

Mother's Day in danger says local minister



CLERGY COMMENT

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Instituted in 1907, first in the USA and later around the world, Mother's Day has become an official recognized day.

It is obvious that there will be mothers as long as there is a human race on this world. But I wonder these days how much longer the special day to honor mothers will be observed in our country. As I watch certain trends develop in Canada I question how much longer we can continue with the Mother's Day celebration.

In the first place it seems that honoring mothers would contradict today's notions about parenting. Many today do not recognize that mothers have a special role to play in parenting. They would have us believe that both sexes can and should have equal roles to play. According to these the role of father and mother is interchangeable. Fathers stay at home, mothers go out to work and the children are supposed to get the same wholesome influence from the father as they got from the mother. Maybe a "parents" day would be more appropriate.

Another development that makes Mother's Day awkward to observe is the trend towards day care. Politicians in their wisdom have determined that mothers should earn their own living and therefore we need to create all kinds of day care. If our children are turned over from their very young years to outside caregivers, how will they ever foster Mother's Day feelings toward their mother? I just raise the question (And yes I do realize that there are mothers who raise their children all alone and need the income. But does that fact make up for the many who are only in the labor force for the all-mighty dollar sake? Let some of those become 'real' mothers and then there would be enough spaces in day care for the truly needy ones.)

And then the final area that will snuff out Mother's Day is our insistence of "abortion on demand." I am quite sure that there were abortions being performed way back in 1907. But they were then

against the law as they should be now. However we see a man such as Morgentaler openly defy the law in our country and we put the whole lawsystem on hold in order to accommodate his flagrant lawbreaking. Well over a million children's lives are snuffed out each year in North American and Canada.

In 1907 people were not marching with signs for the right to kill their unborn children. The celebration of Mother's Day assumes that children have good, wholesome, positive and loving feelings for their mother. Tell me what to tell a child of about 10 years old who finds out that her mother went away to kill her unborn brother or sister? Do you think that "trust" was build up in their relationship or was the unspoken question "Am I next?"

Some of you may well criticize me for talking about this on Mother's Day. But I can't help it. The fact that we have abortion on demand does influence the way we all think and the way we teach our children to think about the value of the views of worth we place - or deny - motherhood and mothers in general. Therefore maybe Mother's Day is the best time to talk about it openly. I think most sensible people would agree that syrupy sentimental gushyness is out of place in an atmosphere where prospective mothers choose to kill their babies.

We are practical people. So let us be practical about mother hood. What can be done to preserve Mother's Day and along with it; a high view of motherhood? I believe the only way is that we return to the absolute standards of "the word of God" and start to see - once again - the mothers of our land as the ones who impart the faith of our Fathers to the children. Only truly 'faith-filled' mothers will be able to keep alive the idealism we have always associated with motherhood.

In the book of Proverbs we read in chapter 6 verse 20: "My son. Keep your Fathers commands and do not forsake your Mother's teaching (N.I.V.)". This Mother's Day let us resolve that none of our children can ever stand before us - be it here on earth or in eternity - and ask us: "What teaching are you talking about mother? That it is alright to kill? Or that we value life as a God given blessing?" What teaching will it be Halton Hills?



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