

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

A stand for life in a throw-away society

Dear Editor:
I don't think the crosses (Baby Doe Cemetery) on Holy Rosary Church property represent bad taste. On the contrary they make us think how far we have gone in our society to disvalue life. These crosses value life and make reverence to its loss.

These crosses are on objective stand for life.

It shows us how we can forget our roots and indeed we have in our throw away, unconcerned society.

As for the subjective morality of someone's choice, we all have our conscience and our own actions to account for, nobody not even church can judge that.

We should not so angrily denounce another's plea for responsibility thought and knowledge in our society that thinks so little and acts hastily to bandage a wound that needs more care and concern.

Rosemary Galbraith
Townline Road, Milton

It's a woman's decision

Dear Editor:
Anyone who enjoys a walk, should stroll down Martin Street to see the display on the lawn at Holy Rosary Church.

Women, or young girls who have an abortion have them for different reasons, which is between the women, their doctor and their God, not the Catholic Church.

Some young women have conceived a child through sexual abuse, rape, and hate, and it's the decision of the young women to do as they see fit. The display on the Church lawn only can mean one thing to me — all women should carry the baby no matter how the baby was conceived.

I know I would sooner answer to God for any abortion done in the early stages of pregnancy, than answer for the kind of sexual abuse that has taken place in some Catholic institutions.

How about you?
I remain a mother against child abuse.

Margaret Hayes
Milton

Don't be fooled by all the lies

Dear Editor:
I would like to thank those who put up the sign and crosses in front of Holy Rosary Church.

It's about time to reflect on what's really happening out there. If we all really think about it — the fact that at conception everything is present and all that is needed is nutrition — what we are allowing to happen is wrong.

Our four boys are being taught this by my husband and me. Let's not let a few blinded people fool us about abortion and the lies we hear all the time.

Irene Menken
Milton

Cross about message to children

Dear Editor:
I am a concerned parent who is not pleased with the 50 crosses (Baby Doe Cemetery) set up as an anti-abortion display, in front of the Holy Rosary Church and school.

I listened to the CBC radio discussion May 12 and I do not agree with the member from the Knights of Columbus, Mike Kennedy's point of view.

Children as young as 4, 5 and 6 years old should not be made aware of the details of what an abortion is, and they should not be told through the use of graphic pictures and descriptions.

The Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus are not a radical Pro-Life group. By working with the Catholic Church on this display, they have shown our community just how harsh they can be in an attempt to spread awareness.

They are insisting that their display of 50 crosses stay up until Father's Day, even though they are exposing our children to this without our approval. They are insisting on pulling our children into an adult controversy.

It has been made very clear to us that the Knights along with the Church have made one very large oversight, that being the young children who are exposed to this issue at a time in their lives when they do not possess the cognitive ability to process such information or comprehend it.

Communication is a key issue here, and the communication should be directed at adults. If the church, along with the Knights of Columbus, do not find a more appropriate way of displaying their message, then they are showing the community just how rigid, out-dated, and uncaring they can be.

Michael Kubinec
Milton

Baby Doe cemetery courageous

Dear Editor:
All of us are not against the anti-abortion cemetery display on the lawn of the Catholic Church in Milton. It takes courage of conviction to speak up and let our young people know that thinking people of conscience, are not all on the band wagon of modern promiscuity and using abortions as a contraceptive method.

The cemetery accomplished what it set out to do — catch the eye of the passing public and for at least a few minutes to make people stop and think about this modern society evil.

With the advent of the pill and other contraceptive helps there is very little excuse for mistakes. Sadly, abortion is most often used as a contraceptive method — a back-hand one.

It caters to a society which has lost its moral values and promotes promiscuity even by the very young. Peer pressure is very strong and moral purity is scorned. Why not look at the example set by elders not to say what they see everyday on TV — in colour.

If people would work half as hard to prevent bad morals or, failing that, at least work to prevent conception, we would be better off.

The spread of AIDS and a great increase in other sexually transmitted diseases should make all of us work to set higher standards and responsible moral behaviour.

Television is no help either, it educates children about modern low moral standard. And violent behaviour of the worst kind. Many TV shows are downright traumatic for small children to view but six-year olds cannot be harmed by a pretend cemetery which tries to prevent the killing of defenceless babies who are not responsible for their presence.

The Catholic church display is like a voice calling in the wilderness of today's irresponsible society.

Marion E. Lawrence
First Line, Milton

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