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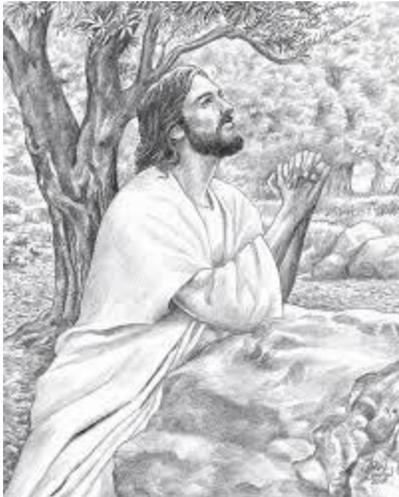
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**Blessing to All:**

**By: Richard Pickard**

Some of you reading this Newsletter suffer anguish and worry due to family issues or past sins.

Stress and anguish cannot be avoided sometimes. Family fights, or drug problems or past sins you committed that you cannot forgive yourself for can cause high stress. How you handle the stress is important.



I recall the stress and anguish that Jesus experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane. He had all the sins that would ever be committed, and all the worries of the world being put upon his heart, mind and body. So much so, that the bible tells us that his sweat became like blood. This was caused by extreme levels of stress.

His Father in heaven was counting on him to put the whole of creation right again and to give us salvation. He also knew of the agonizing death that awaited him on the cross.

His human nature was stressed to the maximum, so much so, that God the Father sent him an angel to comfort him. When you experience stress and worry and your heart is breaking and your mind is tormented, turn to Jesus and ask for his help. He knows about stress and worry. He knows about your

sins and is ready to forgive you. Talk to him and tell him what the cause of your anguish is. Let him help you.

You have a guardian angel. Just like God gave His son Jesus an angel to comfort him. So will Jesus instruct your angel to comfort you.

If your stress is due to sins in your past, go to confession and get it off your chest. You will be surprised how much better you will feel after allowing Jesus, in this sacrament, to provide you with forgiveness and healing graces. When was the last time you went to confession? Time slips away so quickly, but Jesus is always available to listen to you.



If you cannot or won't go to confession because you are scarred, then take some time, go into your room, shut the door and talk to Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you. The devil tries to stop you from seeking forgiveness by making your scarred to go to confession. But Jesus will give you the

grace. He knows you and loves you. He won't be angry with you. He will be happy to forgive you, that is why he came to earth, to show us his love for all of us. Trust him. Don't hang on to stress...Let Jesus help.



# ABORTION AND THE GOD MOLECH

By [Ryan Leasure](#)



History is filled with barbaric cultures. One of the worst, though, has to be the ancient Canaanites. As was customary in that culture, parents offered their newborn children as sacrifices to their god Molech. Most depictions of Molech include large metal statues of a man with a bull's head. Usually, these statues had outstretched arms to hold the baby sacrifices.

During the sacrificial process, the Canaanites would light a fire inside or around the statue to heat up the statue as hot as they could. Then they would place their newborns into the red-hot arms of Molech and watch their child die a horrible death.

During this gruesome event, the Canaanites would play flutes and bang on drums to drown out the sound of their shrieking children. It's truly awful stuff. No wonder God ordered the Israelites to destroy them.

## **Molech in The Bible**

The Bible mentions Molech or at least references him about ten times. Here are a couple examples:

“Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molech is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him.” — Leviticus 20:2

“They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molech, though I never commanded — nor did it enter my mind — that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.” — Jeremiah 32:35

You might wonder why the Israelites would be tempted to sacrifice their children to Molech. As was the case with other ancient gods, Molech offered them some kind of benefit in exchange for their devotion. By offering up their children to be burned on the golden statue, the Canaanites believed Molech would cause them and their future children to prosper.

## **Our Molech Today**

I don't know a single person who hears about the horrors of Molech and doesn't cringe at the gruesomeness. Brutally murdering babies in the name of Molech for future benefits is evil in the truest sense of the word.

