

THE END of NAT'L S.O.H.L. SUNDAY AFTER 50 YEARS



January 2023 will be the first time in the 21 year history of *Positively Waiting*, and the first time in 50 years that we won't start the year off by commemorating the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. Since 1973, on the Sunday closest to January 22, Christians have made the case for the sanctity of human life. This year, the *Dobbs* ruling overturning *Roe*, marks a huge shift in the defense of the unborn. Clearly many people still favor discarding inconvenient humans (whether nascent or in decline). But at least now, every state must persuade a majority of their neighbors instead of relying on the courts to ram it down the nation's throat.

As ProLife advocates, we will still have to explain how, before *Roe*, abortion was sold to people as a 'civil right' that was reserved for 'rich white women.' Hugh Hefner of the Playboy Empire and Bernard Nathanson of the National Abortion Rights Action League, convinced feminists that without the ability to limit the number of children they had, women and people of color would never achieve true equality.

Their arguments placed very little emphasis on what abortion erases (a human life) and a great deal of emphasis on how "the patriarchy" promoted "white supremacy" and the subjugation of women. Ironically, legalizing abortion is one factor keeping the black population from increasing beyond 13% of the population, and the reason motherhood has been devalued. As long as abortion was nationally legal and convenient, no one cared about the lies that were told to make it so. Hopefully, that will change as new discussions take place in states where legal restrictions are being sought.

Since *Dobbs*, there are extremes on both ends: several states, such as Texas, have put limits on when abortions may be performed (if at all), while others like California have opened the floodgates to free abortion on demand without restriction through all 9 months of pregnancy. The impact of those extremes will be a gigantic experiment with as yet unknown social and economic consequences across the nation.

How could it not? In some states, EVERY human life has intrinsic value (regardless of race, gender, religion, circumstances, or socioeconomic condition) and is worthy of honor and protection from conception to

natural death; while in others, the **wantedness and convenience** of the life (unborn, disabled or aged) will determine if it has any value.

Those opposing values and morality will produce very different cultures, and levels of prosperity. If the latest census is pointing toward anything, it's that people who value life are already voting with their feet.



OUR MISSION HASN'T CHANGED

Positively Waiting is committed to helping young people create a world where abortions are UNNECESSARY and UNWANTED.

Unnecessary because they themselves are masters of sexual self-control and **unwanted** because they see every individual as worthy of dignity and respect.

We will continue to insist that the answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the *crisis*, not the child.

If that position is one you can support (prayerfully and financially), we would really be grateful.

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Andy Ryan
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Her: Who's your favourite literary vampire?

Me: The one in Sesame Street

Her: He doesn't count

Me: I can assure you that he does

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COACH'S CORNER

The hardest thing a non-parent such as myself ever witnesses is a parent's struggle to let their child make poor choices. We all learn so much more from our mistakes than we do from things that came easy, but many parents assess their own adequacy based on the current state of their kids. If their kid is distressed in this moment, "I'm a bad mom." Or if mom helped their kid avoid an unpleasant consequence, then, "I'm a good mom."

But the reality is, both of those situations could be the exact opposite of good or bad parenting. Discipline is unpleasant in the moment, but can lead to good character. Connecting the unpleasant consequence to their own behavior is way more important as a life lesson than knowing mom do it for you.

The reason EVERY parent struggles with both of these is because when your kid was little, you kept them out of danger and made all the good choices for them. You felt confident that you were caring for them to the best of your ability.

But to raise a successful individual, there comes a day when making decisions for them is the WORST thing you can do as a parent. And helping them avoid the unpleasant consequences of their own bad choices is CRUEL. It's ok, Mom. Chin up, Dad. No parent likes watching their kid hurting.

But a good coach plays the long game, asking "Will this temporary pain make him/her BE better, or will relieving their pain just make ME feel better?"

How bad do things have to be for both of these to be in town?

