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ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS OR NONE IS

In the Midst of a Population Crisis

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"Our Youngest Generations are Missing Millions."

As American families continue to fracture, our youngest generations are suffering from the consequences. You probably heard of Generation Z, the so-called baby boomers born between 1999-2009. But, did you know that they have now been joined by a younger generation? Gen Alpha, as it is called, is composed of children born from 2010-2024. These are the "iPad Kids", who have been exposed to technology since infancy. Our calculations show that roughly 21 percent of Gen Z was aborted and 18 percent of Gen Alpha was aborted.

Many of these two younger generations have spent more time online than they have spent with their own parents, especially if their parents both work or have divorced. African villagers used to say "It takes a village to raise a child." But in America not only have the "villages" disappeared, but extended families are becoming less common as well, and even nuclear-families, consisting of a father and a mother and their natural or adopted children are in the minority.

Children have inherent social needs that must be met in order for them to properly develop and thrive in this world. Even the smallest amount of support can make a big difference. Sometimes one person, just one conversation, can make all the difference in moments of stress, confusion and depression.

So what happens when the only conversation you have is with your iPad and the brother or sister you should have had have been aborted before you were born.

How many Gen Z and Gen Alpha children have been lost to abortion? Exact numbers are hard to come by. But, we can cross-reference abortion data from the Guttmacher Institute, CDC and the Kaiser Family Foundation to get a pretty good idea of the total number of abortions each year from 1999 on. Since we know how many babies were born each year, we can calculate the abortion rate-percentage of Gen Z and Gen Alpha who didn't make it out of the womb alive. Our youngest members are missing in the millions. How can we as Christians turn this around? The first step is the stop the killing of unborn babies. Abortion was once regarded as unthinkable. It must be so thought of again. This means among other things taking the dangerous abortion pill off the market. Second, we must make birth free. There is no reason why the wealthiest country in the world should be unable to bear the cost of childbearing for young couples willing to have children. This is true because down the road, our country will reap huge benefits from the higher birth rate that will result. Third, couples willing to bear and raise children should be sheltered from all taxes, including Social Security. After all, in having children they are providing for the future of America in the most fundamental way.

Dear Pro-Life Friends:

One of my favorite hymns is "We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body. And The Gifts We Have We Are Given To Share."

God's word in Psalm 139 says *"You formed me in my mother's womb - your eyes saw all my actions - my very self you knew. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me."*

These words speak to each of us. Everyone is precious in the eyes of our Creator. None of us is here by chance. God has a plan for each and every life. To fulfill that plan we have each been given gifts to accomplish the purpose for which he made us. We do make a difference in the lives of other people by the way we treat them. Many people have no one in their life to affirm them.

Those of us who are so blessed can by our actions and words help them to recognize their gifts. Pope Leo XIV wrote in his Lenten message "Our willingness to 'listen' is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into a relationship with someone." The fast pace of life can be such an obstacle to our efforts. My mom often said in the midst of turmoil "Slow down to God's speed." Lord help us to recognize how important it is to not be so busy that we can't take time to listen. St. Francis De Sales once said, teach the faith, and if necessary use words.

Peace Be With You,
Bette Hartzell

"Lord, grant that I may not criticize another until I have walked ten miles in their shoes."

Major Victory

Planned Parenthood Surrenders . . .

. . . drops lawsuit against the
"Big Beautiful Bill."

This represents a major victory for the sanctity of life, for the precious unborn children who deserve protection, and for the American taxpayers who have been forced to subsidize the destruction of innocent life for far too long.

The American Center for Law and Justice has been at the forefront of this fight to defend the unborn. The briefs sought to insure that the court understood the constitutional and statutory framework that permits the government to stop sending hundreds of millions of dollars to an organization that ends 400,000 innocent lives each year.

- PRE Intern Maura Pieoch assisted with the research for this article.

The Annual March for Life in Washington, DC

The March has taken place since 1974. Thousands of people from all across the country attended the March this year. Vice President J.D. Vance was one of the keynote speakers. A woman from Atheists for Life was also present and contributed to the program. The theme of the March was "Life is a Gift.

In San Francisco before the March a group wearing T-Shirts saying "We Are Pro-Life" began a 10,000 mile walk in the freezing cold from San Francisco to Washington D.C. for the March. There were three teams each covering 1/3 of the trip to attend the March. One hundred and eighty churches participated. They consumed 200 gallons of water and used countless bottles of sunscreen. Pope Leo sent words of encouragement to support the group.

It should be noted that Planned Parenthood requires no consent forms for minors obtaining an abortion and that their facilities are primarily located in areas where minorities reside. NPR recently reported that in black communities 69% of the men who impregnate women abandon them. People often speak negatively of those "welfare people." A social worker told me how difficult this can be for these woman given our economy and the lack of support they experience.

Walking with Moms in Need

Why are "Moms in Need" and "Elizabeth Ministry" Important?

Elizabeth Ministers are women who have experienced the joys and sorrows of life related to childbearing. Ministers offer encouragement, hope and healing on issues related to childbearing. Are you pregnant or think that you may be? Call them and they will help. All services are free. They do pregnancy testing, first trimester ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling, parenting education and counseling, breast feeding assistance, referrals for community support services and so much more. Their mailing address is 123 S. Massey Street, Watertown, NY. Their phone number is 315-782-1190. Message phone is 315-921-1190.

Some Excellent Resources

The Jefferson County Office of the Aging has an excellent booklet titled "Guide to Services". It covers such topics as federal and state information, financial information, programs, a nutrition program, in home services, community agencies, home based long term care, caregiver care and respite, elder abuse, transportation, legal services, insurance, housing, food pantries, and eligibility chart. They are located in the Jefferson County Office Building, 175 Arsenal St., 2nd Floor, Watertown, NY 13601.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The kick-off rally for the local program took place on Saturday the 14th of February at St. Patrick's Church. The campaign is from February 18th - March 29th, Monday - Saturday from 7 am - 7 pm. Flora Wilson, the Watertown leader said, "I don't expect anyone to be at the vigil site when it is freezing. Stay at home or stop by Stone Street and pray in your car. However, as soon as it gets warm we will be standing on the sidewalk to pray. Our presence makes a difference.

Beti-Ann Honan, the local head of Liferight, has a photo given to her by a grateful woman who saw people praying when she went to Planned Parenthood to arrange for an abortion and decided to give life to her precious unborn child.

"Saints Were Sinners Who Kept On Trying"

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