

Right To Life 2010

“... the devil ... was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” Jn. 8:44

For 35 years I've been dedicating my sermon on this Sunday before January 22 to the defense of the Right to Life. It may seem a fruitless effort that we pro-lifers have been making since 1973 to defend the right to life of the unborn, but we must never fall into the despair of certain other so-called pro-life Catholics who now propose that we just accept the fact that the law will never again protect the life of the unborn and that we must now concentrate on other pro-life issues that we can and should support. It would be like someone who is supposedly anti-slavery suggesting back in 1860 that free men should now just accept the law's denial of liberty to people trapped in the evil of slavery and that free people should now concentrate on other areas of liberty in our society.

Over these years, it has become clearer and clearer to me that all monstrous crimes against humanity, murder, slavery, genocide, and abortion, etc., are covered over, promoted and justified by the great lie. When Jesus in Chapter 8 of John accused the leaders of Israel of trying to murder him, he immediately linked their evil intentions to the Father of Lies. Satan is said to be a murderer from the beginning and simultaneously the Father of lies. He lied to our first parents and murdered the human race, because death came through their sin, based upon Satan's lie. Now they would deny the truth to cover their intention to murder Jesus. It's all a pattern.

When men are determined to commit some great evil, they always lie before, during and after the crime. Our Supreme Court said slaves were not

fully human, only half human and that justified the evil of slavery. Hitler said Jews and gypsies and Slavic people were not fully human, and that justified the death camps. And then our supreme court said the unborn could not be proven to be human persons, so that justified allowing them to be murdered in the womb, and even outside the womb, according to our current President, who justified infanticide for the child who survived an abortion in his state of Illinois.

So the great lie today is that the unborn child is not really a human being, or at least not fully a human being, a human person who has the rights of a true human person – sort of like the black slaves who under the laws of slavery were simply considered chattel, which at the least implied they were property that was not fully human.

Moreover, the great lie about the non-humanity of the unborn is supported by much of the media, which rather than promote truth has become a kind of 5th column helping to defend and promote abortion.

For instance, today we have a very powerful technology that shows the truth of the unborn child in all its wonderful development in the womb, the powerful, almost 3D, machines that give us near perfect images of the child in the womb. Go on You-tube and see the images of smiles on the faces of the unborn. But Planned Parenthood does not want people considering abortion to see those images. The same technology could be used to see the horror of abortion; and the broadcast media will never allow those images on TV even while it shows us equally appalling images of the holocaust and other crimes. Why not? Because it wants to protect the lie that these children are not fully human, protect it most of all from mothers considering abortion.

Likewise, the pro-abortion media protects this lie when it slants its coverage of pro-life activities, marches, conferences, whatever, to make it look like these are just inconsequential activities of small numbers of people who are kooks and out of touch. There is a new documentary out that covers this media bias and propaganda as it “covered” the 2009 March For life. This documentary called “Thine Eyes” reveals the incredible distortion of the media which lined up with the pro-abortion forces to minimize the March and make it look like something not worth covering. It was reported variously as involving only hundreds or thousands of pro-lifers and a like size opposition. The truth was the documentary folks could only find a handful of pro-abortion people and produced overhead visual estimates that around 350,000 pro-lifers actually marched that cold day in January.

But today all this information can only be found on line, and the lies will continue in the broadcast and print media that are lock-step with the death peddlers like Planned Parenthood that makes millions from the abortion of defenseless unborn children.

Nonetheless, the Internet has given the pro-life movement new life, a chance to change minds through a communication means that is not controlled by the conglomerate print and broadcast forms of communication that have controlled the information flow to the American public until now. Lies support the killing of millions; the truth will help us put an end to this human carnage by peaceful means.

We have to convince people who have been misled to believe that the child in the womb is just a growth of cells that the fruit of conception is a true human person from the beginning and thus worthy of the protection of

the law. Things like sonograms can show a perfectly formed human baby at a very early stage, and that imagery alone can be a powerful witness to many that this is indeed a human child. Genetics and logic can convince many that if all the genetic programming is there from the beginning, then there is no point in time when this little creature begins to be human other than that first moment of conception. Denial of that truth means someone or some power of the state will end up determining what exactly is necessary to be a human person, and that has already been done once with all the consequent horrors of the NAZI state's final solutions for Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, the physically and mentally handicapped. They were all deemed sub-human in their development and the solution was the death camps.

Defense of the human personhood of the unborn child is, in reality, self-defense, the defense of our own humanity against the powers that would perhaps one day designate us as sub-human and not worthy to live. Abortion and Euthanasia preceded the Nazi regime in Germany, but it prepared the way for the growing list of people not deemed worthy of life by those moral monsters. That is why we call the anti-abortion movement pro-life, because in truth it is defending the life of everyone against the tyranny of those who would deny the right to life to any innocent human being.

Finally, there is a great deal of fallacious argumentation from so-called intellectuals and educated people that while the "product" of conception may be human biologically, that does not make it a human person worthy of the protection of the law, at least when it comes to the right to life. They then will designate certain qualitative characteristics that the human being must

have to be considered a person, the most important one being, of course intelligence – intelligence of a certain level, determined by them of course – and the capacity to reason, plan, whatever. Of course logically that not only denies the human personhood of the unborn, but the born prior to the age of reason, ditto for the mentally handicapped – the educated class will also determine how severe before you have the right to kill. It also excludes many of the aged whose mental capacities are being lost. And again who will determine to what degree that must be the case before being euthanized? You get the picture. Many will think this is all quite impossible in this country; just like in Germany?

The truth is that there is no safe solution to this problem of when a human being becomes a human person but admitting that from the beginning the child must be considered a human person, one in the stage of early development, which will continue until natural death.

But my personal final proof for this truth is a religious one – that one human being, Jesus, was definitely a person in the womb, from the first, a *divine* person who is from that first moment a human being. It's logical to me that we who are created by Him and in His image are likewise persons from the first moment of our conception, human persons who, like Him, just need the chance to develop and be born and nourished and protected by the law at every stage. That is the truth that alone will put an end to the culture of abortion and euthanasia in our country, and that victory alone will prevent this culture of death from developing into something even worse.