

May 2017

Dear Sustaining Partner,

“Opinion is a flitting thing. But truth outlasts the Sun---If then we cannot own them both---Possess the oldest one.” ~Emily Dickinson~

The harsh reality is life is not a smorgasbord (Remember those?) where we pick and choose only what we want to experience. Evolution, the existence of Big Foot, unicorns (Sorry Starbucks), Santa and the tooth fairy are options or theories we may want to think are true; but thinking, wishing or hoping makes for shaky ground on which to live. Believing---even with all your heart, all paths lead to God, The King of the Universe, does not guarantee you free passage to the eternity of your choice. The prevailing thought of a large segment of the world’s population should not determine the morality of abortion based solely on popular opinion or the value systems of certain individuals--especially those who will enjoy significant financial gain. Clearly if we have to decide between right and wrong, the only intelligent decision will be centered on truth which has not changed...ever.

It is said, “The definition of stupid is to know and see truth, but still believe the lie.” This reminds me of Pontius Pilate asking, “What is truth?” Truth stood right there in front of him. We know Pilate’s question was not sincere. He meant to confuse the issue and create doubt to clear his conscience of any guilt. I don’t hesitate to point out any uncertainty was resolved for Pilate the moment he passed from time into eternity. The end result of opinion is up for grabs. The consequences of truth are always consistent, with a predictable outcome.

There are lots of opinions regarding the sanctity of life. People split hairs and suggest compromises to get what they want, while appearing to be fair and thoughtful. Life is Sacred is a truth we dare not toy with by suggesting an acceptable agreement about the value of an unborn child, an elderly person who requires much attention or a toddler with physical and/or mental challenges. The question we must ask ourselves always when the discussion is “Can I kill this?” is “What is this?” Opinion doesn’t matter in light of this truth: THE King of the Universe has a plan for every, single person regardless of size, level of development, environment or degree of dependence (Stand to Reason SLED test). Having another opinion is not just foolish; it’s stupid and sure to not end well. Truth, on the other hand comes with no risk other than being unpopular which is bound to happen anyway at some point.

Of course there are lots of regular opportunities for all of us to live according to the bedrock of truth and not slog around in the pit of opinion. We choose daily in many circumstances, each with an outcome. This much we can control. When you decided to partner with Pregnancy & Family Resource Center to bring FREE pregnancy related services to women and families in our community the outcome is sure...though people will think and say otherwise,

to believe life is sacred is judicious and prudent. Coming up are a number of ways you can work out your choice to defend life in a practical way.

Saturday, May 20 from 8 AM to Noon join our **Memorial Color Walk for Life fundraising event and Open House**. Our fundraisers are especially important to us because we are privately funded. We need all our partners to help us raise much needed funds and also to tell others about the life saving work we do while we share our neighborhood with two very busy abortion clinics. In the case of supporting what is not a politically popular organization, it is required we are all in and join together in our efforts to keep this ministry strong. Enclosed is a flyer with information or you can call the office for details. Our website (pregnancyfamily.org) is updated with event information and you can download your sponsor sheets to participate. I am participating and raising funds to honor my son, Brady who died in March 2016. Whose life will you honor? If by the time you get this, May 20th has come and gone, your contribution will still be welcomed. Designate on your check "Walk for Life."

Ladies save the date. You won't want to miss our **Women's Tea, "Collateral Beauty"** on Saturday, August 12. This is a very popular annual event with limited seating, so get your tickets right away when they go on sale in early July.

And, of course I remind you to begin now to plan your guest list (Tables seat eight) for the **Annual Fall Gala, "My Alabaster Box"** on Friday, October 13, 2017. Husband & wife team, Jim and Carol Shores, *Acts of Renewal* will join us for the evening as we consider through dramatic and comedic theatrical performances, our role as defenders of the sanctity of life. Remember this is a family-oriented ministry. We encourage couples to attend and get involved together.

May 14 is Mother's Day, and so I do wish all to whom this applies a wonderful time of celebration with those who love you. Still, I don't want to forget to honor all women who serve as a mother figure to those whom God has brought to you without benefit of official title. We all need a little mothering from time to time, do we not? I celebrate all for your ministry as you encourage, teach and nurture others to make this community strong.

Having said all that, don't you want to be on the winning team? You're in luck---We choose you! And that's the truth!

For Life!

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