



THE GUADALUPE WORKERS

March 2018 Newsletter

At the moment I'm sitting in a packed airplane, wondering how I'm going to survive a 5-hour flight to Los Angeles. Maybe this trip is folly. I'm headed to an educational conference in order to give two talks, each of which in its own way has to do with education as a way of leading the student out towards an understanding of the larger patterns of creation; but more importantly, as a way of understanding one's place in that creation. It's a simple idea, actually. If God is real, if He created time, space and matter, then he must be larger than and outside of time space and matter. All history, consequently, is within his gaze. If that is true, the pattern of history is already established.

Students used to balk at this point, asking how this view could reconcile with the problems of evil and free will. My only answer was to have them think of history as a rosebud. Everything that the rose is to be is already there; and yet the unfolding is still to come. There's a balance between being and becoming, two conditions in which a single reality can simultaneously exist.

This is, of course, the same reality as experienced by the unborn child, the embodiment of that same balance between being and becoming. As with the rosebud, as with you and me, as with all of history, everything that the child is to be is already there. In the process of time and history, we wait to see what place he will take in the unfolding of the pattern. And then there's this guy next to me in the airplane. In the early part of the flight, his theme was where and how to have fun. He recommended Colombia to me, because the exchange rate is favorable (he says), and because there are two girls for every guy (he says). Life for him has nothing to do with being; it is instead a constant race of doing. I tried to point out that his race was headed nowhere, as I explained that his notions of fun would be forever changing. He sort of agreed with that—then suddenly got up and left his seat. He was gone for the next two hours; and where he could have gone in a stuffed Spirit Airlines plane I have no clue, but I guess he found his fun.

I probably failed in my missionary moment with this guy; but as he talked about being with women, I was painfully aware of how similar he was to so many boyfriends I've met outside of abortuaries. When we spend our lives chasing after the illusory, we seldom appreciate what is there before us.



Joey McCoy from Renewal Ministries spoke to our moms at our most recent get-together.



Tennisha's Baby!

She said she felt butterflies after she saw her baby move. She had been in denial but now she is so excited to show her children their new sibling.

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I can't be too hard on the guy, though. All of us to some extent are caught in the race. Even we pro-lifers, who profess the full human presence in the image and likeness of God in the unborn child. Nevertheless, we do not go to the abortion centers. The years tick by, the marches and rallies are counted, legislation and politicians make their promises—and abortion becomes every day more deeply entrenched in our social fabric. It's not because our tactics or our promises—and abortion becomes every day more deeply entrenched in our social fabric. It's not because our tactics or our legislation has failed. It's because we don't go. Unless we affirm the dignity and infinite value of each child, unless we affirm his place in the pattern of history (which is what we are supposed to be all about), it will not end.

WE INVITE YOU TO SIDEWALK COUNCIL WITH US!

SIDEWALK COUNSELING WORKSHOP

"The central weakness of the prolife movement is its failure to be present at the abortion facilities- because if we believe that each unborn child is eternally unique and significant, then at the very least we should be at the places where the child's social and eternal value will be denied."

- Edmund Miller, "The Sidewalk: Where the Pro-life Movement Belongs"

The Guadalupe Workers would like to invite you to our second annual sidewalk counseling seminar, March 22nd, in which you will be encouraged to come out and stand at the foot of the cross with the unborn child.

Thursday, March 22nd, at 6:00 pm
at

Saint Kenneth Catholic Community
14951 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170



Sidewalk counselors and pro-choice escort's outside Detroit clinics.



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