Yet, at the same time, a large number of people today believe this ancient practice would be fine, so long as the baby was still in the womb. Recently, New York legislators passed a law that allows for abortions up until birth. After the vote, a video circulated on the internet showing hundreds of people cheering loudly in favor of this decision. It's honestly one of the most disgusting scenes I've ever witnessed.

What kind of sick and twisted mind does one have to have to applaud the killing of unborn babies? These are babies after all. As I watched the video, I couldn't help but think about the loud drums drowning out the babies' screams.

**Who supports killing children in the womb? Here are a few.**

VP Harris



NY Gov Cuomo



Speaker Pelosi



Calif Gov Newsom



**<sup>1</sup>AND 61% OF PEOPLE IN AMERICA SUPPORT ABORTION.**

**Or how about Cardinal Gregory of Washington DC?  
How is he reacting to Politicians who support abortion?**

**Here is your answer.**

Yes, He Allows Biden to Receive Communion.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/06/13/about-six-in-ten-americans-say-abortion-should-be-legal-in-all-or-most-cases-2/>



Cardinal Gregory explains his stance on giving Biden and anyone who supports abortion Holy Communion.

***Gregory: One key, he said, "is developing "the capacity to have civil disagreements – serious disagreements, you know, really pointed disagreements – but done in such a way that the focus is on the argument, not on the demonization of the people with whom we disagree." [I get it...forget the baby who was murdered and concentrate on verbiage. Civil disagreements? Are you serious? No one is buying that Cardinal.]***

***Gregory: Disagreements are part of "being a family, a family of faith," he said. "The difficulty is too many people want to throw out of the family of faith people with whom they have disagreements."***

***[Pope Francis should remind Cardinal Gregory about protecting innocent life and don't put God's laws into "a civil disagreement category"! This is a moral law category that our church should enforce. I wonder if Gregory would have a 'civil discussion' with those that supported the death of children to the god Molech? Do you think he and Pope Francis would give them a pass also under the guise of a civil disagreement?]***

***[Protect the Faith and Moral Laws and protect the unborn! These are Catholic teachings. Inserts by Richard Pickard]***

Pope John Paul II in EVANGELIUM VITAE, sent to all the Bishops of the world, wrote that "The Second Vatican Council, in a passage which retains all its relevance today, forcefully condemned a number of crimes and attacks against human life. In the heading 'New Threats to Human Life', he **specifically mentions abortion.**

The future Pope Ratzinger, was quoted in his official capacity in 2004, then head of the Church's doctrinal office, told U.S. bishops in a memo **"that a Catholic politician "consistently campaigning and voting for**

***permissive abortion and euthanasia laws" is engaged in "manifest" and "formal cooperation" in grave sin.***

***In such a case, the politician's "pastor should meet with him, instructing him about the Church's teaching, informing him that he is not to present himself for Holy Communion until he brings to an end the objective situation of sin, and warning him that he will otherwise be denied the Eucharist," Ratzinger wrote."***

**[Why does Pope Francis permit the Cardinals of the Church to opening state that those who support abortion, be allowed to participate in the most Holy Sacrament of Christ Body? Our church has drifted very far into secularism.]**

## **Kill a baby and watch people march in agreement to the killing!**

Since this new law allows women to abort their babies right before they go into labor, a woman can literally kill her baby one day and have people cheer for her, but if she kills her baby less than twenty-four hours later when it's made it outside her womb, she'll go to prison. It's mind-blowing.

And let's not pretend like the babies don't feel a thing either. More studies than I can count demonstrate that babies at a very early stage can feel pain, not to mention taste food, hiccup, smile, dream, kick, and bond with their mother. So, when the abortion "doctor" injects the baby's head with poison, know for sure the baby feels it and dies a horrifying death. But they say, the law doesn't allow for "any old abortion." After all, the law says that only if the woman's "life and health" are in jeopardy may she have an abortion up until birth.

The problem with this is that "health" could qualify for almost anything. It could mean physical health, but it could also mean psychological, mental, or financial health. In other words, it's so vague that someone could get a late-term abortion for almost any reason. All the woman needs to say is that the baby would cause too much stress in her life because of added financial responsibilities, and she's got her ticket to an abortion. Plain and simple.

