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Adopt better pro-life language in 2015

By Susan Ciancio

We peruse images, posts, and comments by hundreds of pro-life groups and individuals using social media. Some of it is humorous and some of it is rock-solid on principles. Too often we come across pro-life posts and tweets that miss the mark because the author used a particular word or phrase that doesn't quite tell the facts in a way he intended.

Here are some dos and don'ts to consider when talking the pro-life talk while engaging the culture online and in the real world:

- Say **“abortion” less. Say “killing a preborn child” more.** This directs attention away from the method of killing and puts focus on the one being killed—a defenseless child.

- Say **“life begins” less. Say “human beings begin” more.** All life begins somewhere. The problem is not all life is human. Life begins under rocks, inside trees, and on far-away planets. Human beings do not. They begin with a thought from God in whose image and likeness they are created.

- Say **“conception” less. Say “creation” more.** Not all human beings begin with the same biological process. Some people begin God's way and others begin through illicit methods. If you understand conception to be union of oocyte and sperm, then you've not only omitted every twin created from the splitting of his single-cell embryonic brother or sister, but people created in embryonic stem-cell labs.

- Say **“it's a fetus/embryo/baby” less. Say “he's a fetus/embryo/baby” more.** The use of the word “it” to describe a person is dehumanizing. We may have trouble finding baby shower balloons that announce “She's a girl!” and “He's a boy!” but we don't have to concede to objectifying the preborn child by referring to him as an object devoid of sex.

- Say **“unborn” less. Say “preborn” more.** Preborn suggests a positive aspect to being a child before birth. His right to life includes his right to be born. The use of the word unborn refers to the child as someone he isn't rather than someone he is.

- Say **“pregnant woman” less. Say “pregnant mother” more.** Not all women are mothers, but all mothers are women, so isn't a “pregnant woman” redundant? While the word woman describes an individual, a mother describes a relationship to another person, in particular her own child.

- Say **“in the womb” less. Say “before birth” more.** Even though we all grew inside our mother's wombs, not all of our prenatal growing occurred there. The fact is, we all began growing in her fallopian tube days before we got to the womb.



NEWS BRIEFS

In an effort to keep our members informed of happenings in the Pro-Life area, we are beginning a column of brief recaps of recent news items.

40-Days for Life Recap - Since 2007, 40 Days for Life has witnessed:

- 9,699 lives have been spared from abortion that we know of
- 107 abortion workers have quit their job and walked away from the abortion industry
- 59 abortion facilities have completely shut down as a result of 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Many post-abortive men and women have come forward to begin healing and recovery

The next 40-Days for Life Campaign will be Lent 2015, beginning Wednesday February 18-March 29, 2015.

The Appointment- Under the threat of interrogation, a frightened woman is forced to make a choice, with a young man's life hanging in the balance. The Appointment is a new pro-life short film (6:33) directed

by filmmaker Brandon Rice which gives a unique view on the issue of abortion. The film is not overtly Christian or blatantly pro-life in order to appeal to a wider audience and thereby spread the message further.

Watch the film by clicking on the link below and be sure to share with your friends!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfAsNR2WXe0#t=308>

'I can't breathe': The plight of the preborn

By Rey Flores

This past year has seen race relations decline as a result of a well-orchestrated attempt by a corrupt government that wants to divide us at all costs. And the propaganda peddlers known as the news media are making it more obvious than ever that they get most of their talking points from the Obama administration.

Have there been unfortunate isolated cases of abusive police officers-particularly targeting minorities-that should never have happened? Of course. But let us not allow the inflammatory rhetoric and constant video news feeds to stoke our emotions and allow ourselves to be manipulated.

The one message I would like to deliver to all of those professional race baiters like the Rev. Al Sharpton, rabble-rouser community organizations, and the easily-led-by-the-nose protestors is that injustices happen every single day in our lives and nary do we ever hear a peep from any of these people.

If anyone wants to fight the true systemic racism and eugenics that have wiped out so many black babies in America, go no further than the nearest Planned Parenthood or independent arbortuary.

In New York City alone, nearly 80 percent of the babies aborted are black and Hispanic. Why doesn't this bother any of these mostly do-nothing-else protesters who merely yell and scream the words "racism" or chant slogans like "hands up, don't shoot" that mean absolutely nothing? What a shameful display of ignorance-an ignorance that has resulted from decades of indoctrination by radical pro-abortion, pro-contraception, pro-homosexual, and atheistic educational institutions and a relentless culture of death that has also infiltrated religious institutions.

Watching endless replays of Eric Garner on video barely able to say "I can't breathe" to an overly zealous NYPD cop has moved many Americans to shut down the byways and highways of America. But to what end?

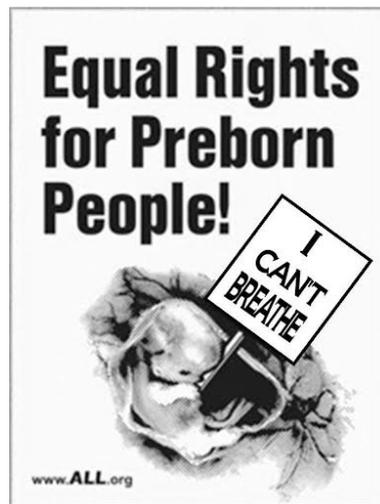
What about the baby about to be aborted as you are reading this right now? Can he say, "I can't breathe!" or "I'm being cut up into pieces; please Mama, help!"? Can she say, "Make the man stop stabbing the back of my skull with those sharp, cold metal things!" or "All I want to do is be in your arms, Mama!"?

No, we don't hear that. After all, it's just a fetus that isn't even human, right? It's just a blob of tissue without the ability to feel any pain, correct?

