

Love Unborn Lives

The problem of violence perplexes, but looking to the heart of the matter, we can readily see that it is straight from the heart that this scourge flows.

In a 1994 address Mother Teresa stated to President Bill Clinton and other dignitaries that “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.” Violence is a product of “want”; and in this case the “want” is a product of the “self-serving” nature that desires control over every aspect of life.

The erroneous lesson that it is natural for a mother to violently end the life of her unborn child, has been taken to heart and learned well by many; for the leading cause of death in this country is not cardiac disease at 614,000 people per year, but abortion which kills nearly twice that number. A staggering fact from the CDC in 2016. We have become inured to this disgusting practice and cannot see the truth that unborn lives are important; these little ones have their rights as well as you or I. Nor do we stop to think about the extended impact this anathema has had on our society with regards to the continued growth of violence in general, even though we were aptly forewarned by Mother Teresa.

This “lie of convenience” continues to overshadow and undermine the legitimate need for women to be treated in a righteous and violent free manner. A heart change is needed where “lumps of stone” are reworked to become tender and loving hearts that value and uphold the beautiful sanctity of human life. For this, look to the same Jesus that Mother Teresa knew and loved. He stands ready to save those who with a heart full of regret, tearfully ask Him for forgiveness and mercy.

[Proclamation 97](#), issued 150 years ago by Abraham Lincoln, appointed the 30th day of April, 1863, as a “day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer”, because “...we have forgotten God.” How ironic that today, the best we can do is to offer up a “moment of silence”. Isn't it time for a change of heart?

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