## Unborn Babies in The Old Testament

Though anyone with a first-grade knowledge of biology can see that a newborn and a full-term baby are scientifically the same, Christians have extra motivation to reject abortion because of Scripture's clear teaching on the issue. Take Exodus 21:22-25 for example:

If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely, but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is a serious injury, *you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.*

In short, no one should ever harm an unborn baby. If they do, the law calls for a strict penalty (life for life, eye for eye, etc.).

It's interesting to note, that according to Old Testament law, accidentally killing someone did not result in "life for life." Instead, accidental killers were sent to a city of refuge to stay away from the rest of the population (Num. 35:9-15). Meaning, God had an even stricter warning for accidentally killing unborn babies than people outside the womb.

Are you following the logic? If God had strict warnings against accidentally killing unborn babies, God must despise the fact that we kill them intentionally and then celebrate it to boot. So, when the mayor of New York lit up the World Trade Center in pink to celebrate more murder, we can rest assured that God doesn't take it kindly. I mean, if that's not a symbolic middle finger to God, I don't know what is.



## The Unborn Jesus

The birth of Jesus is a familiar one. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and says that she's going to conceive and give birth to a son. During her pregnancy, she visits her sister Elizabeth who was also pregnant at the time. Luke 1:41-44 reports:



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

First, we notice that the text refers to the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb as a baby (Greek, *brephos*). It's the same Greek word used to describe children outside the womb (Lk. 18:15). And we see that this same baby was already able to recognize Jesus' presence. In other words, he's not just a lump of tissue.

Furthermore, Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes that Mary is the "mother of my Lord." That is, she recognized Mary's status as a mother despite the fact that Jesus was still in the womb.

While commenting on this text, Christian ethicist John Jefferson Davis writes:

"The significant point is that God chose to begin the process of incarnation [in the womb], rather than at some other point, thus affirming the significance of that starting point for human life."

Davis makes a good point. Since Jesus' birth was miraculous, God could have chosen to start Jesus' life at any point. He could have dropped him down from the sky and left him at someone's doorstep. **But instead, God chose to begin Jesus' life in Mary's womb demonstrating the value of unborn babies. I think we can all be glad that Mary didn't have an abortion.**

## **The Irony of Abortion**

To date, Americans have slaughtered millions upon millions of unborn babies. Think about all those little innocent, vulnerable people, killed before they were even given a chance. And at the same time, we judge other nations for their less than humane practices. Who are we to talk?

***But the greatest amount of irony is that every person in favor of abortion made it out of the womb alive. Every Single One! I dare say, they're all grateful too.***

## Abortion and The god Molech

Truth is, we aren't any better than the ancient Canaanites. Instead of sacrificing our children to the god Molech in exchange for future prosperity, we sacrifice our children in exchange for better career paths, financial security, and convenience.

While abortion apologists try to sanitize abortion by using terms like "tissue" instead of "baby" or "end the pregnancy" instead of "killing," there's no denying what's going on when we inject poison into babies' heads. We're brutally murdering them. And we've done it millions of times. Lord, have mercy on us.



Jesus loves all babies from conception to birth.  
Give your baby to Jesus to look after....  
**not to Molech..just another name for Satan.**

If you've had an abortion, a message to you  
from John Paul II

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In his letter called the Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II addressed some beautiful words to women who have had an abortion. Do not lose hope, he urged them.

Here is what he said:

I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance.

The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and his mercy, you can with sure hope entrust your child.

With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life.



Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.

# John Paul II's Warning on 'Final Confrontation' With the 'Anti-Church

COMMENTARY: It seems more likely now that we are indeed facing, as Cardinal Karol Wojtyla said in 1976, the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through.



Pope John Paul II and U.S. President Ronald Reagan stroll through the gardens at Vizcaya Museum in Miami, Sept. 10, 1987. (photo: Mike Sargent/AFP/Getty Images)

By: Paul Kengor

A remarkable gathering took place in the nation's capital Sept. 26, 2018. In two locations, the John Paul II Shrine on the campus of The Catholic University of America and the Ronald Reagan Building on Pennsylvania Avenue, more than 500 people convened for a conference honoring Pope St. John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan and how these two men changed the world for the better.