If Al Sharpton, Cecile Richards, pro-basketball player LeBron James, and even Barack Obama thought for one moment how the voices of those innocent human beings would sound, maybe there might be a change of heart.

The voices of the preborn will never be played on continuous loop on the 24/7 news media outlets. Their cries will not go viral on social media. And there won't be any YouTube videos of the preborn saying "I can't breathe!" We silenced their voices a long time ago.

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Around the Office

by Cecelia M. Cody, Administrative Director

I need your help.... I seem to have become a "supplier" for one of the greatest pro-life items around: precious feet pins, and precious preborn models. I can't seem to go anywhere without someone noticing my "feet pin" and commenting. I explain that these are the feet of a 10-12 week baby in the womb and offer the person a set of feet, and if they are open and have a minute, I show them the precious preborn that I always carry in my purse or backpack (doesn't everyone? Or am I a "totally pro-life geek?")

I need your help in two ways:

- First I'd like to invite you to join me in always wearing your precious feet pin, it looks good on everything from a tux or "little black dress" to the sweatshirt you throw on to run to the grocery store. The gold actually stands out well on a black dress or tux.
- Secondly, a set of precious feet costs about \$1 each (we buy in bulk, so we can get them for slightly less) and a precious preborn is in the same cost range. Imagine for as little as a dollar each we can proclaim the message of life, and possibly even SAVE A LIFE!

Often the person I give a precious feet pin will call me a few days later, or even ask on the spot, if they could have a pin for a spouse or friend. This can get expensive if I'm handing out 3-5 precious feet pins a day! (Do the math; my "habit" could cost upwards of \$25 a week!) I'm asking you to help support my habit, I'm addicted, I get an adrenaline rush whenever I get an opportunity to share the message of the "precious feet," and I want to addict the whole world to the message of life! Please help with your contribution.

At the other end of the life spectrum... It looks like the folks at Compassion and Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) have been ignited by the recent "Death by Choice" of Brittany Maynard, and are going to attempt to get legislation, or possibly a ballot initiative campaign started in California to allow Physician Assisted Suicide in our Golden State. I am part of a coalition to educate the public, especially our lawmakers on the dangers of this idea. If you are interested in assisting in this project, contact our office and I will be happy to give you more details and help you discern where you might fit into this project.

Finally, our affiliate organization, California Right to Life Committee Inc, the legislative advocacy arm of Cal Right to Life has been busy on a project that ultimately may impact all of us. Recently they were made aware of the fact that Planned Parenthood had been invited into the local high school to provide the sex education module to incoming freshman. A coalition has been formed NOISE - (No to Irresponsible Sex Ed) have been attending school board meetings, answering media interviews and getting the word out on this dangerous precedent. If you would like further information, contact Camille Giglio at callifeadvocates@sbcglobal.net .

Calendar of Events

For the latest updates of events see

www.calendarforlife.org

One 1 Life Los Angeles – Grant Park January 17th 10AM-4PM Beginning at 10:00 am at the Kiosko at La Placita Olvera, East Cesar E Chavez Ave Downtown Los Angeles CA. Ends at Grand Park. Website: <http://www.onelifela.org/> Contact Kathleen Buckley Domingo 213-637-7236 for further information.

MARCH FOR LIFE – Washington D.C.
Thursday January 22, 2015 Theme: "Every Life is a Gift" Thursday, January 22, 2015
12th St., National Mall, Washington, D.C.
12:00 noon Rally 1:00 p.m. March
<http://marchforlife.org/march-for-life-2015/>

STUDENTS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

East Coast – Friday January 23, 2015 - First Baptist Church of Glenarden, Upper Marlboro, MD

West Coast – Sunday January 25, 2015 – St. Mary Cathedral, San Francisco. For Further Information see: <http://www.sflalive.org/>

WALK FOR LIFE – WEST COAST

San Francisco – Saturday January 24th 2015

See: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

The speeches will be at 12:30 pm at Civic Center Plaza with the walk on Market Street starting at 1:30 pm to end at Justin Herman Plaza (at the Embarcadero)

"San Diego Walk For Life – 2015" January 31, 2015
– at Balboa Park Contact Hugh Largey 619-987-6677

40-DAYS FOR LIFE – February 18-March 29, 2015.

See: <http://40daysforlife.com/> for a location near you.

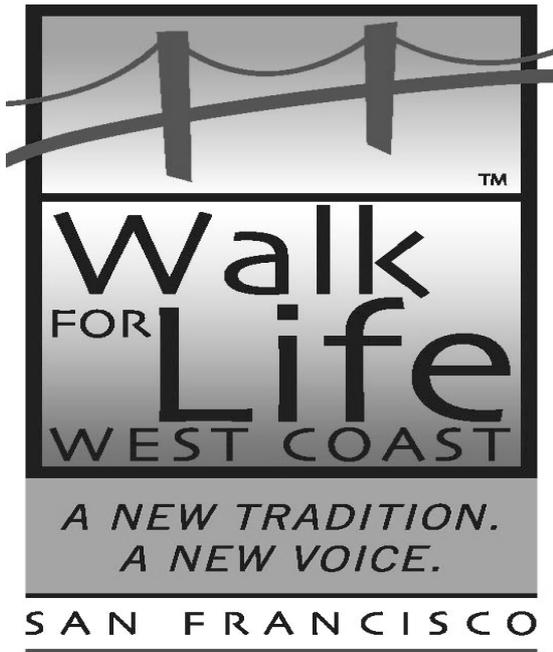
Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?

Make sure they get the facts first!

A LIFE depends on it...

1-800-712-HELP (4357)

Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>



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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same “no-exceptions, no excuses” beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.

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