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“Do whatever He tells you.”



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“God knows we’re trying”



St. Martin de Porres



Eugene A. Santoro

Feast: Nov. 3

St. Martin de Porres (Dec. 9, 1579 – Nov. 3, 1639) was a lay Dominican brother from Lima, Peru. He was known to have been given many miraculous gifts such as levitation, bilocation, healing, and even the ability to communicate with animals.

However, his greatest witness remains his charity.

St. Martin was born Juan Martin de Porres. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave. This translated into a life of poverty and hardship for the young Martin. However, at 15, he was admitted to a Dominican convent as a servant boy. As his duties grew, he was led to join the order as a tertiary. Initially, his race prevented him from becoming a friar, but this restriction was later overturned as a result of his piety and miraculous cures and he was admitted fully into the order.

He was later placed in charge

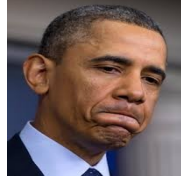
of the infirmary where his care for the sick impressed his superiors. He also extended care to those outside the walls of the convent. From a glass of water to offering his own bed to an aged beggar covered with ulcers, St. Martin sought to bring the Lord's compassion to all who suffered from illness.

One story that demonstrates his unwavering commitment to those in distress concerns his encounter with a poor native. The native was bleeding from a dagger wound, so St. Martin took the man to his own room until he could be transported to the hospice he had set up at his sister's house in the country. His superior was furious when he found out about the incident and reprimanded St. Martin for disobeying an earlier prohibition about lodging the sick at the convent. St. Martin only replied, "Forgive my error, and please instruct me, for I did not know that the precept of obedience took precedence over that of charity." At that, the superior allowed him to continue his exercise of mercy uninterrupted.

– Douglas Culp

Obama's Not Really Sorry Obamacare's Making Americans Lose Insurance

NBC News's Chief White House



Correspondent Chuck Todd is hardly one of us nor is he a reporter looking for opportunities

to hammer President Obama. In fact, most of the time, Todd excels at making up excuses for Mr. Obama, no matter how far-fetched.

But the fiasco which is the rollout of ObamaCare's health insurance exchanges—the near impossibility of getting on the website and the truth that millions of people are going to lose the insurance they want—has even Todd in a cranky mood. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/08/obamas-not-really-sorry-obamacares-making-americans-lose-insurance/>

Two-Thirds of Americans, Women Want Painful Abortions on Unborn Babies Banned

In June, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 228-196 in favor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. On Thursday, Sen. Lindsey Graham, South Carolina Republican,

64% of Americans **SUPPORT** laws ending abortions on unborn babies who can feel pain
#theyfeelpain

announced that he would introduce the bill in the U.S. Senate.

Appearing on Fox News Sunday last weekend, Mr. Graham noted that protecting pain-capable unborn children from the horror of abortion is a debate worthy of a great democracy. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/08/two-thirds-of-americans-women-want-painful-abortions-on-unborn-babies-banned/>



The National Association of Pro-life Nurses announces its 2013-2014 scholarship for nursing students! Any pro-life nursing student currently enrolled in a nursing program is eligible to apply. For further details, go to nursesforlife.org
Take my hand, not my life.

Aborting My Baby With Down Syndrome Ruined My Life, Tore Apart My Family

Tens of millions of women who have had abortions over the last decades worldwide regret their abortions. Marie Ideson of England is one of



them.
Every morning when she wakes up she misses the six-year-old little girl who she named Lillie and planned to give a wonderful life that is until an amniocentesis discovered Lillie had Down Syndrome. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/08/aborting-my-baby-with-down-syndrome-ruined-my-life-tore-apart-my-family/>

HHS Mandate Loses Again, Obama Admin Can't Force Family Business to Comply

The HHS mandate that is a part of Obamacare was dealt another blow on Friday, as a federal appeals court ruled the Obama administration cannot force a family-run business in Illinois to comply with it and pay for birth control or abortion-causing drugs for its employees. This ruling comes after another victory against the mandate earlier this month.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/hhs-mandate-loses-again-obama-admin-cant-force-family-business-to-comply/>

Democrats Credit Phony War on Women With Beating Cuccinelli, Plan 2014 Attacks



The pro-life movement has an opportunity to recapture the Senate from abortion activists next year, but pro-life Republican candidates who are looking to win Senate seat in the mid-term elections need to be prepared for continued phony attacks accusing them of engaging in a so-called War on Women.



