

Deep Thoughts from the Executive Director

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Dear Friend for Life,

What you are now reading will over time evolve into a quick summary of the way I see the Pro-Life world. I will try to frequently post these really deep thoughts on our website.

I can't promise that this reflection will always be reverent, coherent, profound or even something I would be proud to show my college English professors.

However, I have been asked by a lot of you to give you more information, an insiders view, the real deal, to take the gloves off, etc. This is a welcome, excellent development.

For some time I feel as if I have had to be too factual, too sterile, too reserved. People after they meet me are amazed that I actually have a sense of humor. Well, enough is enough. I'm going to write at least one candid piece the way I want to.

I have worked for Texas Right To Life for over eight years and I sense a change. People, especially after September 11, are no longer passively accepting the condition of our society. The average Pro-Lifer does not wish to *Slouch Towards Gomorrah*, or allow the creation of the *Brave New World*.

But what does he do, or you do, or I do? We have to take our culture and our country back. We must expand the Kingdom, the Culture of Life. We can't run off to the hills (sorry, Cal Thomas). We need to start really fighting and be truly willing to sacrifice our lives, fortune, and sacred honor. We can't quit the minute our nose gets a little bloody, or someone insults us.

That's obvious and easy to say. But how do WE start making a major difference!?

Let's start with brutal honesty: We have lost complete control of our country, our government, our courts, our media, and our educational institutions. These pro-death bastions will be of little help to our Cause.

We must first begin by banding together. We must understand our shared problem and be on the same page about its diagnosis and its cure. Then we must take precise action.

The first action I ask you to take is to start earnestly praying every day for the general expansion of the Culture of Life in Texas and specifically that God will continue to bless Texas Right To Life during these very difficult days.

That's it. (If you want concrete prayer intentions, some are listed on our website homepage.)

I only have a few moments of your time to put across a few ideas. I'll tell you more if you stick around.

But that does lead me to ask you one very important question: Are you prepared to stay with us, to support us,



to pray for us... for years?

That's right, for years, and maybe generations.

Be brutally honest with yourself.

The war in which we are embroiled takes more casualties every year than any conflict we ever imagined (There are probably over 5,000,000 abortions worldwide every year. Additionally, at least 10,000,000 men, women, parents, relatives and fellow citizens are emotionally maimed for life annually. And that doesn't even mention the growing problems of euthanasia, cloning, embryonic stem cell research...)

Evil will not be defeated with one election cycle, or with one court decision, or with a few dollars and good intentions.

Think about it.

The fact that you are reading this means that you do care, that you do not plan to go gently into the good night, that you do believe that you were given existence to change the world.

That's why we at Texas Right To Life exist. We are here to change the world with you!

Period.

You are not alone in your struggle to defend innocent Life and build the Culture of Life.

Keep us in your prayers every day. Now let's laugh and go win one for the King.

Until next time...

Yours for Their Lives,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Graham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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