

“Reclaiming Lost Fatherhood”

Last November, the first-ever conference, organized by the National Office for Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing (NOPARH), was held in San Francisco on the topic of men and abortion.

The 170 participants, mostly men, came from 28 states and nine countries to hear professional counselors and clergy hold a public discussion about how to address the pain, loss, guilt, and anger of untold numbers of men as a result of abortion.

Jason Baier talked about his little boy, Jamie. He pictures his son with blond hair, green eyes, chubby cheeks and a sweet smile.

When he heard about his fiancée’s abortion, he cried. His next weeks and months were black. He drank too much and fought with his fiancée till they broke up.

Baier still longs for the child who might have been, with an intensity that bewilders him. “How can I miss something I never even held?”

Now living in Phoenix, Baier spoke of years of depression and addiction. “I couldn’t get the thought out of my head about what I had lost.”

Christian counselor, Mark Morrow, described his regret as hitting him in midlife – more than a decade after he impregnated three girlfriends (one of them twice) in quick succession in the late 1980’s. All four pregnancies ended in abortion.

“I suddenly realized that I had four dead children.” Last fall he contacted the ex-girlfriend who aborted twice. They met and prayed together, seeking peace.

Her angry letter came later: “That long day we sat in that God-forsaken clinic, I hoped every moment that you would stand up and say, ‘We can’t do this’...but you didn’t.”

Abortion is portrayed as a woman’s issue: her body, her choice, her relief or her regret. This men’s movement contends that it is not “she” who had an abortion; but “we”.

“Changing abortion’s pronoun”, LA Times, 1/7/08
:“Reclaiming Fatherhood”, National RTL News, January, 2008

Abortion = Black Genocide

To help stop the genocidal abortion attack on American black babies, one Life defender stops African-American women in front of an Oakland abortuary with these words:

“Before you let them take your baby, count the number of black employees in that abortion clinic.”

Some mothers stop cold, wanting more information. Others go into the abortuary, then leave immediately, having seen for themselves that this mill is a white-run, white-staffed operation that’s profiteering on black mothers and their babies.

Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute

Happy Fathers’ Day!

Fathers have the power to shape their children for life!!

Along with loving, consistent discipline, fathers can strongly influence their children with frequent words of love, encouragement and affirmation.

A father’s loving time and attention develop a child’s self-respect – and ultimately – the respect for all human life so vital to our entire human family.

May God bless each of you!

President's Corner - Thoughts on Voting #1

As we approach our state's primary election, August 12, and our national, state, and local elections on November 4, I would like to share some thoughts on cutting through the muddle of issues that the media keeps throwing at us.

Let's start at the beginning.

Our Declaration of Independence says that all men have certain inalienable rights given by the Creator – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and it is the **duty** of government to protect these rights.

The first and **primary** of these rights is life, without which the other rights cannot be experienced!

The U.S. Constitution says that no **person** can be deprived of the right to life, liberty or property without due process of law. Again, the **primary** right is the right to life.

Who has the authority to determine who is a person? The Declaration states that the Creator gives these rights, **not** government. Government's role is to protect, not 'determine.'

We upheld this principle after World War II when we prosecuted German citizens for obeying German law and murdering millions of Jews, people with disabilities and others. The German government had determined that these groups were not fully human; they were *non-persons*.

Our response was that the government did not have the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons, and that the duty of these citizens was to disobey unlawful orders.

Our government usurped the Creator's authority exactly the same way when it declared that babies still in their mothers' wombs are not fully human; they are non-persons! Thus it is "legal" to murder them.

I suggest that when deciding which candidates to vote for we start here...

To be qualified to hold office a candidate must understand these two principles –

...that the primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life and that no government has the authority to declare any part of the human family to be non-persons!

If we do not hold candidates to this standard, we will be like the German voter in the 1930's, voting for Hitler because he was good for the economy and national defense, while ignoring the fact that he considered Jews and those unable to work to be *non-persons*.

Think about it. More thoughts next month.

Mario

Memorial Gift

Received from
Rose M. Gabriel

In loving memory
of her husband,

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With whom she had
nine children ~
24 grandchildren and
12 great
grandchildren.

Thank you

Volunteers Needed

Help staff our fair booth at
the El Paso County Fair...

July 19-26

Mark your calendars now
and give us a call – 630-1999.

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We regret there will be no  
pro-life booth at the State Fair  
this year.

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welcome – for a regular time or
for mailing committee work.

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DON'T MAKE ROOM FOR DADDY FATHERS NOT NEEDED...

