and cheeks. They call it waterproof mascara, but sometimes life's setbacks are just too much even for waterproof mascara. Why don't they market 'loser's mascara' so a teenage girl can get dropped on her head by a football hero and fade out of the picture glamorously.

"We've been dating steadily for three months now. But when you drove off a half-hour ago, your masculine pride wounded, I realized that we were through. You didn't say as much, but I know you won't call again. You did say, 'I've been patient, Faye, but three months is a long time and . . .well, you know.' Sure, three months is a long time to date a girl who doesn't 'put out.' The pressure has been building up slowly as we've become more intimate and more fond of each other. At least you were nice enough to bother with me for three whole months. I mean . . .a virgin and a football player!?! Not a very workable combination, is it Richard?

"But I won't be dateless forever. In spite of what people say, there are a lot of guys who will date virgins. After all, I'm only 17 and you're 18. We're not in the compulsory-affair age group yet. And I'm pretty enough to have guys calling me up, Richard. But, I'll admit, they're not superstars like you. Because your jaw is square and you look like Sean Penn, you're charming and witty, and you led the league in rushing last season, you expect a girl to

'put out.' And I know plenty of my girlfriends who would, maybe will, do just that for you.

"But why wouldn't I? It's just not that easy to explain. And sitting in your car a few minutes ago, with your eyes blazing angrily at me, the reasons just fell out of my head like shingles off a roof. And I felt stupid for not wanting to make love. And yet there are many reasons why I am unwilling. You say they're dumb reasons. Well, tonight maybe I think so too, but tomorrow I think maybe they'll seem valid again. 'Is it because I'm Catholic?' you asked. Well, in a way, but that's not the whole reason. Having sex with you tonight would have caused a chain reaction, and now that I'm lying alone in bed, I can see that chain more clearly.

"Why is it that the answers appear only after the argument's over? If I slept with you, I couldn't go to communion on Sunday and, as we go to Mass as a family, that would set my parents worrying, and then what would I tell them? So that's two people that I love who are hurt right off the bat. Plus I'd feel hurt and guilty too.

"I'm no saint, Richard, but I don't want to abandon my faith. I believe in God, and that belief gives my life a very real and sane perspective. But to you who have no religion, for me to say I like being a practicing Catholic, well, that's sort of like saying I like being a chimpanzee — you just wouldn't understand. What other reasons do I have?

"Well, in a way, my generation is shell-shocked. You know the sexual revolution isn't a revolution any longer. It's old hat. Some of us, even at my age, can stand back and observe the outcome before being involved and, frankly, I don't like what I see. If I could look at my friends and family who've been a part of that revolution and say, 'They lived happily ever after,' I might be a convert. I might even now be snuggled in your arms in that

warm car, but it's not like that, Richard. I see a great big lack of happiness out there.

"My older sister, Ruth, lived with her boyfriend for twelve months when she was 19, and then it fell apart — his doing, mainly. She was so hurt by it that she warned me never to get caught in the same situation. She really didn't have to warn me. I could see the agony involved, and she wasn't even pregnant. Imagine if she'd been pregnant and been duped. Well, she might have turned into a single parent struggling along trying to juggle a baby and roommates and high rent. Her glamorous single existence would be long gone. But she's still not married, and I think the experience has hurt her so badly that it's warped her attitude toward making a future commitment.

"What other reasons come to mind as I lie here in bed at 2 am? Well, many. My generation — our generation, Richard — sees a lot of scary things coming from having casual sex: herpes, AIDS, venereal disease, warts, sores and abortions. You know, back in the '60s, teenagers didn't

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Search for Understanding and Recovery. It was later published as the first guidebook on the topic and set the bar for a thoughtful and professional approach to answers and action. Wayne also established MARC Ministries (**M**en's **A**bstion **R**e**C**overy) and published additional informational and counseling materials.

Warren Williams was also an early pioneer who has honed his counseling skills and techniques over the years and now shares them in printed publications. Warren founded Fathers & Brothers Ministries, International to help men overcome the losses of fatherhood. More information on both these individuals and others is available at our website, www.lifeissues.org.

Life Issues Institute began a concerted effort to create awareness, both within the pro-life movement and the public at large, to the plight of these hurting fathers. With the considerable help of others, these efforts have begun to bear fruit. Most crisis

pregnancy centers now acknowledge post-abortion stress in men, and many have incorporated outreach efforts to them. Another new development has been the Men and Abortion Network (MAN). It is a group of national leaders and experts on the issue of men and abortion. Our goal is to create additional awareness and to connect more men with the help they need. Several of the conference speakers are members of MAN, which is an excellent source of experts to speak on the issue in your community.

More information on MAN and other resources available to assist grieving fathers is available on our website at www.lifeissues.org. In addition, Life Issues Institute has a nationwide referral network, which will connect men with counselors in their local area. In almost all cases the help is free. While there you can be directed to other organizations and individuals who also offer resources.

The *LA Times* article, *Changing*

Abortion's Pronoun, had a creatively provocative title. However, a more accurate reality is that we aren't so much changing a pronoun, but *adding* one to the abortion equation. Fathers are an undeniable part of the picture. Growing widespread attention to the daily struggle of post-abortive fathers is long overdue. And hopefully the attention generated by this first of its kind national conference will produce a sequel. 🌀

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have to worry so much. Oh, there was venereal disease, but that was about it. But today, when a girl loses her virginity, my friends joke, 'Then she's eligible for the Big D.' 'D' is for death because, if you get AIDS, you can die from having had that sex. You know, casual sex isn't all that casual.

