

PRO-LIFE NEWSLETTER

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THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his mouth the breath of life and the man became a living being”. (Genesis 2:7)

The words “sanctity of life” means that this **life belongs to God and is dedicated to Him**. Thus we read in the Book of Job: “... as long as I have life within me, the breath of God is in my nostrils”. (Job 27:3), and in the Book of Ecclesiastes: “... and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Those who believe in the sanctity of life do so because our life came from God, as the quotations from Scriptures clearly testify. Our breath of life is the breath of God.

The sixth commandment from God forbids murder; it says, **“You shall not commit murder”**. (Deuteronomy 5:17)



It is also recorded in Deuteronomy 21:1-9, that an elaborate ceremony is provided for as atonement for an unsolved murder, that is, for which no person has been caught. There the elders of the town are to put their hands over a heifer whose neck was broken for this purpose and declare: “Our hands did not shed this blood (i.e. the blood of the murdered man)

nor did our eyes see it done. Accept this atonement for your people Israel, whom you have redeemed O Lord, and do not hold your people guilty of the blood of an innocent man”. (Deuteronomy 21:8)

In the story of Cain, after he killed his brother Abel, God said to him, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.” (Genesis 4:11)

It is clear therefore from the two quotations above that no one is allowed to shed an innocent blood, or to take away the life of an innocent person.

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The Ministry of Pro-Life Group of the Association of Churches in Sarawak was formed in order to save lives, and prevent the abortion of innocent unborn babies. A baby thus saved, would be cared for either by the natural mother or be offered for adoption by caring parents. In this way, the baby is provided with a safe home, and brought up and nurtured as God wishes it to be done.

It is the responsibility of the community to make sure that in the first place, unwanted pregnancies are prevented, and when pregnancies do occur, the babies are cared and provided for, because these babies come from God and belong to God.

Jesus Himself, the Good Shepherd, came to seek and save the sheep. He said, **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”** (John 10:10) Why did Jesus say this ? It is because every person is precious in the eyes of God. **We have no authority to destroy life, life that comes from God.**

Every woman who has become pregnant must think carefully before considering having an abortion, no matter how desperate the situation may be. This is a big responsibility for which every woman, or man, is answerable to God for the action that she or he takes with respect to the well-being of the unborn baby. Pray for God’s guidance and direction. Do not make hasty decisions that you will only regret later on, by which time it is already too late. Make sure that you do the right thing.



Rt. Revd. Bishop Datuk Made Katib
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Say "NO" to abortion, we are Christians

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There are three parts to this article:

1. Sin and the human condition
2. How does life begin ?
3. Hard truth about abortion

... but all are to be saved

PART 1 -

SIN and The Human Conditions

The first few chapters of Genesis talk about creation and **SIN**. How sin enters man and how sin increases in the family and in the community.

Genesis 1 : God created the universe.

Genesis 2 : God and Man - **God created man in His own image for relationship.**

Genesis 3 : Adam and Eve committed sin of disobedience to God and were driven out of the garden of Eden .

Genesis 4 : Cain killed Abel. Cain committed sin of jealousy and pride.

Genesis 6 and 7 : Noah and the great flood talks about the wickedness and judgment of man. Man committed sexual sin and God sent a great flood to destroy the wicked men. Only Noah and his family were saved.

Genesis 11 : Tower of Babel - Men committed sin of pride and God dispersed them.

Genesis 19 : Sodom and Gomorrah - The people in both cities committed homosexual sin and God destroyed both cities. Only the righteous were saved from the fire.

Sin continues in every generation.

The wages of sin is eternal death which is physical and spiritual death.

Physical death means condemned to die bodily and spiritual death means separated from God in soul and spirit.

However, God loves man despite his sinful conditions because He does not want man to perish but all are to be saved. God's Son, Jesus Christ, came in human form, dwelled among man and died for man's sin. Through His death and resurrection, He gives eternal life to whosoever believes in Him.

Human Life Is Precious in God's Sight

PART 2- How Does Life Begin ?

1. The sequence of God's creation

God made man and woman in His image. They became one flesh in marriage. The woman conceived and gave birth to a new life, hence the

process of procreation.

Note: Procreation came AFTER marriage and not before.

2. Biological sequence of life development

Life begins at CONCEPTION and not weeks later as often misconstrued by some people.

At day 22, the heart circulation is established and at day 35, heartbeats are demonstrable ultrasonically.

At day 42, baby's movements are seen.

At 9 weeks, the baby is seen jumping, kicking, turning and swimming.

At 12 weeks, all the organs of a human being are completely formed.

The baby is 3" long. He swallows and can make a fist. He sucks his thumb. He is sensitive to touch, sound and heat. He grows steadily.

At 20 weeks, the mother feels the child's movements.

At 37 weeks, he matures and is ready for birth.

Birth is a happy event. The married couple rejoices at the birth of a child. The whole family or community celebrates life.

Life begins at Conception

PART 3 – Hard Truth About Abortion

Induced abortion or termination of pregnancy

As evil increases in this world, some biological parents or parents-to-be reject their own flesh and blood.