During the Virginia gubernatorial election, the Planned Parenthood abortion business threw \$1 million in false attacks on pro-life candidate Ken Cuccinelli at Virginia voters.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/democrats-credit-phony-war-on-women-with-beating-cuccinelli-plan-2014-attacks/>

Pope Francis Greets Hundreds of Disabled Visitors With Warm Embraces and Smiles

Pope Francis has received worldwide praise for his outreach to people who are mentally and physically disabled. The leader of the Catholic Church recently kissed and blessed a man with tumors all over his head and he let a teenager with Down Syndrome take a spin in the Popemobile.



From an AP report about the meeting with more than 600 people with disabilities: <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/pope-francis-greets-hundreds-of-disabled-visitors-with-warm-embraces-and-smiles/>

Philippines: Mom Gives Birth to Baby After Clinging to Post During Typhoon Haiyan

The news out of the Philippines has been devastating □ as the world learns of hundreds of confirmed deaths and hundreds more people injured or missing as a result of the devastating typhoon that hit the island nation.

Yet, while the Filipino people endured the devastation and destruction reports have surfaced of one positive story of a mother who desperately tried to save herself so she could give birth to a baby girl. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/philippines-mom-gives-birth-to-baby-after-clinging-to-post-during-typhoon-haiyan/>

□ The Most Inspiring Football Play of All-Time: □ Team Runs Special Play for Special Needs Player

In what some are describing as the Most Inspiring Football Play of All-Time, players on the team at a middle school in Michigan set up a special play for a special members.



Keith Orr□s teammates on the Olivet Eagles middle school football team in Olivet, Michigan came up with a special play for Orr to score a touchdown □ all unbeknownst to their coach. They spent weeks devising the play to give Keith that chance to score. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/the-most-inspiring-football-play-of-all-time-team-runs-special-play-for-special-needs-player/>

New York City Mayor Wants More Abortion Clinics, Will Use Tax Dollars to Build Them

New York City is the abortion capital of America □ with higher abortion rates than almost anywhere else in the nation. But that□s not good enough for newly-elected Mayor Bill de Blasio, who wants more abortion



clinics build and is pledging to employ taxpayer funds to do so.

Anna Higgins of the Family Research Council notes that de Blasio, □ has promised to partner with Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers to help them expand their business in the city. He says he plans to help abortionists find neighborhoods that lack convenient clinic access and provide them with □ city sponsored □ space to set up shop. □ <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/new-york-city-mayor-wants-more-abortion-clinics-will-use-tax-dollars-to-build-them/>

Our Veterans Fought and Died For Our Freedom, Not for Abortion

In the early morning hours of June 6, 1944, thirty men from the small town of Bedford, Virginia, huddled close together in landing craft churning through the dark waters of the English Channel on a mission unlike any other the world had ever known. Their destination: a strip of sand known as Omaha Beach in Normandy, France.

Most of the thoughts running through the minds of these young men are lost to eternity. Surely there was no lack of thought of loved ones back home □ wives, mothers, sweethearts and friends □ loved



ones who were now half a world away, shielded from the ferocity of war by the sprawling Blue Ridge. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/our-veterans-fought-and-died-for-our-freedom-not-for-abortion/>

Belgium: Debate Continues on Bill to Legalize Euthanasia for Disabled Children

A heated debate on proposals to legalise euthanasia for minors in Belgium intensified this week. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/belgium-debate-continues-on-bill-to-legalize-euthanasia-for-disabled-children/>

Media Ignores Wendy Davis □ False Claims to be Pro-Life

Recently declared Texas gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis had a really, really bad opening round of campaign appearances. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/media-ignores-wendy-davis-false-claims-to-be-pro-life/>

Adult Stem Cells and Family's Love Help Young Father Beat Leukemia

Terry Killman and his grandson Eli are like two peas in a pod, almost inseparable. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/adult-stem-cells-and-familys-love-help-young-father-beat-leukemia/>

[leukemia/](#)

California Tells Supreme Court: Force Companies to Obey the HHS Mandate

Radical California has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to reject religious liberty in the running of a business in the birth control cases. [http://](http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/california-tells-supreme-court-force-companies-to-obey-the-hhs-mandate/)

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10 Reasons Not to Have an Abortion

by Krisi Burton Brown |
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On Thursday, [we dealt with an article](#) from a parenting website that advocated for ten (well, actually nine) reasons to have an abortion. Today, we'll discuss ten reasons *not* to have an abortion.

