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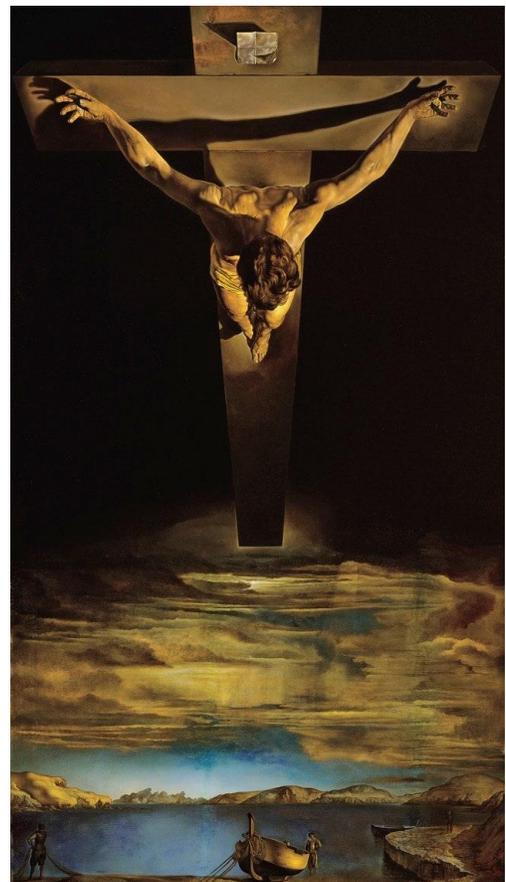
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Where Will You Spend Eternity Unexpected Stories of Forgiveness Cameroon Africa-A Call to Holiness Kids Say The Darndest Things

Blessing to All:

By: Richard Pickard

The life of Jesus Christ spanned only 33 years, but His death, gave us the invitation to have Eternal Life in Heaven. So many people know about Jesus and believe that He was crucified on the Cross for sinners. But yet, they live their lives without His grace in them, and await His judgment on where they will spend all Eternity. Our Nation is facing the abyss of moral decay. Since 1973 over 61 million babies in the womb have been killed. And yet, our Bishops and Cardinals hold back from publicly condemning a political party who advocates for the killing of God's children in the womb. The Democratic Party openly supports legislation for abortions and supports Federal Funding of Planned Parenthood.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church in CHAPTER TWO THE HUMAN COMMUNION, paragraph # **1923** states "*Political authority must be exercised within the limits of the moral order and must guarantee the conditions for the exercise of freedom.*" **Advocating and funding abortion is not within the moral order.**

We Catholics need to take heed of how we vote. God's moral law does not exempt from judgement, politicians whether they are Catholic or any other religion, who belong to a Political Party system whose Platform for the last 5 decades supports the killing of babies in the womb. The phrase 'My Body-My Choice' is of Evil origin.

How will Politicians explain to Jesus at the Judgement, that 61 million babies were killed because they supported Planned Parenthood and the right for women to get abortions for any reason or no reason! ***And how will you explain to Jesus if you knowingly voted for those that help kill babies?***

Pope John Paul II, Evangelium vitae (1995), no. 59, states "But responsibility likewise falls on the legislators who have promoted and approved abortion laws, and, to the extent that they have a say in the matter, on the administrators of the health-care centers where abortions are performed. ... In this sense abortion goes beyond the responsibility of individuals and beyond the harm done to them and takes on a distinctly social dimension. *It is a most serious wound inflicted on society and its culture by the very people who ought to be society's promoters and defenders*...Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law."

If you are a Catholic Christian, then vote like a Catholic Christian. The right to life is inviolable and your vote will either help kill babies or to protect the right to life for babies in the womb. We should not consider the candidate only, but the Platform of their Party on who we vote for. The Democratic Party platform is FOR ABORTION and has been for 50 years.

I recommend to you the Homily by Fr. Ed Meeks. He is a brave priest who speaks the truth. Hover over link and CTRL+Click to get to the link: <https://fssp.com/staring-into-the-abyss-an-election-homily-by-fr-ed-meeks/>

Fr Meeks states as a part of his brave and holy homily that, "We as a nation are staring into the abyss, stemming from our culture's wholesale rejection of God and His law, a rejection manifested most tangibly in five decades of legalized abortion."

At the end of his homily he quotes 2Colossians 7-14. *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Please click on his homily link and pass it on.

Where will you spend eternity?