Termination of pregnancy is increasing for various reasons :

1.The continuance of the pregnancy would interfere with the woman's career, and loss of purchasing power and economic independence;

2.The guy who is responsible for the pregnancy threatens to terminate the relationship if the girl keeps the pregnancy;

3.The pregnant single girl becomes a scandal or disgrace to her family

Some aborted the baby to "obey" the guy but ended

up being abused by the guy and eventually broken relationship.

Can an irresponsible guy who killed his own unborn child be a responsible husband and father in the future?

Is material fulfillment more important than the value of human life?

Is family "name" more valuable than the life of an innocent baby ?

A TRUE STORY

A true life story of a girl who wrote to us after she was forced by her mother to abort her baby. (The girl and her mother were counseled by Pro-Life Group during her pregnancy).

"I was forced by my parents to abort my baby. Six months after my abortion, I often dreamt of my baby. It's a baby boy. I saw tears in his eyes. I felt very sad and guilty. I really didn't want to abort him. I hope he can forgive me. On another occasion, I dreamt I gave birth to him. The nurse showed him to me. When I woke up, he was not there. Sometimes I could not sleep because of thinking of him. I had even thought of committing suicide when I could not stand the hurt and pain which I felt. Now my parents are happy, but what about me ? What about my feelings ?"

Premarital sex is increasing in schools and colleges.

Two surveys were carried out by Pro-Life Group in 2008, and the results show :

- 1) 9% of the Christian youth had premarital sex.
- 2) 32% of the teenagers in school were sexually active

Some of you may be having premarital sex but I urge you to give up now.

Say "NO" to premarital sex till you are married. Practise chastity and true Christian value. Sex is no proof of one's love.

Lust is a fulfillment of one's sexual desire, not a commitment to one's

relationship.

In Dec 2005, tsunami claimed 180,000 lives and the whole world knew about this.

In England and Wales, 180,000 abortions are performed every year.

What about in America, Europe, and globally, how many unborn children are killed every year? Why is the world not shocked by the great number of unborn babies killed through abortion?

Statistic on abortion is not available in Malaysia though some quoted 60 abortions per month in one particular clinic.

Psychological complications of abortion :

1. anger and sadness;
2. grief, shame and guilt;
3. loss of self-esteem and self-confidence.

These feelings may lead to :

1. depression;
2. weeping;
3. sleepless nights;
4. breakdown in relationship.

Medical complications are as follow :

1. Infection of the womb and fallopian tubes;
2. Irregular bleeding of the womb;
3. Possible miscarriages in future pregnancies;
4. Infertility problem.

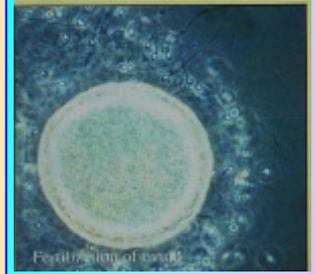
THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ACT.

Is abortion justified in some hard cases ?

1. The girl was raped repeatedly and fell pregnant;
2. The baby is an anencephaly or a Down's Syndrome;
3. The mother has cancer during pregnancy;
4. The mother has some medical problems during pregnancy

I shall discuss the above in the next issue.

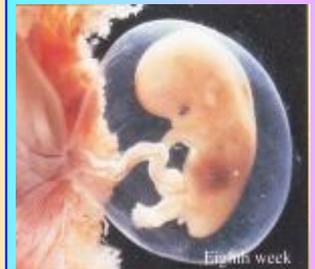
Pictures of unborn babies in various stages in the womb and at birth



Conception



Day 35



8 weeks



20 weeks



At birth



PRO-LIFE GROUP

Provides Free Services On:

- **Pregnancy Crisis Counselling and Services** (Strictly confidential)
- Advisory Service for Adolescents and Parents on relationship problems
- Public / School talks on Pro-life issues : Boy-Girl Relationships, Sexuality, Abortion etc.

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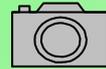


PHOTO-NEWS



Pro-Life Exhibition at the Boulevard shopping mall on 3rd August 2008



Pro-Life Exhibition at THE Spring shopping mall on 19th October 2008



Pro-Life Group Annual General Meeting on 8th February 2009



Talk on "Healthy and Unhealthy Boy-Girl Relationship" at SMK Batu Kawa on 21st April 2009



5th Adopted Children and Adoptive Parents' Fellowship on 1st May 2009

The Prayer of Pro-lifers

O God, The Father and creator of human life, help us never to become discouraged in defending the full breath of that most precious gift, from the miracle of fertilization to the spiritual serenity of a natural death.

Inspire us to remember that without you we are powerless, and that what we do for the least, especially the helpless unborn dearest to you, we are actually doing for your son, who lives and works in us and through us.

Protect us against the wiles and wickedness of the devil, "a murderer and a liar from the beginning." May the Holy Spirit enlighten us along our daily way ! Amen.

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