The event featured speakers worldwide, from those who stood beside the Pope and the president to historians and scholars who have written about

them. They ranged from the likes of Peter Robinson, who penned speeches for President Reagan, including the historic Berlin Wall speech, to Monika Jablonska, who has studied the writings of Karol Wojtyla and his poetry and plays. They included Msgr. Slawomir Oder, the postulator for the beatification and canonization of John Paul II, and Arturo Mari, papal photographer for *L'Osservatore Romano*, who began photographing popes in 1956 with Pius XII.

When I asked Mari if he had a favorite, he didn't hesitate to say in Italian "Giovanni Paolo." He gestured to his eyes and said of John Paul II: "You could see saintliness in his eyes."

That summer, Catholic Americans welcomed this Polish archbishop of Krakow, who, truth be told, was known to very few Americans at the time. It was the nation's bicentennial, and Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776, had been selected as a rare American city to host an international Catholic Church congress: the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

The patriotic and pro-American Pole came to the United States for a six-week stay, beginning in Boston. He visited numerous cities, big and small, from Baltimore and Los Angeles to Geysers, Montana, and Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Amid this tour, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla arrived in Philadelphia for the Eucharistic Congress, which ran Aug. 1-8. The huge event also included a little-known Albanian nun named Mother Teresa. Wojtyla and Mother Teresa were overshadowed by the presence of names more popular at the time:

Dorothy Day, Cardinal John Krol and even President Gerald Ford, who attended Mass in the city's Municipal (JFK) Stadium.

Near the end of his visit, in September, Cardinal Wojtyla shared some striking words. The exact provenance of those words remains elusive to scholars, though they were reported in *The Wall Street Journal* as having been delivered by the future pontiff in his final speech in the United States before his departure. In one particularly dramatic passage, reprinted by the *Journal* Nov. 9, 1978 (shortly after he became pope), Karol Wojtyla stated:



*"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of the American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are*

*now facing **the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel.** This confrontation lies within the plans of divine Providence; it is a trial which the whole Church, and the Polish Church in particular, must take up. It is a trial of not only our nation and the Church, but, in a sense, a test of 2,000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations."*

This was a halting statement. Note the line, **"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through."**

As biographer George Weigel noted in *Witness to Hope*, “Wojtyla never would have narrowed this ‘confrontation,’ which he insisted ‘lies within the plans of divine Providence,’ to the clash between democracy and communism,” even as communism clearly was “one particularly threatening expression” of that clash in the late 20th century.

Surely there was more at stake in the future pope’s mind at that moment.

Who or what was the *anti-Church* to which the Polish cardinal was referring? What was *the final confrontation*? Was this some sort of dire prophecy sensed and not even fully understood by Cardinal Wojtyla at that moment?

Here was a statement, a prediction, from a man who not only would be pope, but would be a saint. Was the prophecy met in his lifetime? Was it intended for us beyond his lifetime?

**Since then, the problems faced by and within the Church — and arguably posed by an anti-Church — seem to have only gotten worse. They stem from controversies over sex abuse, over corrupted priests and bishops and cardinals, over Church doctrine, over the current Holy Father himself, and, worldwide (especially in the West), over matters once seemingly settled since the dawn of humanity but now openly contested: sexuality, gender, family, marriage and the very nature of humanity.**

One of those who stood firmly against this dictatorship of relativism (as Pope Benedict XVI called it) was Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, who helped found the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in 1981. Cardinal Caffarra reminded us of the words of Fatima seer Sister Lucia and

of what he called an “anti-creation.” He shared a letter written by Sister Lucia, where she warned that “there will come a time when the decisive confrontation between the Kingdom of God and Satan will take place over marriage and the family.”

We are in quite a confrontation right now. The sheer fullness and explosive breadth of that confrontation today would seem more in keeping with the sweeping, apocalyptic warnings of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla back in 1976.

It seems more likely now, that we are indeed facing the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. And the Church and its foes — the anti-Church — are at the center of the battle.

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Pray, Pray, Pray, My Rosary For The Salvation of  
Sinners**

