

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
PRO-LIFE SUNDAY - January 18, 2010

You may find this hard to believe, but, today, some people really have a very difficult time with reality, really! They really think; they really believe, that whatever they believe is really reality. Even if what they believe is against Science, Natural Law or Common Sense, it is still Reality!

So, I ask the Question: “What is Reality?”

- ★ Reality is what is actual or true, the state of things as they actually exist.
- ★ In Philosophy, reality is existence that is absolute, self-sufficient, or objective, and not subject to human decisions or conventions.

Now “What is the most important reality of all realities? What is the Essential Reality?”

- ★ That there is a God. A God who is All Being, All Reality, All Truth, All Goodness, All Beauty, All Knowledge and All Love.
- ★ A God who created us to love us and to have a relationship with us to spend time with us.
- ★ That is the Reality of all Realities. A reality without which there is no Reality!

What is the single most important reality, after the existence of God, for each one of us?

- ★ That we exist, or we wouldn't even be here, thinking of this answer.
- ★ and that we spend all eternity in the loving embrace of God.
- ★ The God who created us solely for that purpose.

And the last question, “When did the reality of our own existence really begin?”

- ★ We have existed for all eternity in the mind of God;
- ★ He knew everything about us for all eternity. He knows more about us than we do.
- ★ We were God's thoughts!
- ★ And sometime in the past century, with the cooperation of our parents,
- ★ God gave His thought of us a body, an intellect to know God and a free will to accept God and His Love and to return His Love by loving Him and others, especially our parents.

- ★ At conception, we became a Human Person and all heaven rejoiced;
- ★ another Person to love God and to live in God's Kingdom.
- ★ God gave us a Guardian Angel who has waited for billions of years for that precious moment.
- ★ And, God smiled!

- ★ And then it was decided by someone to have an abortion,
- ★ And God cried!

Before I say one more word about abortion, I want to make something very clear.

God loves everyone, God is Mercy and God wants to forgive everyone who sins, no matter what the sin is.

According to *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics* by the USCCB,

“Direct abortion is never a morally tolerable option, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.

***It is always a grave act of violence against a woman and her unborn child.** This is so, even when a woman does not see the truth because of the pressures she may be subjected to, often by the child's father, her parents or friends.*

God loves everyone and so - we MUST love everyone, too!

With that said:

Abortion is:

- Against God's Will
- Against God's Law
- Against Natural Law
- Against Moral Law
- Against Valid Human Law

No single swing vote on a partisan Supreme Court can change God's Law or God's Will.

- Abortion is homicide; it's murder; it is premeditated murder
- Popular opinions don't matter.
- Votes cannot change it.
- Abortion makes God cry.

But, what about certain circumstances?

What about Rape?

Three of the closest and dearest people in my life were conceived in rape or similar circumstances.

I'm forever grateful that they weren't punished for someone else's sin.

How many of you have had your DNA tested?

If your DNA results shows you have French Canadian DNA or DNA from the British Isles it may also show Scandinavian DNA as well.

Where did that come from?

Remember the Vikings (not from Minnesota) they often visited the British Isles and Canada. They were famous for raping and pillaging. You may have rapist's DNA in you. Are you not glad that you are here?

Well, what about Incest?

Incest is a very serious sin. However

If all incest pregnancies were aborted, most of the families of Europe's ruling monarchies, past and present would have many fewer members. Those family trees had large trunks and fewer branches.

What impact has abortion had?

I was in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1972, all of that time was during the Vietnam War.

I lost very, very many friends in that war; I'll never know how many.

In 2007, Jody and I took our granddaughter to Washington DC. We visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall where all their names are memorialized forever.

- ◆ The Vietnam Wall is 493' long and has 58,320 names
- ◆ There are 118 names per foot.
- ◆ A wall for 9-11 victims would be 25'
- ◆ A wall for the victims of the Holocaust would be 9 miles.
- ◆ A wall for the number of abortions in America, since Roe v Wade, is approximately 60 million or 96 miles. A wall from Cody to Laurel Mt.
- ◆ Abortions worldwide. 2.2 billion. A wall from the City of Seattle to the Panama Canal.
- ◆ Imagine that Memorial Wall, 3500 miles long remembering 2.2 billion aborted children
- ◆ but a wall no names on it!
- ◆ If we had to cull the world of 2.2 billion people,
- ◆ we would have to get rid of 3 of every 10 people.

- ★ What can we do against this holocaust?
- ★ We can't approve of it in any way
- ★ We can't advocate it for any reason
- ★ We cannot vote for it
- ★ We cannot vote for any legislator who support it.

Some people will say they don't want to be a single-issue voter; I understand that, but, if abortion is the issue, your vote is a serious moral issue for you.

Vote for someone else or don't vote.

We may not cooperate with evil.

If we refuse to cooperate with evil, we may suffer and others may suffer as well.

Many people will try to dissuade us and tell us **that our witness is futile.**

But we cannot cooperate when 95 innocent human beings are being put to death every minute.

Some of the latest maneuvers, last week, the U.S. Congress refused to pass a resolution that said that unborn babies were homo-sapiens. They refuse to admit that they belong to our species.

Thank God, Congress is not God!

There are approximately 600 Planned Parenthood facilities in America.

They are powerful, connected and funded

We have little power over them.

But, we may be able to change people's minds;

- we can win the fight in the trenches.
- In 1970, there was a movie titled "Suppose The Gave a War and Nobody Came?"
- Suppose all 600 giant Planned Parenthood Clinics opens their doors one day and nobody came?
- This war will be won one person at a time, in the trenches, with prayers and with personally accompanying and caring for those with unplanned pregnancies.
- We have a great resource in Cody, Serenity, Pregnancy Resource Center.
- They are greatly assisted by us, the parishioners of St. Anthony's
- One of their powerful assets is an ultrasound machine with which pregnant mothers can see their child.
- Their ultrasound machine was donated by our Knights of Columbus with profits from their only fundraiser, the Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball.
- We can also join the Pro-Life Marches and Rosary Chains.
- We can be politically active and correspond with our legislators.
- And, we can and must teach our children, before the "world" does.

When we face and fight this great evil, we must remember that everything, including evil, is within the Providence of God. He gave us a free will to accept His Love and to choose to love Him and each other. But free will is free and it can turn to evil. But with God's Providence, great evil is always overcome by even greater good. Let us now prepare to enter into the greatest Mystery of all, Christ's triumph over evil by His sacrificial Love for us on the Cross.