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IMPORTANT ELECTION COMING UP – YOU NEED TO VOTE



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November 5th will be a very important day in American history. With the strife, political gridlock and national/international danger escalating rapidly, we must be wise in how we, as those who choose life, vote...and vote we must!

Since the SCOTUS returned the issues of life to the states by overturning Roe, we have seen dozens of battles all across the country. Those who are committed to personal autonomy at any cost have been rampaging along with their allies, Planned Parenthood and others, who have a huge financial incentive to promote abortion, euthanasia, IVF, cloning, and every sort of "choice" – except life from conception to natural death.

They would ban compassionate care of women and men in crisis that PCC's provide, force every state and city to allow mail- ordered death pills to be sent from elsewhere, and stifle the speech rights those who would stand up for the defense of life

Thankfully courts in a number of places have stood up to this, but others have encouraged these practices. Only strong legislation passed by courageous representatives can stop this. And only voters can make this happen. It's difficult, I know, to put much trust in politicians... but ultimately our trust must be in God who will wrestle with the conscience of men. That is our hope and the basis of the prolife movement across the world. We look to the long term... and the power of the truth to convert conscience.

In this particular era, Republicans as a party have stronger convictions about life, though far from perfect. Sadly, few Democrats will buck their party platform of abortion etc. on demand. Especially in state and federal races, this is important. In

local races, such as city councils, school boards, etc. partisanship is gratefully often not as strong and electeds will listen and be more responsive.

Do your homework! Ballots are going out now, so be sure to investigate your local races including initiatives, bonds, etc. Lots of info is available online from good sources. One particularly good source is www.christianvoterguide.com which gives access to several candidate surveys including that of National Right to Life. It is non-partisan.

Be sure to encourage your friends and family also to vote!

Lawrence Lehr



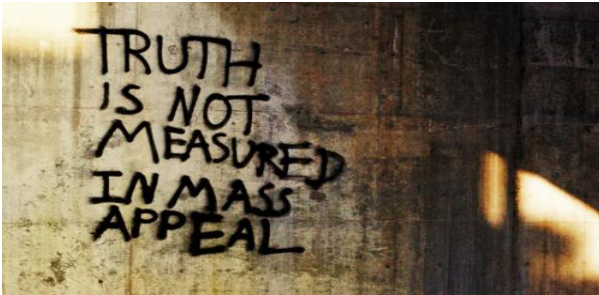
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If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven, and I will forgive their sins, and I will heal the land.

II Chronicles 7:14

MISINFORMATION KILLS

The headlines scream that “two women died in Georgia due to antiabortion laws”.



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I do not dispute the facts of the story – only the headline. It should say “Two women died in Georgia because of chemical-induced abortions, and because of mis-information, started by pro-abortion zealots and spread by a complicit mass media.

1: They were told that the chemical abortion medication was “perfectly safe.”

Fact: We do not know how many women have had serious complications from this regimen, due to inadequate reporting, but we do know these two women took the abortion pills, and suffered incomplete abortions – a life-threatening condition in which parts of the dead fetus remain in the uterus.

2: One woman, purportedly, did not seek medical care because she feared prosecution. Fact: Not one state law provides for prosecution of those seeking abortions – only those who perform them.

3: Doctors delayed treatment of the other woman because they feared prosecution. Fact: Every state law restricting abortion provides an exception to preserve the life of the mother. The needed D&C was permitted under Georgia Law. Therefore, failure to provide that care was plainly mal-practice.

Two women died tragically and needlessly because of unwarranted fear deliberately fostered to discredit any laws restricting abortion. Three babies died too, (one pair of twins), also tragically and needlessly, and all, ultimately, as a direct result of drug-induced abortions.

Jean Grant

HOW, THEN, SHALL WE VOTE?

Pro-lifers are in a quandary. In essence, President Trump has declared himself to be pro-choice. Together with the SCOTUS and many leaders in the GOP, he is now content to make abortion a state's rights issue. No true pro-lifer can agree with this, since we know that the right to life is anchored in God, and is therefore a human rights issue of the highest order.



