

# CULTURE OF LIFE

DEFENDING THE HUMAN PERSON, FROM  
CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH

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## THE CAUSES ENDING ABORTION

Why do women choose abortion?

The reasons are many and no two situations are alike.

On the streets of the Bronx, Utica, and Montreal I have heard many.

At Doctor Emily's in the south Bronx, one woman confided to me that in a

while another 25% say they are not financially capable to raise a child.

If we are serious about ending abortion, we need to address these and other reasons.

Fortunately, we are not alone. God inspires many among us with a spirit of generosity, as the following

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moment of loneliness, while her husband was serving overseas, she became intimate with a neighbour in her apartment complex and became pregnant. She felt she could not have kept the child as it would be a reminder of her infidelity.

Yet, despite the uniqueness of each story, commonalities may be gleaned from them. 32% of women who choose abortion say that they do not feel emotionally capable,

incident shows.

The last week of June, on returning a phone message, I learned of the trials that had befallen James and his wife Cathy.

A young couple, they were elated when she became pregnant several years ago. This joy they shared with family and friends, and together they celebrated, including having a baby shower. Gifts were brought,

## PRAYER INTENTION

For an abortion provider

Dr. Jean Guimond, according to media reports, performs abortions up to 23 weeks and 6 days at a downtown community facility. Furthermore, the abortionist says that he refers women who are further along, (about 50 to 60 per year) to the US, whether New York or elsewhere.

Heavenly Father,

We commend to your attention Dr. Guimond. Touch his heart, Lord, so that he awakens to the harm he is inflicting upon women who have mistakenly sought him out.

Stir his intelligence that he may see the grandeur of human life at all stages of its development, learning to marvel at the defenseless life that he now casually destroys.

We make this prayer in union with your Son and Holy Spirit.

and the joy continued.

Then came heartbreak. Cathy miscarried. All grieved. Time passed.

Resolute, the couple were undeterred to pursue their dream of having children. Yet, fruitless years followed. This is when James decided to call us.

In an act of generosity and as an important step in their mourning process, the couple wanted to dispose of the gifts in a life-affirming manner. Was there an economically disadvantaged pregnant

woman who could benefit from these gifts? James asked.

Providence had it that there was, namely a woman due to deliver this coming September.

That Friday, a colleague (Fr. Jonathan) met the couple over lunch. He shared about his work of helping pregnant women, consoled the couple, and collected the unopened gifts which later that day I saw in his vehicle—gifts which the following day would go to help this mother in need.

So, what lessons can we learned here? First, being ready to help vulnerable and needy pregnant women. Also, in moments of grief to continue to be open and supportive of a culture of life.

May our Heavenly Father find us ever vigilant when called to be supportive of women and their families.

**Thank you for your on-going support, in prayer and in kind, for making this ministry possible.**

## ABSTINENCE EDUCATION WORKS, CONDOMS DON'T NEW TEEN PREGNANCY DATA

By Rebecca Oas, Ph.D.

New evidence from the United States suggests abstinence education is a reason why teen pregnancy has fallen to historically low rates. Nearly sixty percent of high school students had never had sex, up from 46% in 1991. Meanwhile, another new report links condom giveaways in schools with increases in teen pregnancy.

This investigation of the impact of the condom distribution programs was published this month by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)—more than twenty years after the

fact. It found higher pregnancy rates when students were given condoms in the absence of counseling, which would explain that abstinence is the surest method of protection, with information about the failure rates of condoms.

The authors write that their findings “suggest that risky sexual behavior may have increased in areas without counseling programs,” while noting that there is “essentially unanimity in the absence of support” within the academic literature for the hypothesis that handing out condoms encourages such behavior.

Nonetheless, the fact that this study was performed so belatedly despite the data being available for a quarter century raises sobering questions about further questions that remain unanswered—and unasked—by the experts.

On a more hopeful note, the NBER paper points out that “teenagers today are less likely to engage in sexual activity and are less likely to become pregnant,” echoing the latest data on risky behavior among teens from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

According to the American College of Pediatricians, the key message for teens is that abstinence is not only beneficial, but also an attainable goal. Meanwhile, the consequences for sexually active teenagers can be dire: “sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are on the rise, as is adolescent depression, sometimes referred to as the emotional STI.”

These problems are not limited to the United States. Globally, the cost of risky sexual behavior among adolescents is enormous: *The Lancet* recently published a study of the disease burden among youth internationally, and found that “unsafe sex” is the fastest-growing risk factor among 15-24 year-olds.

Both within the U.S. and internationally, political debates continue over how adolescents should be taught about sex. Proponents of controversial “comprehensive sexuality education” curricula

frequently claim their approach is “evidence-based” rather than being ideological, and that abstinence education is ineffective. But according to Valerie Huber, president of a U.S.-based organization promoting abstinence, or sexual risk avoidance, this is a “worn-out, disingenuous mantra” based on a selective reading of the “evidence.”

“[I]n this case, ‘science’ has become the pawn of a larger agenda,” writes Huber, describing how the U.S. government used flawed methodology to compile a list of “effective” sex education programs, most of which did not emphasize abstinence.

“Research confirms that [sexual risk avoidance] is a realistic approach to sex education and it offers the healthiest outcomes for youth,” writes Huber, citing the CDC’s findings that teen abstinence continues to rise steadily.

The message that sexual risk avoidance is both realistic and effective was absent from

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the *Lancet* Commission on adolescent health and wellbeing, which mentioned abstinence only to say “abstinence-only education is not recommended.” The Commission, which makes policy recommendations to global leaders, also bluntly calls on them to legalize abortion.

**CHANGE OF DATE:**  
***Our annual CORN ROAST / OPEN HOUSE***  
***was wrongly noted in the June Newsletter.***  
***The correct date is:***  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016**  
***The time remains the same: NOON***  
***as does the location: 3330 rue Rivier, Montreal***

## BEWARE THE WRATH

by John Coyne

Abortion is a dirty word	Conception is a sacred gift	Jesus said, "I am meek
It makes my stomach queasy	Blessed, and freely given	But don't excite my wrath
The dirtiest word I ever heard	A billion babes were set adrift	A billion times I turned my cheek
Retribution won't be easy.	Their moms by Demons driven.	It's time to take a bath.

A reader's comment:

*Thank you for that reflective poem, John. Let us pray for those who have not yet come to know the love of Christ and His Mother. We especially pray for those considering abortion as this very moment.*

*Heavenly Father, may your merciful love and grace fall on all those who are "trapped" in the culture of death and see no way out! Send your angels to minister to them and fill them with renewed hope. Remove the scales of the enemy from their eyes, so that they may see clearly as to what this would mean for their futures. Heal their brokenness and give them the faith required to turn their faces to you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. Lorraine N.*

### *RIGHT TO SAY NO TO ABORTION*

Excerpt from a leaflet by *Vivere Canada*

Girls and women who resort to abortion often do so not only because they think they would have no support, but also because they are forced to against their will. As circumstances vary from woman to woman, it is important that they be aware of their options.

A. **Residences** for girls and pregnant women both before and after birth exist, often integrated with school programs.

B. **Adoption.** 3 kinds exist:

- 1) Open (the mother has direct contact with the child and new parents);
- 2) Semi-open (indirect contact);
- 3) Closed (no contact).

C. **Guardianship.** the mother delegates a parental authority – i.e., guardian, which can be a single person or couple of her choice.

D. **Special Needs.** There exists a network of professionals specializing in the adoption of children at risk either of potentiality developing a disease or of being born with a disability, and who the mother may not feel fit to carry for that reason.

Yours for life,

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