Recently, Jennifer Lahl, founder and National Director of the Center for Bioethics and Culture (CBC), watched an 'Oprah' show featuring children of sperm donation.

She noted the brokenheartedness of the three young women sitting on Oprah's stage. They were wondering out loud to the audience: "Does he ever think about me?" "Do I look like him?" "Does he know I'm out here?"

Two half-siblings told their story. In their *search* to find their sperm-donor dad, they found each other. The Oprah crew had filmed their first encounter, as one waited at the train station for the arrival of the other.

As these half-siblings saw each other for the first time, they couldn't take their hands off each other's faces. They found it impossible to stop looking into each other's eyes.

"I belong. I look like someone. I am a part of something – a family."

The longing for community and family, perhaps the most important communal structure, is strongly present inside each of us. It's part of what makes us human.

Jennifer Lahl said a new law being considered in the UK **will strip away the legal need** for a father. Birth certificates will record only "Parent A" and "Parent B".

The law would remove the requirement for fertility doctors to consider a child's "need for a father" when offering "treatment" to single women or lesbian couples... sending a message that fathers are not important.

Jennifer wondered what kind of interventions will be needed to clean-up after this enormous techno-mediated social experiment, to offset the damage done to the lives of so many children who grow up without the love and care of a father.

On the Oprah show, 19-year-old Katrina said she feels like a "product" made by a "de-humanizing industry." Susan expressed feelings of betrayal, while Kathleen feels like a stranger.

Organizations, such as the CBC, challenge and counteract these techno-mediated social experiments, for the future of society and children.

www.cbc-network.org 3-19-08 enewsletter.

PERINATAL HOSPICES - GROWING IN NUMBER

When an unborn baby has a condition which will likely result in death soon after birth, the health care system strongly encourages abortion.

The majority of these pregnancies are in the second trimester by the time the problems are discovered and usually involve early induction of labour.

Little, if any, support is offered for the choice of carrying the baby to term and letting God decide the longevity of the baby's life.

This is changing, as perinatal hospices in the U.S. are increasing in number across the country.

The hospice provides all the necessary medical and social support for the family to prepare for the birth and death of their newborn.

The family is guided and supported to write birth plans which enable them to spend quality time with their newborn according to their wishes.

Presently, there are 44 Perinatal Hospices throughout the U.S. Canada only offers this supportive service in Edmonton, Alberta.

This growth is largely attributed to Amy Kuebelbeck, whose son Gabriel passed away due to a serious heart defect that was diagnosed before birth.

Gabriel's story received national attention when Lee Hill Kavanaugh, from the Kansas City Star won the 2008 *Eugene S. Pulliam National Journalism Writing Award*, after writing about the family's decision to carry their son to term, despite a lethal prenatal diagnosis.

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists and the Society of Obstetrics and Gynecologists of Canada have recommended an extension of genetic screening for women of all ages.

Screenings and ultrasounds performed for the sole purpose of looking for defects in the unborn baby are now often considered to be part of routine prenatal care.

Increasingly, pregnancy termination is seen as a way to "prevent" birth defects from "occurring."

The Personhood Amendment

On May 13, Colorado for Equal Rights met the deadline for getting 76,000+ petition signatures to the Secretary of State. The total submitted was over 131,000!!

This step is complete, thanks to the dedicated volunteers, selflessly giving thousands of hours. A special thanks to Kristi Burton, who spearheaded this campaign.

The State has 30 days to verify the validity of adequate signatures to place the amendment on the November ballot.

A special note to our readers: to each of you who diligently sought petition signatures at churches, outside commercial retailers and/or at public functions, **our heartfelt thanks**.

To all of you who offered prayers for the petition, **we thank you!**

Please... continue to pray for the amendment. Also, consider financial support, as well. Go to: www.coloradoforequalrights.com

Challenging Questions

“On May 6, I attended a demonstration against the Personhood Amendment at the State Capitol. According to the introductions, the group was “people from all walks of life,” including lesbian, gay, transvestite and “gender identity” people.

“Supposedly, the reason for gathering was concern for women’s health and the need for legalized abortion.

“I asked these questions, which remained unanswered...

- 1) “Why are “gender identity” groups concerned about abortion since they cannot conceive?”
- 2) “If a heart stops beating, does that indicate that a living being has died?”
- 3) “Are all these demonstrators stating that they **did not** go through the embryonic stage of life before being born?”
- 4) “Why would they not accept a “tiny pair of feet?”

Katherine Szot, 2008 Candidate for HD 18