



WAKEUP INTRODUCES THE NEW SEXUAL REVOLUTION- CHASTITY

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Quoting a recent article, “Why the Church Isn’t Crazy on Contraception”, by Professor Janet Smith, the leading Catholic Theologian on sexual morality in America, “The widespread use of artificial contraception in our time has coincided

eerily with widespread societal dysfunction.

Since the birth control pill arrived in the 1960s, we have reached the point that nearly a third of the babies conceived in America are aborted and a third are born to single women. Today, one in four

Americans has an incurable sexual disease. Cohabiters divorce at about twice the rate of those who do not cohabit. Children raised by single parents more often live in poverty, suffer more depression and addiction, commit more crimes, and have more unwed pregnancies, abortions and divorces.

These would be sufficient reasons for all sensible human beings to be wary of any claims that contraception is going to improve lives or solve societal problems. Isn’t it more likely that it pours fuel on the fire of the sexual revolution and it’s destructive aftermath.”

Promiscuity – The Problem

Further aggravating and contributing significantly to this societal dysfunction, that Janet Smith writes about, is the fact that sexually liberal elites have hijacked our culture by seizing control of the entertainment media (TV, movies, rock music, MTV) and the sex education arena. These two forces have transformed the social landscape of America and made promiscuity a virtue and virginity a “problem” to be solved. Studies show that every day approximately 7,700 teenagers relinquish their virginity. In the process many will become pregnant and many more will contract a sexually transmitted disease.

I’m one of those that believe the solution to the problem is practicing the virtue of chastity before and during marriage. This is the key to eliminating abortion, poverty and sexually transmitted diseases (STD), and bringing about a culture of life. I am so convinced of this that promoting the practice of chastity will be the focus of a new effort which will be a major part of WAKEUP. By promoting chastity among our youth we foresee a significant reduction of STDs and a curbing of the number of unplanned pregnancies and abortions that now take

place in America. Our Chastity program will also address and explain the emotional, psychological and spiritual consequences of teen sex outside marriage.

Founding

The WAKEUP mission is to use all means of communication to draw attention to the unborn, the mentally and physically disabled (such as Terri Schiavo), and the elderly.

WAKEUP was founded on December 8, 1999 when the news of the trafficking of baby body parts was reported on in the secular press. The Washington Times reported that a fetal tissue technician, Dean Alberti, stated he worked for a broker named "Opening Lines," filling orders from pharmaceutical companies, universities and research labs for baby body parts. In his testimony before a House Commerce Committee, Alberti said profits were made from the sale of baby body parts and that abortions were performed in such a way that the bodies of babies were left intact to preserve their research value. A price list giving the price for each baby body part was available for buyers to select from.

The information in this article was hair-raising to say the least and it propelled me into pro-life activism in a big way. Soon there was a 20-20 newsmagazine program segment with Chris Wallace on the trafficking of baby body parts and the next day hearings were held by the House Commerce Committee based on congressional evidence. House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley, appearing on 20-20, said that since first learning of the trade, his committee had gathered enough evidence to determine that an illegal trade in fetal body parts has flourished in the United States since



1996, the year President Clinton issued an executive order lifting the ban on fetal tissue research.

I was joined by four other equally horrified women who came together to pray for direction. Within moments we were inspired with the acronym WAKEUP. We said "Enough was enough!" We had to bring down 'the code of silence' that surrounded what Senator Bob Smith (R. NH) stated on the floor of the senate was the "dirty little secret of the abortion industry."

Education

WAKEUP started out to educate people about this multi-million dollar business in America that feeds into an enormous research industry. Most people knew nothing about this burgeoning business. Although many people heard of the controversy surrounding fetal tissue

research, they had no idea how this tissue was obtained.

That was six years ago and much has happened since. We have educated thousands through television, radio, newspapers and magazines. It's been a very exciting journey. We have walked with the great heroes in the pro-life movement, learning from these holy people and their holy endeavors.

Now we are faced with something so sinister that it precipitated the first issue of WAKEUP's new Newsletter, Heart to Heart, focusing on women's health issues. As a woman I have been guided by the Holy Spirit through six years of pro-life work, evangelizing as I have made my way, I have found out that women's health more than anyone's, are at risk in this world today. So I thought it would be very timely to pass on some facts that I did not know and that you might not know.

