



Defending the Human Person, From Conception to Natural Death



A Valentine Child

I'm about to have a child!

More accurately, the current resident at our crisis pregnancy centre is due to deliver her child in mid-February.

We're excited!

Émilie moved into the residence, Divine Infant Jesus Pregnancy Centre, this past September 1st, 2017, alone, abandoned by the father of her child, with her family living in another country.

Since then we have helped her adjust into the Montreal way of life, introducing her to our medical and social service network. Nurses visit the centre to check on her and her child's health and provide instructional videos on child rearing. A social worker is helping her adapt to the Quebec society. And a medical doctor is in the picture too.

Émilie is adjusting well. Having become familiar with the local shops, she braves the weather, travelling out, shopping cart in tow, to do various errands such as grocery purchases.

Also, she has learned how to confront and survive the bone chilling weather that we all have had to face over the Christmas period; **she stayed indoors!**

These days she is looking beyond the delivery of her first child, searching for an apartment and planning to complete her high school education.

So, in mid-february, there will be a new youngster around. Quite a Valentine's Day present!



A Photo that Made a Difference (cntd.)

PSALM 139 (13-16)

(quote taken from www.newadvent.org)

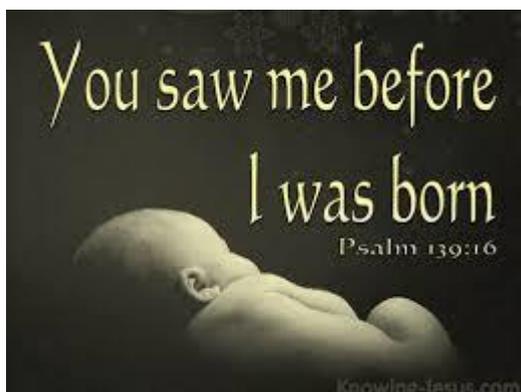
13 Author, thou, of my inmost being, didst thou not form me in my mother's womb?

14 I praise thee for my wondrous fashioning, for all the wonders of thy creation. Of my soul thou hast full knowledge,



15 and this mortal frame had no mysteries for thee, who didst contrive it in secret, devise its pattern, there in the dark recesses of the earth.

16 All my acts thy eyes have seen, all are set down already in thy record; my days were numbered before ever they came to be.



Parents Welcome Triplets Who Would've Been Forcibly Aborted in China

(by Jay Hobbs, www.lifenews.com, Jan 5, 2018)



Even at first glance, it'd be hard not to fall in love with Landon, Winston and Auden—triplets born Dec. 22 in Miami. The more you find out about the boys' remarkable journey into the world, however, the more lovable they become.

Currently recovering in a Miami neonatal intensive care unit, baby Landon was born at just over two pounds, while his brothers each weighed in at three pounds, five ounces at birth.

While the boys and their parents face a prolonged stay in the hospital to start their life outside the womb, the fact the boys were born at all is no small miracle

That's because the boys' parents, Mensheng, and her husband, Zhang, were in the process of relocating from their home in China to the United States when they got pregnant, and didn't realize they were expecting until shortly after they arrived in Miami.

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Had the couple stayed a few months—or even a few weeks—longer in China, Mensheng and the boys would've been prime targets for a totalitarian regime that has aborted over 400 million babies since it instituted its One-Child Policy in 1979.

While the government announced a change to the radical policy in late 2015, forced abortion still remains a significant factor under the so-called “Two-Child Policy” currently in effect.

The fact that Mensheng and Zhang were in the U.S. before finding out they were pregnant was an act of God, says Martha Avila, president of Heartbeat of Miami—a group of five locations, including four pro-life medical clinics offering free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, peer counseling, post-abortive support and material aid.

“The Lord rescued these babies even though they were conceived in China,” Avila said. “God allowed them to come here in time so that these babies could live. They were fearful about being alone. They had no one at all in the States, but they found love and support at our clinic and they saw the love of Jesus in action.”

In June 2015, Avila traveled to China along with Rev. John Ensor—who founded Heartbeat of Miami and has since gone on to start Passion Life Ministries, an international agency focused on training and equipping the church for pro-life work in China and Cuba, as well as other current and former communist nations.

On her trip to China, Avila was shocked to see the continued fallout of the country's decades-long oppression of women and families through forced abortion. That trip served as an eye-opener for Avila, who has served as Heartbeat of Miami's president since it first opened in 2007.

“These triplets from this Chinese couple really hit my heart,” Avila said. “I was in awe to see how women were being forced to abort their second baby. Yet most, if not all, do not want to abort—they are forced to. Then I have the opportunity to see how the Lord rescued these babies even though they were conceived in China. We are rejoicing in God's grace over these triplets.”

Since it began in 2007, Heartbeat of Miami has seen well over 35,000 women choose life for their babies in one of the most abortion-heavy cities in the U.S.

When the organization first opened, it was the first known pregnancy center in Miami-Dade County, compared with 37 abortion businesses. Today, Heartbeat of Miami occupies two closed abortion businesses among its five total locations.

Newly arrived from China and with no family in town, the couple reached out to Heartbeat of Miami for help in mid-2017. There, they met a woman named Lourdes Ponce who connected them with the material help and relational support the center offers.

“What an awesome opportunity for Lourdes to show them the love of Christ Jesus our Lord,” Avila said. “God's mercy allowed these babies to be born here in the United States even though they were conceived in China. Mensheng and Zhang are not alone. They have all of us.”

PRAYER VIGIL
February 14 – March 25


40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
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No sooner has the Christmas season ended that our attention turns to the Lenten and the Easter Seasons.

Ash Wednesday comes early this year – February 14, 2018, and on that day we begin not only our preparations for Easter but also our twice annual **prayer vigil for the end of abortion.**

Our 19th vigil seeks to draw attention to a grave injustice in our land - unlimited access to abortion at any stage of the child's development in utero.

An estimated 30 000 abortions are performed yearly in Quebec, 100 000 nationally.

Of those done in Quebec, about one third are within a half kilometer radius of our vigil location at the corner of St. Catherine and Berri Streets.

Between the noted dates, 40 days, **from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays**, we will stand vigil, praying and offering hope to passers-by that the days of free and unlimited access to abortion are coming to an end.

Weekends we will stand pray across the street from the former location of the Morgentaler abortion facility on St-Joseph Blvd., again from 8 to 5.

WILL YOU PRAY TO END ABORTION?

Consider joining us in prayer. This you can do

from the confort of your own home or with your faith community or with me at the vigil location.



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