1) It compounds tragedy.

Sometimes the circumstances surrounding a pregnancy are tragic. Perhaps the woman was raped. Maybe the baby has been diagnosed with a defect. Or the woman's health might be at risk. However, one tragedy is not answered with another. We do not erase a rape by killing a child. We do not cure a baby by taking his life. And we do not avoid all health issues by avoiding the reality of another human being.

Women who have been raped must be compassionately cared for. But compassionate care does not include executing a woman's child. Parents facing a [difficult prenatal diagnosis](#) must be given real facts and [directed](#) to [others](#) with [helpful experiences](#). They must not be forced into a quick choice for abortion or urged to take the life of their child instead of giving her a chance to [defy the odds](#). Women with high-risk pregnancies must be treated by real medical professionals. But treatment does not include [intentionally killing a child](#). (If a child dies during the course of treating the woman – i.e., during chemotherapy for cancer, removal of an ectopic pregnancy, etc. – this is not an abortion.)

2) It takes innocent lives.

Science could not be more clear. Unborn human beings are living, separate, and unique. From the moment of fertilization – better known as conception – a new human life is in existence. Ending this life is not ending “potential.” It is ending a *life*. We would do well to understand the modern science that reveals the humanity of the unborn. (Here is a [scientific report](#), [quotes from textbooks](#), [photos](#), and [a video](#).)



3) It violates civil rights.

Civil rights are violated when people are deprived of their basic rights in a discriminatory fashion. Unborn children are [deprived of life](#) – the most basic right of all – simply based on their location (their mother’s womb) and their developmental status. This is [discriminatory](#), [inhuman](#), and [cruel](#).

4) It punishes innocent people.

A child does not deserve to die for the crimes of his father. A five-year-old cannot be killed because his father is a rapist. A five-month-old unborn child should not be allowed to be killed for the same reason. A child does not deserve to die because her mother and/or her father were irresponsible. A child is completely innocent. A child did not decide that his parents would have sex or that they would use ineffective contraception. An unborn child is always innocent and should never be punished.

5) It can harm women.

Real-life stories demonstrate again and again that abortion harms women. Harm comes in a

variety of forms – mental, emotional, relational, and physical – and in some cases, women’s lives are lost through abortion. They can also experience the loss of their fertility or an increase in miscarriages after an abortion. To find out more, check out [this study](#), [this paper](#), this [compilation of stories](#), [these experiences](#), and [these stories](#).

6) It is damaging to relationships and families.

Anytime a family member dies, the rest of the family is affected. And this is true of abortion. A real, living, irreplaceable child has been killed, and the parents and [siblings are damaged](#). Fathers attempting to stop abortions should [read this article](#). Siblings who need a place to express their pain should [go here](#). And for more information on how abortion damages relationships, [read this](#) and [this](#). Many women who abort just to convince their guy to stay with them find that they are left alone anyway, shortly after the abortion. Abortion is never the answer to a successful and loving relationship.

7) It never goes away.

No matter how hard we try, we can never erase what abortion does. Abortion takes – it *kills* – an innocent human being. Time does not erase murder or ease the

reality of what it is. Abortion is a cruel tragedy, but it is also a *choice* that should never be made. Such a choice stays with us forever.

For anyone who has already participated in abortion, while there is no way to change your past, there is a way to heal from it. Check with your [local pregnancy resource center](#) for post-abortion recovery programs. You can also look into [Rachel's Vineyard](#) or [Ramah International](#). Also, check out [this sermon by Mark Driscoll](#), in which he discusses how “Jesus died so murder could be forgiven.” Recovery, hope, and healing are always available.

8) It creates new problems.

Some people believe that having an abortion and ending a child's life will solve their problems. And in the immediate present, it may appear that the problems have been erased. Perhaps college becomes an easier option, maybe parents never find out that their daughter was pregnant, or possibly an affair remains undiscovered. But in reality, abortion only hides problems – it doesn't solve them. Many women finish college while still giving life to their baby. Many parents are far more accepting and loving than their daughters believed possible. And the truth is better than a lie, when a lie would cost an innocent person's life. In the end, that's

what this is really about: our problems are not only solved through killing an innocent person. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right. And just because it's often a hidden choice doesn't mean it won't stay with you forever.

