"I will be with you"

Now and again the Lord shows us how powerful He is in the midst of our Pro-Life efforts.

Some time ago a girl who was about twelve weeks pregnant, came to me. She had decided to have an abortion. I counselled her for a long time. She left promising to phone me to let me know her ultimate decision. I took the Lord at His word, "I am with you" and prayed continually for this young girl. Day, weeks, even months passed and there was no telephone call from her.

Recently, she called to see me! I was out, so I missed her. She left a photograph of a beautiful baby girl for me. Heather, now happily married had signed the photograph, "thank you for my baby girl". Sometimes we may think our hours of counselling are fruitless and we can feel discouraged, but not one moment given to Pro Life work is ever fruitless.

Many of us working in Pro Life will never see the fruits of our efforts. Much of our work has to be done in blind faith and hope.

"A child more than all other gifts that earth can offer to declining men, brings hope with it and forward looking thought."

William Wordsworth

"We are not some casual product of evolution.

Each of us is the result of a thought of God.

Each of us is willed, each of us is

Pope Benedict XIV

loved, each of us is necessary."

You are a special human being, created by God in his own image and likeness, gifted with unique talents and potential for life.

Key Messages for Young People

You are called to love – to know the love of God, of family and of friends – to love others as you are loved by God.

What we do!

A range of services is available to any women or girl who thinks they may be pregnant and for whom the pregnancy is likely to cause a problem.

These services include:

- Free pregnancy testing
- Confidential counselling
- Practical help

IN ADDITION:

Counsellors also speak in schools on the development of the baby in the womb and the long term effects abortion can have both emotionally and physically for the mother.

We are supported by Pro Life Cells which have been formed in schools, parishes & local communities. These groups offer support both practically, by providing layettes, and spiritually by praying for the pro life cause.

Christmas Competition

Use your imagination and win a Christmas gift for yourself to the value of £25.

Just try your hand at an acrostic poem using the word

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And send to:

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Or email:

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All entries must be in by
December 12th.
Winner will be contacted.
Remember to include your name,
address, age and contact
telephone number.

GOOD LUCK!!

Calendar of Events

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Mass in St. Bernadette's, Motherwell, 10 am on Monday 28th December

Torchlight Procession

Mass and procession in St. Francis Xavier, Carfin, 7 pm on Monday 4th October

Evervone is welcome!

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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,

December 2009