Statistics

First, today there are 30 sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as opposed to 1960 when there were only five. 26 of these STD's only affect women. The other four affect both men and women. Women have an open sexual system. Men have a closed sexual system. So women are very much more at risk.

Today more than 125 million people in the United States are living with an incurable STD (report by Department of Health and Human Resources, Centers for Disease Control, 2004). An additional 19 million people (52,000 a day) become infected with an STD each year. Half of these will be life-long infections. For example, every year 6,200,000 Americans contract human papillomavirus (HPV), 7,400,000 Americans contract trichomoniasis, and 2,800,000 Americans contract chlamydia.

Between 100,000 and 160,000



women become infertile each year as a result of STDs. Chlamydia is a major cause of infertility. Youth has been recognized as the single most important factor in Chlamydia infection, with as many as one in 10 adolescent girls infected according to the Centers for disease Control.

A sexually active woman over 50 has an 80% chance of having an incurable STD. Quite often there are no symptoms. One can have an STD for years and not even realize it. 25% of sexually active teens have an STD and 85% have no symptoms and are not aware they have an STD. HPV is the most common STD,. 46% of teens have HPV after one episode of intercourse. 99% of cervical cancer comes from HPV. Less than 1% of society knows the connection between cervical cancer and HPV. More women died last year of cervical cancer than AIDS.

Genital Herpes is contracted by oral sex. This STD may not kill you, however, your child at birth, has a 40% chance of dying or may be severely retarded. If things don't change, 50% of women and 40% of men will have genital herpes. Once contracted, it's yours for life. There is no cure. Cervical cells are less able to fight off infection.

About 900,000 adolescents become pregnant each year. One-third of these ends in abortion. 85 percent of adolescent births are out-of-wedlock. More than 80 percent of single mothers under age 18 years of age will be classified in the poverty level and will be reliant on welfare assistance. The direct annual cost of adolescent pregnancy in the U.S. is nearly seven billion dollars and the indirect costs exceed \$29 billion.

In the United States the leading cause of poverty is single-parent families. The number of single-parent families has increased steadily since 1970. In 1970 there were about 3.8 million single parent families. Today there are over 15 million. (Source: Single -parent Families in Poverty, J. Kirby, M.S. The Ohio State University.) Single parent families experience more poverty, abuse of women and children, school dropouts, criminal behavior, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and abortions.

These are shocking facts that affect women of all ages. As a woman, I feel a duty to bring this message to all women, but especially to our very young. Many women seek abortions every day in

this country (est. 4000 per day, 1.5 million every year, 47 million since Roe vs. Wade – Alan Guttmacher Institute), every day 12,000 teenagers contract an STD (Pam Stenzel: Video - Sex Has a Price Tag –2000), STDs result in terrible consequences such as; ectopic pregnancy, hysterectomy, sterility, impotence, cancer, and early death (Abstinence Clearinghouse), and every year an increasing number of single parent families are living in poverty.

Children are being exposed to demoralizing ideas and practices that corrupt their spiritual, mental and physical health. The innocent and the unprotected are being so grievously harmed that their only hope is a return to the virtue of purity.

Even the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm for Planned Parenthood, writes: "Having sex can engender a sense of shame or guilt; push a couple apart; raise unrealistic expectations of further commitment and marriage; or be a form of abuse."

New Sexual Revolution

Chastity the New Sexual Revolution means saving sex for marriage. There is an obvious need to end the sexual chaos of our times and develop a strong family life by promoting the practice of chastity among our youth. This will bring about a Culture of Life where our youth will be taught to practice the virtues of self-control, generosity, idealism and altruism, resulting in long , satisfying marriages, individual responsibility, respect for all life , religious vocations, security for women and families and strong social structures. Through WAKEUP's new speaker's Bureau we will be speaking to the youth about the wonderful virtue of purity. No sexual disease! No unwanted pregnancy! No guilt!

