

Prayer Groups Gift for the Innocents

The Prayer Group from St. Bartholomew's Primary, Coatbridge are involved in a number of fundraising activities to buy baby equipment for the innocents society. Staff and pupils were delighted to welcome Sr. Maria Goretti from the innocents to the school to receive the gifts. The prayer group, led by Claire O'Neill has a weekly service on Wednesday at 8.45 a.m. in the school. All pupils, staff, parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.



Are you looking for a speaker?

Are you in need of someone to come along and speak to your organisation? Counsellors from the Innocents are available to give a presentation on the work of the society.

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Training to be a Counsellor

Counsellors receive training from our in house training team and with input from outside agencies including doctors, lawyers and moral theologians.

Counsellors come from all walks of life and various age groups.

All aspiring counsellors require to undergo a period of training, evaluation and supervised practice.

Counsellors are recruited annually for both counseling and educational visits.

And he who gives a child a treat
Makes joy-bells ring in heaven's
street,
But he who gives a child a home
Builds palaces in kingdom come,
And she who gives a baby birth
Brings Saviour Christ to earth.

John Masefield

Huge Numbers of Abortions are destroying the moral basis of our society

If there is one effect of the 1967 Abortion Act that has surely become apparent above all others, it must surely be this - the profound shift in our society's attitude to prenatal existence. A whole generation has now grown up "post-Abortion Act" which accepts that abortion is a necessary part of life. Indeed, for this generation, the question as to the rights or wrongs of abortion is genuinely puzzling. For our society as a whole it is no longer a moral issue at all; it is simply a way of dealing with "inconvenience".

Why do I say this? Well, we see the statistics: 214, 000 abortions per year in the UK (6.7 million since 1967), and less than 5% of them are carried out because of severe health risk to the mother or for severe foetal abnormalities incompatible. We "see" this, and we "shrug our shoulders" while returning to watch the TV. Publicly, some political figures, including Sir David Steele, who introduced the original bill to parliament, wring their hands and say: "We never intended there would be such numbers aborted."

For society as a whole the dilemma is that we have widely accepted what is now a "routine practice" of abortion while not recognising, or refusing to recognise, that this practice goes against the very fibre of our being. We are therefore "destroying ourselves"; for as we take away life in the overwhelming numbers we do, we steadily become anaesthetised to this, and are destroying the moral basis of our society in the process.

Alasdair H B Fyfe, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow

Growing in Mature Purity

From The Theology of the Body

To grow in purity, Pope John Paul II says 'We must be committed to a progressive education in self control of the will, of the feelings, of the emotions; and this education must develop beginning with the most simple acts in which it is relatively easy to put the interior decision into practice' *October 24, 1984.*

For example, what are your eating habits? If you can't say no to a potato chip, how are you going to say no to lust?



The Society of the Innocents Lamarkshire



**Grant us, Oh Lord, a new appreciation of the sanctity of human life.
Show us how to make our Society, one in which no child is unwanted, no adult feels abandoned, and the pressures which lead to abortion, no longer exist.
Grant Lord that those who acknowledge the sanctity of life, will be inspired by your son to lead a life of sanctity,
Amen**

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