"I don't know anyone personally who has herpes, but one of my sister's girlfriends caught it off a guy whom she considered very nice, and it was only the second guy she'd slept with. But now, herpes will give her a lifetime of problems like who would want to marry her? And when she has babies, if the herpes is active, she'll have to have a caesarean section. You know, all of these things give a girl cause to think.

"And then there's another reason, Richard, why I'd like to hold on to my virginity. What could have started tonight would have been a 'relationship', an open-ended affair with no strings, no

commitments and no ground rules. How long would it last — six months, a year? Not forever, that's for sure, because neither of us is ready for marriage yet. Two of my close girlfriends are in just such relationships now — totally non-binding. And that's where the chain reaction comes in.

"When their relationships end, Richard, they're likely to move into somebody else's bed. Oh, I've heard about secondary virginity where someone loses his or her virginity and then regrets it and opts for celibacy, but that's rare. If I lose my virginity at 17, how many men will I sleep with before meeting the one I marry? And, you know, I guess I just don't want to be someone's casual 'relationship'.

"When I give myself, I want it to be in marriage. I want to be somebody's life-long lover — the person my man can't bear to live without. I don't want a 'relationship'. Anybody can have that. I want poems and flowers. I want a diamond

ring and children and a history together. And I want our history to end happily ever after.

"Well, it's 3 o'clock in the morning now, and I guess I am feeling a bit better. I guess I should have laid out these reasons for you tonight, my handsome friend, but at least in thinking them back in my own mind, I'm better equipped to handle the fact that we are through. And tomorrow I'll wipe off my smeared mascara and get on with my life.

"Will I see you at Diane's party? And who will you have on your arm? Will my heart churn as I linger by the punch bowl pretending to have a marvelous time engrossed in conversation with a nerd? Yes, I will. I've lost you, Richard, but I retain my independence, my self-respect and my simple uncomplicated existence. Tomorrow my eyes will be swollen, but my future will be free and unfettered. So I guess maybe I'm really not a loser after all." 🌀



A Strong Pro-Life President is Essential

B r a d l e y M a t t e s

On the 10th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Ronald Reagan was our president and felt compelled to address the abortion issue. By then, 15 million babies had been killed. It's probably safe to assume that neither he nor many pro-life Americans expected us to still be engaged in this life-or-death-battle to protect life in 2008.

Ronald Reagan was the first sitting president to write so thoroughly and passionately about abortion. In 1983 he sent an essay to the *Human Life Review*, which also published it in a book entitled, *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation*. In it the President revealed his heart for the plight of unborn children.

Like millions of other Americans, Ronald Reagan was unwilling to accept the wanton slaughter of our most vulnerable citizens. Ten years after *Roe*, Reagan expressed the opinion of millions of Americans by writing, "The Court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, *Roe v. Wade* has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation." Further, the President realized abortion affects us all. "We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life — the unborn — without diminishing the value of all human life."

Mr. Reagan also understood the importance of not giving up our efforts to correct this grave civil injustice and he encouraged us to stay the course. "Despite the formidable obstacles before us, we must not lose heart. This is not the first time our country has been divided by a Supreme Court decision that denied the value of

certain human lives. The *Dred Scott* decision of 1857 was not overturned in a day, or a year, or even a decade."

And President Reagan recognized the core issue facing America in the abortion debate. "The abortionist who reassembles the arms and legs of a tiny baby to make sure all its parts have been torn from its mother's body can hardly doubt whether it is a human being. The real question for him and for all of us is whether that tiny human life has a God-given right to be protected by the law — the same right we have."

Ronald Reagan, being a man of God, understood our most valuable tool toward ending abortion. He said, "we need to join in prayer to bring protection to the unborn. I believe it will not be possible to accomplish our work, the work of saving lives, 'without being a soul of prayer.'"

History will remember President Reagan as instrumental in ending the cold war and causing a collapse of the communist Soviet Union. He had a passion for freedom. Mr. Reagan ended his essay on abortion by stressing the importance of extending that freedom to all. "There is no cause more important for preserving that freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning."

Even though Ronald Reagan was one of our nation's most outspoken pro-life presidents, he failed to help protect America's unborn babies in an area where it mattered most — the US Supreme Court.

He appointed Sandra Day O'Connor, who ended up supporting abortion, even the extreme and brutal Partial-Birth Abortion procedure. But the good that Reagan did accomplish on behalf of those too tiny to defend themselves, as well as where he missed the mark, underscores the profound importance of a pro-life president to ending this modern-day holocaust.

One of President George W. Bush's greatest legacies will be his selection of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito. These appointments will impact our nation and society for generations to come.

It is commonly accepted by both sides of the abortion debate that the Court is only one justice away from reversing *Roe v. Wade*. Court watchers speculate that at least 2 Supreme Court appointments will be likely during the next presidential administration. If America picks a president who appoints pro-abortion justices, the legal killing of our nation's preborn children could conceivably continue for decades.

Scores of Americans have bled and died for important causes. Many sacrificed everything for future generations. Your life or physical wellbeing is not being asked of you to help end abortion. Your only obligation between now and early November is to register to vote; find out who the pro-life candidates are and do your moral and patriotic duty to help elect them. 🌟



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