Chastity – The Answer

WAKEUP will work with Sierra Correa, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Maryland and the founding president of the very successful Students for Life at the College Park campus. Sierra will work full-time to bring the Chastity message to Catholic and other religious schools primarily in grades 7 through 10, under a new project, "GenerationLife of Maryland". GenerationLife of Maryland will be based on the proven model of GenerationLife which has been operating successfully in the Philadelphia area since 2000. GenerationLife is a movement of young people committed to building a culture of life by spreading the pro-life and chastity messages to their peers. The GenerationLife vision:

"We have made a commitment to sexual purity and desire to influence the rest of our generation to do the same. We respect and protect the sacredness of our sexuality and its bonding and procreative purposes."

"We believe that we can change our sexually saturated culture by saying 'yes!' to saving sexual intercourse and all intimate acts for marriage."

"We believe that by spreading the chastity message we can stop the tragedy of abortion at the root cause. We desire to see an end to legalized abortion in our lifetime. In the meantime, we are educating the public and interceding on behalf of women and unborn children susceptible to becoming victims of abortion."

Sierra will not only promote the virtue of chastity, but she will train student leaders to teach the chastity message and the pro-life message to their fellow students. These student leaders will also help bring pro-life activism to their future schools, from middle school to college.



The College Problem

Most American colleges are strongholds of liberal ideology. Moral relativism, secular humanism, and values classification are fostered as opposed to the biblical world view on which our founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were based. Sexual promiscuity is fostered through college campus health clinics which openly distribute condoms prescribe the pill, and refer for abortions. This is true of both state and private institutions and even some religious institutions. Pro-life faculty members are typically few and far between.

The College Solution

The flagship of local campus pro-life groups is the University of Maryland at College Park, MD. This group which began in September, 2002, is a direct result of such Defend Life sponsored speakers as Stephanie Gray and Scott Klusendorf. In its two years of existence, pro-life students at College Park have sponsored GAP (the Genocidal Awareness Project) on three occasions with significant success plus numerous other activities. Also, Sierra Correa, and one current student, Jessica Newman,

have decided to make pro-life work their life's work

Other local pro-life groups exist at George Washington University, Georgetown University, Catholic University, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, University of Virginia, Mount Saint Mary's, and Johns Hopkins where GAP was held recently with the help of Defend Life plus students from college Park.

Other campuses where there is a definite potential for pro-life groups include Towson University where 10 students signed up at a recent Defend Life talk by Jenni Maas, Frostburg State, Salisbury State, George Mason, and James Madison. Other local campuses that once had campus pro-life groups that could be resurrected with the proper outside support include Loyola, Goucher, Villa Julie, American University, and Marymount.

The only sure way to have ongoing pro-life activism at local college campuses is to have a full-time college outreach director starting new groups, nurturing existing groups, and resurrecting defunct groups. This has been done successfully in Western Canada by Stephanie Gray, Director of the Canadian Center for Bioethical Reform. The person who

will lead this effort locally is Jessica Newman. She would work also under the direction of WAKEUP. Jessica is presently completing her freshman year at College Park as a philosophy major. She plans to continue her studies at an on-line distance university which would enable her to spend the bulk of her time fostering pro-life activism at local college campuses. Defend Life would work closely with her continuing to provide pro-life speakers, making the 12 banner Mini-GAP display, which it owns, available at various campuses, and providing other resources such as PRO-LIFE 101 day-long training courses, and financial support raising seminars for students who choose to make pro-life advocacy their life's work.

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Expectations

This project will help to drastically reduce the millions of STD's and abortions that occur among our youth in America each year.

Many thousands of our youth will be practicing the virtue of chastity before and during marriage which is the key to eliminating abortion, poverty, and sexually transmitted diseases. This will expand their understanding of themselves and put them in control of their own lives emotionally, psychologically and spiritually. Chastity will promote healthy relationships, both now and in the future and will give impetus to be creative in the expression of affection and ready youth for the fact that sexual intimacy implies far more responsibility than just being physically safe during intercourse.

Our objective will be a Culture of Life where our youth will be taught to practice the virtues of self-control,

generosity, idealism and altruism, resulting in long, satisfying marriages, individual responsibility, respect for all life, religious vocations, security for women and families and strong social structures.

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