Is Heaven Real? John 14: 1-3 *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going*

there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”



Is Hell Real? *Luke 16:19–31 Jesus tells the story of a rich man begging Lazarus to tell the man’s family not to choose hell as he did. Jesus also explains about Hell in his parable of the Sower of Seeds in Matthew 13:40-43 “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of*

the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned [up] with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”*



The folly of many people living in serious sin, seems to say ‘I can do whatever I want and don’t have to worry about my immortal soul; I can kill my baby in my womb because my life and my body are more important than the life of my baby; I can vote for those who demand abortion because I believe in My Body, My

Choice; I can riot to burn down businesses; I can steal and loot because I deserve it; I can kill others because the addictive drugs that I sell to teens and others

provides me an income; I can rape women or children because it is my choice; *I can use vial language to curse others with my lips and then use those same lips on Sunday to praise the Lord.*

Our unforgiven actions against God's moral laws will not be forgotten upon our deaths. Sins against humanity found in God's moral laws need repentance. *Realize what you are doing while you have time.* Not all sins blacken your soul, but those which do, if you do not repent, will send you to eternal damnation. If you fall into this category, pray for forgiveness. Pray for Wisdom and clarity of the moral law. If you have family members which may fall into this category, Pray...Pray...Pray for them... Constantly.... Everyday... **PRAY...PRAY...PRAY.**



Unexpected Stories of Forgiveness

From: Readers Digest

The compassionate officer



Steven McDonald was a young police officer in 1986 when he was shot by a teenager in New York's Central Park, an incident that left him paralyzed. "I forgave [the shooter] because I believe the only thing worse than receiving a bullet in my spine

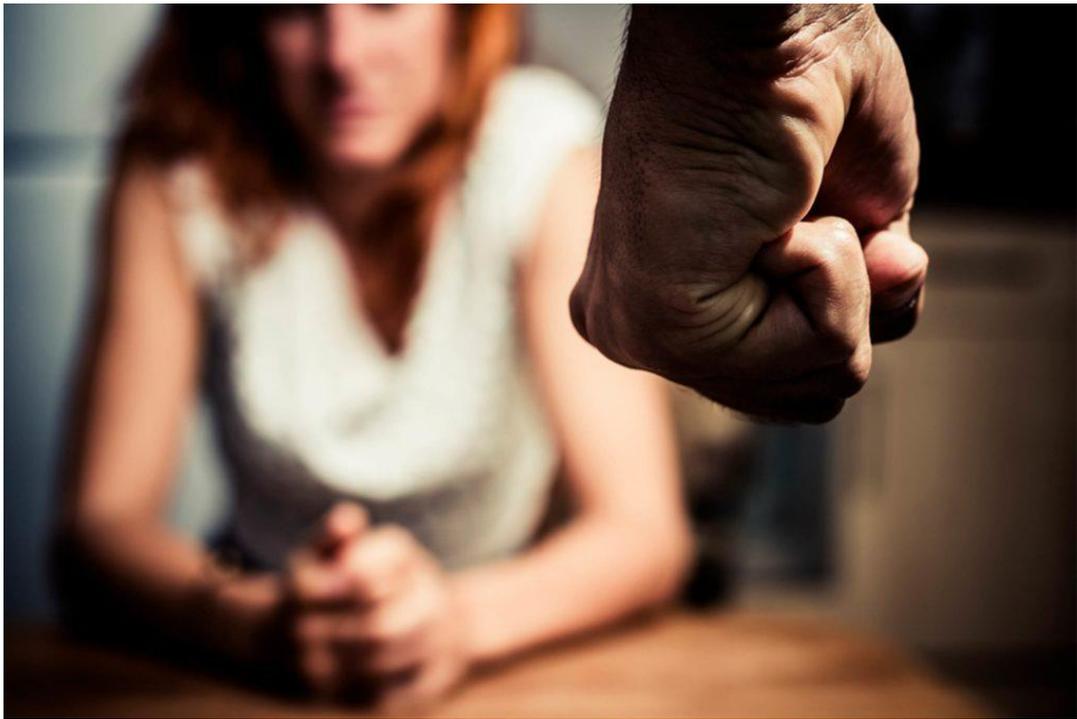
would have been to nurture revenge in my heart,” McDonald wrote. While the younger man was serving his prison sentence, McDonald corresponded with him, hoping that one day the two could work together to demonstrate forgiveness and nonviolence. Unfortunately, the young man died in a motorcycle accident three days after his release; but McDonald still travels the country to deliver his message.

A mending feud



In May 2014, **New York Times photographer** Peter Hiogo began a photo essay project in Rwanda to demonstrate the forgiveness between the Hutus and Tutsis—the two cultures involved in the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took millions of lives. In the photos, members from both cultures stand by side like Francine Mukagasana and Olivier Habyarimana here, illustrating a story of forgiveness and how the subjects’ lives are now thoroughly intertwined.

The unexpected caregiver



A domestic violence survivor, Pascale Kavanagh said that she never thought she would reconnect with her mother—her abuser—during her adult life. However, in 2010, her mother suffered several strokes that left her unable to communicate or take care of herself. With no one else to help, Kavanagh began to sit by her mother’s bedside and read to her. Through this, Kavanagh says the hate she had for her mother dissipated into forgiveness and love.

**Jesus asks you to forgive others.
Jesus has His hand out to help you. Reach back.**

We all have people we need to forgive. Make it a point "today" to ask Jesus to give you the strength and courage to forgive them. Don't wait. Please... You will feel better. Get rid of the weight that you have been carrying around for so long. Jesus will help you!