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But how, then, shall we vote? Here is my best thought on this morally challenging question.

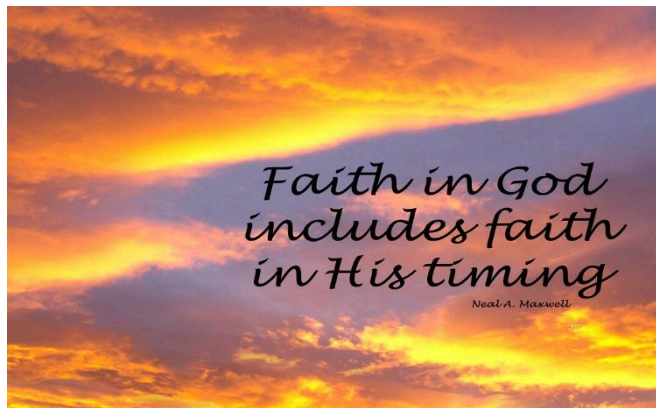
Above all, we must vote in such a way as to keep our conscience clear. For some, this will mean that they can never vote for a pro-choice candidate, for fear of becoming partially responsible for his policies and their evil outcomes.

However, in the rough and tumble of the real (fallen) world, it may be necessary to vote for a better pro-choice candidate in order to avoid the election of a worse one. This is exactly the situation we face today. A Harris presidency, or a Democrat legislature, would be a calamity for the unborn and their moms.

Therefore, I judge that pro-life stalwart Steven Mosher is correct when he argues a Trump victory is essential, since it alone gives any hope of preserving pro-life gains at the federal level, and also of influencing President Trump in days ahead.

If, however, I myself were to cast such a vote, I would feel compelled to contact Mr. Trump, or any other pro-choice candidate, and explain that I am voting for him *in spite of his position on abortion*. In such a call or letter, I would also urge him to reconsider his position, seeing that it is dangerously wrong, both for himself and the nation.

Foolishly, the GOP leadership has abandoned the high moral ground on an issue of supreme importance to God and man, and has also laid a great burden on the conscience of millions of pro-life Americans.



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But lifting our eyes a little higher, we also see that the God of providence has laid a great test upon us all, inviting each one to seek his face, hear his voice, decide as best we can, and then stand strong for Him and for life, come what may.

Pray for me, as I pray for you, that we all may pass his test!

Dean Davis

FROM THE SIDEWALK

The Fall, 2024 40 Days for Life campaign is off to a good start. Forth Days is an international movement which holds peaceful prayer vigils with the ultimate goal of ending abortion. This year there are a record-breaking 703 vigil sites.

In Santa Rosa, we had our usual kick-off potluck on Tuesday September 24, and our opening day prayers at Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, September 25. You should have come to the kick-off; the pizza was tremendous.

The Fall, 2024, 40 Days for Life Campaign will run to Sunday, November 3. We try, all over the world, to help women choose not to have an abortion.

In Santa Rosa, we pray at Planned Parenthood, 1140 Sonoma Avenue. We would like to have people there every hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is particularly important to cover Wednesday mornings, when they perform surgical abortions

The opposition which had been coming last Spring has been missing. The city did a lot of road work and the pro-abortion forces seem to have been discouraged.

For more information on this campaign or to sign up for hours, visit www.40daysforlife.com or call Judy at (707) 579-2941 or Mary at (707) 321-8948. For information in Spanish, call Theresa at (707) 795-8890.

Between campaigns

Outside of the scheduled 40 Days for Life campaign, there are still people going to Sonoma Avenue to pray. There are usually people there on Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. I have heard rumors that there are other prayer groups there “after school”, and “on Friday” but I do not have firm times or days.



If you are praying on Sonoma Avenue during the “off-season” and would like to invite others to join you, please visit our web site: www.sonomapro-life.org. We will not publish your name, but we will include the times in our future newsletters.

The pro-abortion individuals may come back to protest our presence again. There has been no violence, but they are sometimes rude. It’s a good idea to have at least two people there. And if you come, be prepared to keep your temper.

Mary Heeney