9) It avoids responsibility.

Abortion is sometimes used as an easy coverup for a one-night-stand or a solution to a relationship gone bad. However, when two adults make the choice to participate in an activity known to create babies, these adults must accept responsibility. Contraception can fail. The best planning can fall apart. But responsibility should not be avoided at the cost of an innocent child's life.

Responsible people have to make hard choices sometimes. Timing may seem bad and circumstances might be difficult. But this does not justify killing an innocent person. Choosing to raise a child is responsible. Choosing adoption for a child is responsible. But choosing abortion and denying life to a child who already exists is irresponsibly – and irreparably – wrong.

10) It's not empowering or liberating for women.

As a woman who considers herself a feminist, I find it appalling that abortion is classified as part of “women's

rights.” It is *not* my “right” to kill my child. I should *not* be the only person who has the power to order my child’s execution at the hand of an abortion doctor. Letting my child [suffer a death](#) in which her spine is sucked into a tube or her limbs are torn apart or her heart is stopped through poison is not empowering or liberating. These choices ought not to be choices at all. They are cruel tragedies for all involved, and they should not be permitted in a civilized nation. Women do not receive freedom through the blood of their children.

All women should understand [exactly what abortion is](#).

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Ireland: Woman Dies After Legal Abortion But Irish Media Remain Silent

Bimbo Onanuga died having suffered massive internal bleeding when her baby delivered into Ms Onanuga’s abdominal cavity after her womb ruptured. [http://](#)

www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/ireland-woman-dies-after-legal-abortion-but-irish-media-remain-silent/

Emergency Contraception Has Not Reduced Abortions, May Lead to Fewer Reports of Rape

A new article on so-called □ emergency contraception □ (hereafter: EC) was published last week in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

[http://](#)

www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/emergency-contraception-has-not-reduced-abortions-may-lead-to-fewer-reports-of-rape/

Politifact: LifeNews is Right, Chris Christie Repeatedly Vetoed Planned Parenthood Funding

In our reporting on his gubernatorial election victory last week, LifeNews reported that pro-life Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey vetoed funding for the Planned Parenthood abortion business on five occasions.

[http://](#)

www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/politifact-lifenews-is-right-chris-christie-repeatedly-vetoed-planned-parenthood-funding/

How to Have Successful Pro-Life Conversations With Abortion Advocates

For years, I thought having pro-life conversations meant that you basically had to accost people on the street and be a loud, annoying activist. [http://](#)

www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/how-to-have-successful-pro-life-conversations-with-abortion-advocates/

What Does the Bible Say About Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia?

There are two instances of euthanasia in the Bible. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/what-does-the-bible-say-about-assisted-suicide-and-euthanasia/>

Remembering When a Hospital Told Nurses Assist Abortions or Lose Your Job

I covered this story when it broke, but I was unaware of the details, so I think it is worth revisiting. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/remembering-when-a-hospital-told-nurses-assist-abortion-or-lose-your-job/>

National Association of Social Workers Faces Criticism for Promoting Abortion

In the Issues statement of Family Planning and Reproductive Choice, the National Association of Social Workers endorses abortion stating. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/national-association-of-social-workers-faces-criticism-for-promoting-abortion/>

Wisconsin Poll Shows Majority of Residents Strongly Pro-Life on

Abortion

As the pro-abortion movement targets pro-life Governor Scott Walker in next year's gubernatorial race, Walker and pro-life Wisconsin residents can rest assured that a majority of the state's voters are on their side. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/11/wisconsin-poll-shows-majority-of-residents-strongly-pro-life-on-abortion/>

New Catholic Bishops President Created Pro-Life Blessings for Unborn Children

The U.S. Conference of Catholic



Bishops today elected Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of

Louisville as its next president. Kurtz is strongly pro-life and was behind a pro-life blessing for unborn children the Vatican adopted in March 2012. Kurtz, 67, has served as the conference vice president of the bishops conference since 2010 and he was elected today at the conference's fall assembly in Baltimore to a three-year term. The bishops conference president is integral to the pro-life outreach of the nation's Catholic bishops, who engage in numerous pro-life educational and legislative projects. <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/11/12/new-catholic-bishops-president-created-pro-life-blessings-for-unborn-children/>

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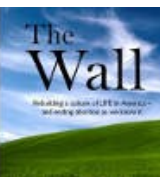
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