Cameroon Africa-A Call to Holiness & St Peter Claver Catholic Church, Minnesota, USA



The Catholic Women's Association (CWA) Cameroon was founded in 1964 in Buea, South West Region of Cameroon (West Africa) in answer to the universal call of the lay faithful to holiness. The small group of about ten women in 1964 in Buea, Cameroon has now extended to over sixteen thousand women in all the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Cameroon and beyond including the United States of America. The CWA is recognized by the Holy See and is apolitical. A branch was started at St Peter Claver in Minnesota USA in 2015.

CWA is a full member and has full rights of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO). The Patroness of the Association is ***Our Blessed Virgin Mother*** whom we honor under the Title of "Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception." Our Motto, like all CWA branches all over the world, is: "To Serve And Not to Be Served." Our greeting is: "Through Mary To Jesus." Membership is open to all baptized Catholic girls or women who have completed the age of 18 years, single or married, literate or illiterate.



The Minnesota USA branch of the Catholic Women Association Cameroon had its 5th dedication ceremony on August 11, 2020, at the Church of St. Peter Claver.

These are women who have answered the call to God's vineyard and graduated from the "University of Mary" as mothers of the church by imitating the lifestyle of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

The Minnesota branch was created on April 26th, 2015 and is recognized at the St. Peter Claver church. The branch name is Our Lady Seat of Wisdom and currently has 31 registered members. We meet bi-weekly at the St. Peter Claver Church. We organize meetings, study days, and occasional retreats to deepen our faith and inspire us for the future. We participate in church activities. Prayer is central to our work – praying the rosary, invoking the Blessed Virgin Mother to intervene on our behalf and frequent novenas.

The objectives of Catholica Women Association are the following:

- To achieve a true renewal of the spirituality of its members.
- To translate this spirituality into action through 'works of the apostolate, such as initiatives for evangelization, works of piety or charity.
- To enable members to model the lifestyle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patron Saint of the CWA; and
- To provide special education and training for members in social development activities and family life to enhance their contribution to society.

Kids Say the Darndest Things

From: Readers Digest

Lived Experience

My husband and I took our six-year-old granddaughter to the hospital to see her baby brother for the first time. She sat beside her mom on the bed and held the boy for a while. The nurse came in to check his heartbeat, and when the stethoscope touched him, the infant started to cry. My granddaughter went over to the bed, kissed her brother on the forehead and said, "Don't worry, buddy. I've been there and I know what you're going through."

Tummy Talk

My two-year-old daughter, Rebecca, was lying on her grandfather's chest shortly before dinner time. When his stomach growled, she jumped up and exclaimed, "Grandpa, you're purring!"

It's Like You're Right Here

I often FaceTime with my four-year-old granddaughter, Amelia, who lives in Winnipeg. During a recent conversation, she was eating lunch while her mom helped her younger sister in the washroom. At one point, Amelia was struggling to open a bag of buns. Frustrated, she stopped, set the bag in front of the iPad, and asked, "Papa, can you open this for me, please?"

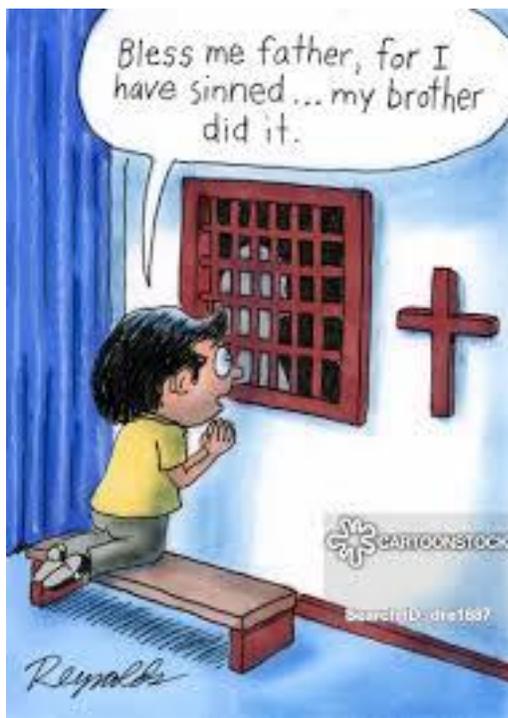
Artistic Expression

Our friend and her four-year-old son were standing in line at a fast-food restaurant when a man covered in tattoos walked in. The boy turns to the tattooed man, looks him and smiles... "Hey mister...Looks like somebody got into the markers." And both of them let out a good laugh.

Facial Recognition

After sporting a beard for a few months, I decided to shave. At first, neither of my kids noticed. It wasn't until late in the afternoon that my six-year-old daughter, Amelia, suddenly spotted the change. As we sat watching her brother at his swimming lesson, she looked at me, did a double take and said, "Daddy, you forgot your beard!"

Kid in the Confessional



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**I am watching over you. Pray my children,
Pray, Pray, Pray My Rosary For The Salvation of Sinners**



“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

-St. Augustine